ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO SEAL UNREDACTED RECORDS FILED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 141 OF THE TEXAS CIVIL PRACTIVE & REMEDIES CODE

Chapter 141 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code permits the filing, either concealed or redacted, of application, other pleadings, orders, and any exhibits with case information, including the identity of the payee. To promote the expeditious and efficient assignment of cases to the appropriate courts, the Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity County District Courts have determined that it is necessary for the Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity County District Clerk's to have access to unredacted case information in all matters that are filed pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. *See* TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 22.001 & 51.303.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity County District Clerks shall seal, upon the receipt for filing, all unredacted applications, other pleadings, orders, and any exhibits filed pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. *See* TEX.CIV.PRAC.&REM.CODE §141.006(d)(2)(C).

It is further ORDERED that, pursuant to TEX.R.CIV.P.21(f), Petitioners who file redacted applications requesting approval of the transfer of any structured settlement payment shall simultaneously file unredacted paper copies of said application(s), other pleadings, orders, and any exhibits with the Polk, San Jacinto, or Trinity County District Clerk, thereby satisfying the requirements of TEX. CIV. PRAC.&REM.CODE §141.006(b)(d) that such information be filed with, and unredacted notice be provided to, the Court.

It is further ORDERED that sealed documents shall remain sealed until further order of the judge presiding over the case or the Local Administrative Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED the 5th day of February, 2021.

TRAVIS E. KITCHENS, JR.,
Judge, 258th Judicial District Court
Local Administrative Judge

JOHN E. WELLS, III
Judge, 411th Judicial District Court

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