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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OHIO COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

TO: ANY PERSON SEEKING ACCESS TO ADOPTION RECORDS

WEST VIRGINIA CODE §48-4-10 STATES THAT NO PERSON SHALL DISCLOSE ADOPTION RECORDS WITHOUT A COURT ORDER SHOWING "GOOD CAUSE".

Access to adoption files may be sought through the following process:

Upon the filing of a *verified* petition stating the reasons why the records are being sought and payment of the filing fees, the case will be assigned to one of the four (4) judges in this circuit.

It will be your responsibility to request a hearing date from the judge assigned to your case so that you can appear and give testimony as to the facts set forth in your verified petition.

PLEASE NOTE that the filing of a petition and payment of filing fees does not guarantee that you will be permitted access to the adoption record. **That decision is made by the Judge based upon your testimony.**

Circuit Court personnel are not permitted to give legal advice. You are strongly urged to seek the services of a qualified attorney.

ENTER this 24 day of October 1997.

A copy, Teste:

Brenda L. Miller
Circuit Clerk

Fred Risovich, II
FRED RISOVICH, II, CHIEF JUDGE