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**BIAS SEEN IN MORTGAGES; NAACP ACCUSES LENDERS,
BLAIMS RISE IN FLORECLOSURE**

The NAACP and its lawyers have sued 17 major banks for mortgage lending practices that discriminated against African-Americans throughout the U.S., according to the Baltimore Sun. Brian Kabateck of Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP brought the predatory lending case on behalf of the NAACP. "The only difference between the victims in this case and other customers is the color of their skin," said Kabateck, co-lead counsel in the suit. "They had the same credit, the same income and the same qualifications, but because they were African-Americans, they were ripped off."