

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2023 DR 1433
Division: BW

SARAH MARIE COURSEY,
Petitioner,

And

JASON PAUL MERRILL,
Respondent.

ORDER EXEMPTING FAMILY COURT RECORD
FROM PUBLIC ACCESS

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on the Petitioner's ore tenus Motion to Determine Court Records Confidential. The Court having reviewed the Court file, and being otherwise fully advised, finds:

1. The documents contained in the Dissolution of Marriage action of the parties contain sensitive information which can cause irreparable harm if compromised.
2. The Petitioner is an active law enforcement officer. In order to protect Petitioner, Respondent, and their families, the Court finds it to be in the best interests of the parties to authorize and permit additional privacy and confidentiality in this case. It is therefore,

ORDERED as follows:

- A. This Motion is GRANTED.
- B. This is a Dissolution of Marriage action.
- C. The court record is exempt from public access on the grounds that personal information of active law enforcement personnel is exempt from public disclosure.
- D. The progress docket or similar records generated to document activity in the case is exempt from public access.
- E. The entire Court file, in accordance with Rule 2.420(d)(3), Florida Rules of General Practice, is exempt from public disclosure.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tavares, Lake County, Florida on this 19th
day of May 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Welke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

BRIAN J. WELKE
Circuit Judge