



Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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Section 402 Delegation of Decision-Making Authority; Retention of Outside Legal Counsel

402.01 Delegation of Decision-Making Authority

Fannie Mae delegates significant decision-making authority and responsibility to the Servicer to the extent specified in the Multifamily Asset Management Delegated Transaction Forms ([Form 4636 series](#)) (each, the “Delegated Transaction Form”), covering the following matters:

- Transfers/Assumptions ([Form 4636.TA](#));
- Commercial Leases ([Form 4636.CL](#));
- Condemnations ([Form 4636.C](#));
- Condominium/Cooperative Property Conversions ([Form 4636.CC](#));
- Easements ([Form 4636.E](#));
- Oil, Gas, or Mineral Rights Leases ([Form 4636.OGL](#));
- Partial Releases of Collateral ([Form 4636.PR](#));
- Property Management Changes ([Form 4636.PM](#)); and
- Use Conversions ([Form 4636.UC](#)).

The Servicer must follow the instructions in the Delegated Transaction Form, which will specify which matters are delegated and which are non-delegated. All delegated and non-delegated requests must be submitted through the MAMP, with the Delegated Transaction Form and the required supporting documents.

A transaction memo must be submitted for any unusual matters not covered in the Guide, or matters that could materially affect Fannie Mae’s security interests, investment interests, or the interests of Investors in Securitized Mortgage Loans. Decision-making authority is more limited for Credit Facilities, Bulk Deliveries, and certain Seniors Housing Loan matters. Neither the Servicer nor Fannie Mae has the authority to waive any local, state, or federal law or regulation.

402.02 Retention of Outside Legal Counsel

Fannie Mae often retains outside legal counsel to review non-delegated matters or other matters that require Fannie Mae’s legal review. In such instance, the Servicer must obtain the Borrower’s written agreement to pay the reasonable legal fees and expenses of Fannie Mae’s counsel before any legal work may commence.



If Fannie Mae outside counsel review is required or requested, the Borrower must pay the applicable legal fee, which will either be a fixed fee or an estimated fee depending on the type of request. For an estimated fee request, the Servicer must notify the Borrower that the actual legal fee may be higher or lower than the estimate, depending on the ultimate scope of the request, and the time needed to resolve the issue.

Fannie Mae will:

- apprise the Servicer of any likely increases in the estimated review fee;
- provide the Servicer the amount of the fee for any fixed fee request; and
- provide the Servicer a summary invoice directly from Fannie Mae's outside counsel.

Upon receipt of the invoice, the Servicer must arrange for payment of Fannie Mae's legal fees. The legal fee must be collected from the Borrower before engaging Fannie Mae outside counsel.



Glossary

B

Borrower Person who is the obligor under the Note.

Synonyms

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

C

Collateral Property, Personal Property, or other property securing a Mortgage Loan.

Cooperative Property Multifamily residential property owned by a Cooperative Organization.

Synonyms

- Coop
- Cooperative

D

Delegated Transaction Form Multifamily Asset Management Delegated Transaction Form ([Form 4636 series](#)) used to determine whether certain asset management requests from a Borrower are delegated to the Servicer.

Synonyms

- Delegated Transaction Forms

G



Guide Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide and Delegated Underwriting and Servicing Guide, including any exhibits, appendices, or other referenced forms, as updated, amended, restated, modified, or supplemented by any lender memo; provided, however, if a topic is covered in the Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide, that Guide shall control unless a Lender Contract specifically requires use of another Guide.

Synonyms

- DUS Guide

M

MAMP Multifamily Asset Management Portal used to submit Property inspections, operating statements, and requested modifications; asset management reports; and data corrections related to loan or property level attributes.

Synonyms

- Multifamily Asset Management Portal

Multifamily Asset Management Team that can be contacted at drawer_am@fanniemae.com.

P

Property Multifamily residential property securing the Mortgage Loan and including the land (or Leasehold interest in land), Improvements, and personal property (as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code).

Synonyms

- Properties
- Property's

S



Servicer

Primary Person responsible for servicing the Mortgage Loan (e.g., the originator, the selling Lender, or a third-party servicer).

Synonyms

- Servicers