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## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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No. 14-11373 Non-Argument Calendar

D. C. Docket Nos. 3:14-cv-00200-BJD; 3:13-bkc-00346-PMG

Debtor.
Plaintiff-Appellant
Defendant-Appellee
istrict Court Florida

(October 16, 2014)

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Before TJOFLAT, JORDAN, and EDMONDSON, Circuit Judges.

## PER CURIAM:

Bank of America, N.A., as servicer for The Bank of New York Mellon, appeals the district court's summary affirmance of the bankruptcy court's order voiding a wholly unsecured second priority lien on residential property owned by a Chapter 7 debtor.

The bankruptcy court granted Debtor's request to "strip off" the unsecured junior lien, based on this Court's binding precedent in McNeal v. GMAC Mortg., LLC (In re McNeal), 735 F.3d 1263 (11th Cir. 2012) (citing Folendore v. United States Small Bus. Admin. (In re Folendore), 862 F.2d 1537 (11th Cir. 1989)). In McNeal, this Court concluded that a Chapter 7 debtor is allowed to "strip off" a second priority lien on his home, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 506(a) and (d), when the first priority lien exceeds the value of the property.

Bank of America acknowledges that this panel is bound by the Court's decisions in McNeal and Folendore, but reserves the right to seek reconsideration of the issue by the en banc Court. Cf. United States v. Smith, 122 F.3d 1355, 1359 (11th Cir. 1997) ("Under the prior panel precedent rule, we are bound by earlier

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panel holdings . . . unless and until they are overruled <u>en banc</u> or by the Supreme Court.").

AFFIRMED.