Press Release



TUSA P.C. FILES CLASS ACTION AGAINST CITIBANK FOR FAILING TO PAY INTEREST ON HOMEOWNERS' ESCROW ACCOUNTS

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On January 19, 2019 Tusa P.C., filed a proposed class action in a New York federal court on behalf of homeowners who have mortgage loans owed by Citibank or CitiMortgage. Despite laws in New York and other States requiring mortgage banks to pay interest on escrow funds held by a mortgage bank or its loan servicer, Citibank does not pay the required interest on many mortgage loans. The Plaintiff is a New York homeowner to whom Citibank did not pay escrow interest, even though those funds belong to Plaintiff.

Tusa P.C. is co-counsel in the case filed against Citibank, N.A. with Giskan Solotaroff & Anderson, LLP

In a similar case filed against Bank of America, the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held in 2018 that even nationally-chartered banks must pay interest on escrow accounts if required by the States. Following that decision, Citibank agreed to pay escrow interest to borrowers in California only. Currently, approximately thirteen States require banks to pay interest on escrow accounts.

"Money held in escrow accounts belong to the homeowners and it is only right and fair that the banks pay interest when they hold that money for their own interests," said Joseph Tusa, the managing shareholder of Tusa P.C and co-counsel for Plaintiff. Mortgage banks require many borrowers to place money in escrow accounts held by the banks or their servicing agents to pay property taxes, insurance and other recurring fees. However, until those escrow funds are paid from the escrow account, those monies continue to be owned by the borrowers.

If you have been a victim of these or similar practices by Citibank or any other bank, please contact us by email at info@tpcnylaw.com or on our website www.tpcnylaw.com/citibank-na or by telephone at (631) 407-5100.

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