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ORDER

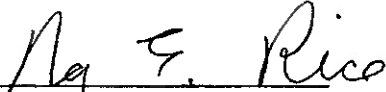
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE TO ACCESS COURT RECORDS

Chief Justice Directive 05-01 (CJD) precludes the release of suppressed court records and records in certain identified case classes and case types in the absence of a court order. Additionally, the CJD requires the redaction of restricted and protected court records prior to their release.

The Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline (Commission) is established pursuant to Article VI, Section 23(3) of the Colorado Constitution to investigate potential grounds for removal or other discipline of a judge. In order to effectuate access to court records by the Commission for the limited purpose of fulfilling its constitutional duties, the Chief Justice authorizes the Colorado clerks of court to release court records to the Commission, its Executive Director, and investigators or special counsel working at the direction of the Commission.

Pursuant to this Order, clerks are authorized to release, without redaction, suppressed records, protected records, and records whose release would otherwise require a court order under the CJD. Clerks must redact identifying information of sexual assault or child victims, as those terms are defined in section 24-72-304, C.R.S., prior to releasing restricted court records. This Order does not authorize clerks to release sealed records to the Commission.

Done at Denver, Colorado this 13 day of April, 2017



Nancy E. Rice
Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court