

Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.  
Form NT-NSAR  
March 02, 2018

**United States**

**Securities and Exchange Commission**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 12b-25**

**NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING**

(Check one):    Form 10-K        Form 20-F        Form 11-K  
                  Form 10-Q        Form N-SAR       Form N-CSR

For the Period Ended: December 31, 2017

Transition Report on Form 10-K  
Transition Report on Form 20-F  
Transition Report on Form 11-K  
Transition Report on Form 10-Q  
Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended:

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

**Part I - Registrant Information**

**Full Name of Registrant**

**Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.**

**Former Name if Applicable**

**Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street & Number*)**

**620 Eighth Avenue, 49th Floor**

**City, State and Zip Code**

**New York, NY 10018**

**Part II - Rules 12b-25(b) and (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed.

- (a) the reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense.
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, 11-K, Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report transition report on form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

**Part III - Narrative**

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why the Form 10-K, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, N-CSR or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Registrant was unable to complete and file its Form N-SAR relating to the December 31, 2017 fiscal year in the prescribed period of time without unreasonable effort or expense because the Registrant is currently reevaluating the financial statement presentation relating to the amortization of premium and/or accretion of discount on certain of its fixed income securities. The Registrant currently expects to file its Form N-SAR on or before the 15th calendar day

following the prescribed due date.

**Part IV - Other Information**

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification:

**Richard F. Sennett**

**(410) 454-2220**

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer no, identify report(s).      Yes      No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?      Yes      No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

**Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc.**

**(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 2, 2018

By: /s/ Richard F. Sennett

Name: Richard F. Sennett

Title: Principal Financial Officer