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A federal judge has dismissed a case arguing a law firm engaged in unfair debt collection practices when allegedly failing to submit filings that would have triggered mandatory settlement conferences for homeowners facing foreclosure. Steven J. Baum P.C. did not violate the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, Eastern District Judge Sandra Townes (See Profile) ruled, rejecting a putative class action filed by MFY Legal Services, Cole v. Baum, 11-cv-3779, which argued the firm unfairly started foreclosure actions but did not file the requisite attorney affirmation and specialized request for judicial intervention that are needed to begin conferences between borrowers and lenders (NYLJ, Aug. 10, 2011).