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**Attack Foreclosure Equity-Stripping Scams Through Legal Strategies,  
Shriver Center Journal Says**

(Chicago)—Homeowners unable to pay their mortgages have ended up losing their homes and their equity to perpetrators of foreclosure equity-stripping scams. But homeowners can resort to certain legal strategies to regain their homes, according to the latest issue of *Clearinghouse Review*, the journal of poverty law and policy published by the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law.

Perpetrators target homeowners who are in foreclosure and have equity in their homes by promising to stop the foreclosure and save their homes. Perpetrators obtain control of a home and its equity generally through simple fraud or a more sophisticated reconveyance transaction. Against the scamming acquirers, homeowners can claim equitable mortgage and the protection of the Home Ownership Equity Protection Act and state laws on unfair and deceptive acts and practices.

“Foreclosure stripping is not new,” writes Prentiss Cox, “but it appears to be on the rise as a result of soaring home values coupled with continued high foreclosure rates.” Cox is the author of “Foreclosure Equity Stripping: Legal Theories and Strategies to Attack a Growing Problem,” the lead article of the March–April 2006 *Clearinghouse Review*.

The issue also features the following articles by advocates and attorneys across the country:

- “The Path to Universal Health Coverage for Children in Illinois”
- “Individual and Systemic Challenges to Section 8 Voucher Terminations for Failure to Submit Income Verification”
- “Introduction to Administrative Law and Practice for the Poverty Law Advocate”
- “Confronting Sentences that Silence: The Americans with Disabilities Act’s Effective Communication Mandate for Prisoners and Probationers Who Are Deaf”
- “Lead Dust as Solid Waste: A New Legal Strategy for Achieving Lead Safety”
- “The Ensuring Success in School Act: Promoting School Success and Safety of Young People Who Are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence”

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