

# HOMEOWNERS' ROBIN HOOD FIGHTS GIANTS

*Tom Ice's legal arrows force big banks to retreat and suspend foreclosures.*

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ROYAL PALM BEACH — Tom Ice was a desert boy who wanted to be Jacques Cousteau. He earned the degree

and everything, leaving his home in Santa Fe, N.M., to study ocean engineering at the University of Miami.

But the former high school debater had an inexplicable change of heart, one that led him from the rhythmic comfort of the ocean to the tense arguments of the courtroom.

Ice, 50, has emerged as a

## Federal inquiry planned

Attorneys general join forces for probe; lenders urged to fix foreclosure procedures. **6A**

Robin Hood of sorts in the tangled world of foreclosures, representing homeowners and fighting powerful law firms backed by big banks.

From his West Palm Beach home — he doesn't have an office at his firm in Royal Palm Beach — Ice's legal wrangling is largely recognized for contributing to the nationwide suspension of foreclosures enacted by several major lenders.

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**Ice**  
Royal Palm lawyer found flawed documents, deposed 'robo-signers.'