

# Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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#### **Section 1902** Outside Counsel

#### **1902.01** Engagement

#### ✓ Requirements

You must request Fannie Mae's outside counsel assignment before any transaction structuring discussions begin.

## **Operating Procedures**

To request Fannie Mae's outside counsel assignment, submit a Counsel Designation Request (Form 4625.B) to counsel\_designations@fanniemae.com.

Fannie Mae selects its own outside counsel but may consider your request for a specific counsel.

#### **1902.02** Fees

#### Requirements

You must pay Fannie Mae's outside counsel fees and costs regardless of whether the transaction closes.

## Guidance

You may charge the Borrower for Fannie Mae's outside counsel fees and costs.

For a Credit Enhancement Instrument, you may choose to have Fannie Mae's outside counsel

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- prepare the Loan Documents, and
- review title insurance and survey matters.

If Fannie Mae's outside counsel performs these services:

- the counsel will only represent Fannie Mae, not you; and
- you will be responsible for the additional fees.



# **Glossary**

## B

Borrower

Person who is the obligor per the Note.

#### **Synonyms**

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

## C

Credit Enhancement Instrument

Agreement between Fannie Mae and a Bond Trustee where Fannie Mae provides credit enhancement of a Credit Enhancement Mortgage Loan, Bonds issued to finance a Credit Enhancement Mortgage Loan, or an Interest Rate Hedge Agreement; and if applicable, a Bond liquidity facility.

#### **Synonyms**

Credit Enhancement Instruments

#### L

**Loan Documents** 

All Fannie Mae-approved documents evidencing, securing, or guaranteeing the Mortgage Loan.

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#### **Synonyms**

- Loan Document
- Mortgage Loan Document
- Mortgage Loan Documents