

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND  
FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s),  
v. Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s).  
\_\_\_\_\_ /

**ORDER GRANTING/DENYING MOTION TO DETERMINE  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE OF GENERAL PRACTICE AND  
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 2.420(c)(9)**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on a Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records filed by \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(9) for an order sealing the following information relative to this \_\_\_\_\_ [specify type of case, such as civil action; dissolution of marriage; paternity, etc.] case:

[select all that apply]

- \_\_\_\_\_ particular information within a document, specifically:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ particular documents within the court file, specifically:  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the entire court file, but not the progress docket.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the entire court file and the progress docket.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the party's name on the progress docket.

Affected non-parties were notified of this Motion.

This motion was/was not contested and a hearing was/was not conducted [if conducted, include date].

Having considered the arguments of the parties, legal authority, and otherwise being fully advised, the Court **DENIES** the motion because the moving party has failed to establish that confidentiality of the information sought to be sealed is necessary to protect any interest under Rule 2.420(c)(9).

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Having considered the arguments of the parties, legal authority, and otherwise being fully advised, the Court **GRANTS** the motion as follows:

1. Confidentiality of the [information sought to be sealed] is required in accordance with Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(9) to protect the following interest(s): [*select all that apply*]

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Preventing a serious and imminent threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. A trade secret.
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. A compelling government interest, specifically \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Obtaining evidence to determine the legal issues in a case.
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Avoiding substantial injury to innocent third parties, specifically \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. Avoiding substantial injury to a party by the disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in this type of proceeding, specifically \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. Complying with established public policy set forth in the Florida or U.S. Constitution or statutes or Florida rules or case law, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Court further finds that no less restrictive measure is available to protect this/these interest(s), and that the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered herein are no broader than necessary to protect the interest(s).

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

In accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420 and the Standards for Access to Electronic Court Records and Access Security Matrix, the Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby directed to maintain as confidential the following materials related to this matter: [*select all that apply*]

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The following information contained within \_\_\_\_\_ [specify pleading]:  
\_\_\_\_\_ [specify information].
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The following documents within the court file: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. However, the file and progress docket shall otherwise remain available to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The entire court file. However, the progress docket may remain open to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The entire court file and the progress docket. The progress docket shall not be

available on any public information system. However, the case number shall remain public.

\_\_\_\_5. The party's name on the progress docket. On the public progress docket, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall substitute the following for the party's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Further, the Clerk shall ensure that the party's name is redacted from all public materials in the file and that the final judgment is recorded in a manner that does not reveal the identity of the party. However, the progress docket and the file shall otherwise remain available to the public.

It is further **ORDERED** that any materials sealed pursuant to this Order shall be conditionally disclosed upon the entry of a further order by this Court finding that such opening is necessary for purposes of judicial or governmental accountability or First Amendment rights.

It is further **ORDERED** that, within 10 days of the date of this Order, the Clerk shall post a copy of this Order on the bulletin board of [*specify courthouse at which order is being signed*] and the Clerk's website for a period of 30 days to provide public notice.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk is hereby authorized to unseal any materials sealed pursuant to this Order for the purpose of filing, microfilming or imaging files, or transmitting a record to an appellate tribunal. The materials shall be resealed immediately upon completion of the filing.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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