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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 10-2023-DR-000595
DIVISION: I

STEPHEN CEKOV,
Petitioner,
and

LAUREN CEKOV,
Respondent.
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ORDER ON MOTION TO DETERMINE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS

This cause came on for a hearing before General Magistrate K. Beth Luna on October 20, 2026. Present for the hearing were Stephen Cekov, Petitioner, hereinafter "Former Husband", Rebecca Beller, Attorney for Former Husband, and Lauren Cekov, Respondent, hereinafter "Former Wife". The proceedings were conducted remotely via Zoom video conferencing. The proceedings were recorded electronically. The Magistrate's recommended order was submitted to the Court on November 9, 2026. Based upon the recommended order of the Magistrate, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

A. The parties were divorced pursuant to a Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage, hereinafter "Final Judgment", entered on September 29, 2026.

B. Former Husband filed his Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records on August 17, 2026. He is requesting that the parties' social investigation be deemed confidential.

C. At the final hearing on August 18, 2026, both Former Husband and the social investigator requested that the social investigation be deemed confidential. Former Husband's motion was not set or noticed to Former Wife, and Former Wife was not present at the hearing.

Pursuant to the Final Judgment, the Court reserved jurisdiction to address Former Husband's request to seal the social investigation as confidential upon proper notice to Former Wife.

D. At the hearing, Former Husband, by and through Counsel, requested that the social investigation be sealed. Former Wife seemed to have difficulty understanding the purpose of the hearing. It is unclear whether she objects to sealing the social investigation.

E. The social investigation contains extensive information regarding Former Wife's mental health, including specific psychological testing results related to her mental health. It includes diagnosis and an overview of Former Wife's treatment. In addition, the report included information about a minor child's medical records.

F. Confidentiality of records is required wherein confidentiality is necessary to avoid substantial injury to innocent third parties, avoid injury to a party by disclosure of matters protected by common law or a privacy right, or in order to comply with public policy. Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(9). Confidentiality is required herein to avoid disclosure of the minor child's health records and Former Wife's mental health diagnosis and mental health treatment. Records relating to mental health are often treated as confidential and should be in this matter to avoid harm to both Former Wife and the minor children involved.

G. The social investigation should be permanently sealed. Sealing this document is the least restrictive measure. Only the Court, Court personnel, including the Clerk of Court or Clerk's employees, or either party or their counsel shall be allowed to access these records.

It is therefore **ORDERED**:

1. Former Husband's Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records, filed on August 17, 2026, is hereby granted.

2. The social investigation completed by Christina M. Ward at Pathways Resolution Center and entered into evidence as Former Husband's Exhibit 1 and docketed as #1007 shall be permanently sealed as confidential. Only the Court, Court personnel, Clerk of Court or the Clerk's employees, or the parties or their counsel of record shall be allowed to access this document without a court order. The Clerk of Court is directed to seal this exhibit and label it as confidential.

3. The Clerk of Court shall publish this order as directed under the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(5).

DONE AND ORDERED in Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida, on this 9th day of November 2026.

Kristina K. Mobley
Circuit Judge

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(See Paragraphs 1-3)