

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF DESIGNATION
OF PRENEED GUARDIAN

for

File No.: 05-2025-GA-013810

MATTHEW SCOTT BALLOU,
(an adult).

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DETERMINE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT
RECORDS PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN. 2.420(c)(9)**

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records filed by MATTHEW SCOTT BALLOU pursuant to rule 2.420(c)(9), Florida Rule of Judicial Administration, who seeks an order determining the confidentiality of the following information relative to this PRENEED GUARDIANSHIP DESIGNATION:

- _____ the party's name on the progress docket.
_____ particular documents within the court file, specifically _____
 the entire court file and the progress docket.

This hearing was not contested and a hearing was not conducted.

Having considered the arguments of the parties, legal authority, and otherwise being fully advised, the Court **GRANTS** the motion as follows:

1. Confidentiality of the information is required to protect the following interest(s):

- _____ a. Preventing a serious and imminent threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice, specifically: _____
_____ b. A trade secret.
_____ c. A compelling government interest, specifically _____
_____ d. Obtaining evidence to determine the legal issues in a case;
 e. Avoiding substantial injury to innocent third parties, specifically: immediate family
_____ f. Avoiding substantial injury to a party by the disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in this type of proceeding, specifically: _____
 g. complying with established public policy set forth in Florida or United States Constitution or statutes or Florida rules or case law, specifically: FL 119.071(4)(d)(2)(a) – former law enforcement

2. Court further finds that no less restrictive measure is available to protect this/these interest(s), and that the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered herein are no broader than necessary to protect the interest(s).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby directed to treat as confidential immediately the following materials related to this matter and to keep such materials from public access:

____1. The party's name on the progress docket. On the public progress docket, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall substitute the following for the party's name: _____. Further, the Clerk shall ensure that the party's name is redacted from all public materials in the file and that the final judgment is recorded in a manner that does not reveal the identity of the party. However, the progress docket and the file shall otherwise remain available to the public.

____2. The following documents within the court file: _____. However, the file and progress docket shall otherwise remain available to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.

____3. The entire court file. However, the progress docket shall remain open to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.

__x__4. The entire court file and the progress docket. The progress docket shall not be available on any public information system. However, the case number shall remain public.

It is further **ORDERED** that any materials treated as confidential pursuant to this Order may be disclosed only as follows:

1. to any judge of this Circuit for case-related reasons;
2. to the Chief Judge or his or her designee;
3. to authorized government agencies;
4. to the following specific individuals: TESHA SCOLARO BALLOU; or
5. by further order of the Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that, within 10 days of the date of this Order, the Clerk shall post a copy of this Order in a prominent public location *2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940* and the Clerk's website for a period of 30 days to provide public notice.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk is hereby authorized to open any materials determined to be confidential pursuant to this Order for the purpose of filing, microfilming or imaging files, or transmitting a record to an appellate tribunal. The materials shall be treated as confidential immediately upon completion of the filing.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, Brevard County, Florida on Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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Charles G. Crawford, Circuit Judge
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