

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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CASE NO.: _____

MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 37-1-153 & 37-1-154)

COMES NOW, _____, [Your Name or Attorney's Name], and asks this Court for an Order to get confidential information about the juvenile(s) and case listed above. This request is made under Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 37-1-153 and 37-1-154. In support of this Motion, I state the following:

I. REASON FOR THIS MOTION

- ☐ **If you are an attorney** not on this case: I am _____ [Attorney's Name], a Tennessee attorney _____ (BPR #). I represent _____ [Client's Name] in a separate legal case: _____

[Briefly describe the other case, e.g., "a civil lawsuit in Circuit Court, Case No. XXXXX-X" or "a criminal case in Criminal Court, Case No. XXXXX-X"].

- ☐ **If you are a private person** (not an attorney) and not a party to this juvenile case: I am _____ [Your Name]. I am the _____ [Your relationship to the juvenile or reason for interest, e.g., "natural parent of the juvenile," "prospective adoptive parent," "an individual seeking to initiate a conservatorship"].

Information/ Records Requested: I am asking for specific confidential information from this juvenile court case, including: _____

_____[Be as specific as possible. Examples: "All court orders related to the juvenile's delinquency," "Records about the juvenile's placement or custody]

Rational for the need to Disclose: This information is necessary for _____

_____[Explain why it's needed for your other case or interest. Be concise. Examples: "the proper defense of my client in the civil lawsuit," "me to make informed decisions about my child's welfare," "my ability to prepare for a conservatorship proceeding," "evaluating witness credibility in a criminal trial"].

Without this information, _____

_____[explain the harm or difficulty, e.g., "my client's rights may be harmed," "I cannot properly advocate for the child's best interests"].

II. LEGAL BASIS

Tennessee law (Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-153) generally keeps juvenile records confidential.

However, Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-154 allows the Court to share these records or information if the person asking has a "legitimate interest" and if sharing the information is "necessary for the proper performance of the applicant's duties or for the best interest of the child."

III. WHY THE COURT SHOULD GRANT THIS MOTION

I have a "legitimate interest" in this information because _____

_____[Reiterate your legitimate interest. Examples: "my client's legal rights are directly affected by the juvenile's history," "as the parent, I have a fundamental right and duty to understand all aspects of my child's life and court involvement," "the information is crucial for a fair legal process in another court"].

Sharing this information is "necessary" because _____

[Explain why it's essential. Examples: "it is directly relevant to proving/disproving claims in the other case," "it is vital for me to understand past court decisions to plan for the child's future," "it will ensure a just outcome in the separate legal matter"].

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand that these records are confidential. I promise to follow any rules or protective orders this Court puts in place to protect the juvenile's privacy. I believe the need for this information in my specific situation outweighs the general rule of confidentiality.

V. REQUEST

I respectfully ask this Court to Order: (Check all that apply)

- ☐ _____ That I be given access to the specific confidential information listed in Section I.2 of this Motion.
- ☐ _____ That the appropriate record keeper (like the Juvenile Court Clerk or the Department of Children's Services) provide me with these records.
- ☐ _____ That the Court put in place any necessary protective orders or conditions on how I can use and share this information, to protect the juvenile's privacy.
- ☐ _____ Any other relief the Court believes is fair and just.

Respectfully submitted,

This the ____ day of _____ [Month], [Year].

[SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR MOVANT:

[Attorney's Full Name]
BPR # [Attorney's BPR Number]
[Attorney's Law Firm Name (if applicable)]
[Attorney's Mailing Address]
[At Attorney's Email Address]
[Attorney's Telephone Number]

[For Private Party Movant- Full Name]
[Your Mailing Address]
[Your Telephone Number]
[Your Email Address (if any)]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I confirm that I have sent a copy of this Motion to the following people by [Method of Service, e.g., U.S. Mail, email, hand delivery] on this the ____ day of [Month], [Year]:

[Name of Guardian ad Litem for the Juvenile, if any]

[Name of Attorney for Juvenile, if any]

[Name(s) of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) of the Juvenile, if applicable and not the Movant]

[Name of Department of Children's Services Attorney, if DCS is involved]

[Any other parties to this juvenile court case]

[Signature of Attorney or Movant (Pro Se)]