



Business Valuation & Financial Damages Analysis

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## Protecting Your Assets Through Financial Damages Analysis

Our core business at Markee Valuations is business valuations, however a portion of our practice is conducting financial damages analysis. Financial damages analysis is best described as an attempt to measure the extent of harm a plaintiff has suffered because of a defendant's actions. It requires logically collecting, reviewing and analyzing financial data to clearly articulate the course of events that lead to the dispute.

In May 2016, we were engaged by the attorney representing two borrowers on the brink of having a family property foreclosed. Our clients borrowed \$60,000 from a private party lender and made interest-only payments at an annual interest rate of 12% for nearly a decade. Thinking they were current on their payments, the borrowers inquired from the lender the loan payoff amount. Even after multiple requests, our clients were never provided with a payoff amount but rather received notice that a foreclosure of their property was in process. To complicate matters further, during a two-week period just before the foreclosure hearing, opposing counsel provided our clients with three different payment schedules, each reflecting differing amounts of principal and accrued interest owing.

Markee Valuations was hired as the financial expert who could sort out the details in a clear and concise manner. We methodically outlined the timeline of payments, late fees and penalty interest that was due per the terms of the loan document and calculated the actual payoff amount. We were able to provide clarity for our clients and their attorney thus giving them the confidence to take this matter to court and prevail. And they did prevail - our clients retained ownership of their family home.

Whether it is a business valuation or financial damages engagement, this case is a perfect example of how having a financial expert organize and analyze information can provide clarity to empower clients and their professional advisors to move forward with confidence.

**About Markee Valuations:** *If you or your client needs a business valuation for any number of reasons, we are committed to empowering you with an experience-driven, detail-focused valuation. Want to know more? Contact us at [info@markeevaluations.com](mailto:info@markeevaluations.com) or (360) 601-0713.*

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