

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS   )

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
STATE OF MISSOURI

FAMILY COURT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE ORDER NO. 171

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING ACCESS TO JUVENILE RECORDS

WHEREAS, the Family Court of St. Louis County was created by Sections 487.010 through 487.190 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri (hereinafter "RSMo");

WHEREAS, the Honorable Margaret Donnelly has been appointed Administrative Judge of the Family Court of St. Louis County pursuant to Section 487.010.3 RSMo;

WHEREAS, Section 211.319 RSMo provides that pleadings and orders of all juvenile court proceedings conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of Section 211.031 shall be open to the general public subject to specific redactions. In addition, "confidential files" are to be considered closed and only persons who are found by the court to have a legitimate interest shall be allowed access.

WHEREAS, it comes to the Court's attention that the Circuit Clerk and Chief Juvenile Officer receive requests and/or subpoenas from entities not otherwise authorized to access such records, requesting and/or compelling the production of such records.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT effective immediately, for all such requests and/or subpoenas currently pending, or received in the future, the

Circuit Clerk and Chief Juvenile Officer shall respond by providing the requesting and/or subpoenaing entity with a copy of this *ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER*;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that only the Administrative Judge of the St. Louis County Family Court shall rule on such requests and subpoenas; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said requesting entities shall make their request for access to the records in question in writing, by motion to the Administrative Judge of the Family Court of St. Louis County, who shall rule on said motion(s).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Circuit Clerk provide notice of this assigned by causing this order to be published as soon as practicable in *The St. Louis Countian*, by posting a copy of this order in a conspicuous place in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, and by making copies of this order available for distribution from the Office of the Circuit Clerk.

SO ORDERED:

  
Margaret Donnelly  
Administrative Judge

Entered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

Harriet Beecher

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