

**IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

IN RE: JAMES RONNIE BLEDSOE REVOCABLE
TRUST OF 1991 DATED NOVEMBER 26,
1991, AS AMENDED

**Consolidated Case No.: 2022-10777 PRDL
DIVISION: 10**

LORE L. BLEDSOE

Plaintiff,

vs.

SAMMY VAUGHN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE
OF THE JAMES RONNIE BLEDSOE REVOCABLE TRUST
OF 1991 DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1991, AS AMENDED,
DENEAH MOORE, KELLI BLEDSOE NUGENT,
RHONDA L. LARABEE, CODY TYSON MOORE, KELSIE
BROOKE THOMAS, MADDISON LORIN LARABEE,
BENNETT ELLE LARABEE, MARY BLEDSOE, KATHY
BALLEW, HALIFAX HOSPICE, INC., HALIFAX HUMANE
SOCIETY, INC., PATRICK QUICK, KATHY COLEMAN
AND DIANE VAUGHN,

Defendants.

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IN RE: JAMES RONNIE BLEDSOE REVOCABLE TRUST OF 1991
DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1991, AS AMENDED

SAMMY VAUGHN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE
JAMES RONNIE BLEDSOE REVOCABLE
TRUST OF 1991 DATED NOVEMBER 26,
1991, AS AMENDED,

Original Case No. 2022-10791 PRDL

Petitioner,

v.

LORE L. BLEDSOE, DENEAH MOORE,
KELLI BLEDSOE NUGENT, RHONDA L.
LARABEE, CODY TYSON MOORE,
KELSIE BROOKE THOMAS, MADDISON
LORIN LARABEE, BENNETT ELLE
LARABEE, MARY BLEDSOE, KATHY BALLEW,
HALIFAX HOSPICE, INC.,
HALIFAX HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.,
PATRICK QUICK, KATHY COLEMAN,
DIANE VAUGHN, THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,

**ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION
TO DETERMINE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS**

THIS MATTER came to be heard on the Unopposed Joint Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records (the “Joint Motion”), and the Court, being fully advised in the premises, it is

ADJUDGED that the Joint Motion is GRANTED. It is further

ADJUDGED that the Confidential Settlement Agreement is confidential under Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(c)(7), which deems confidential “[a]ll records made confidential under the Florida and United States Constitutions and Florida and federal law”. A signed written agreement reached during a mediation is confidential if the parties agree to confidentiality. See Fla. Stat. Sec. 44.405(4)(a). As evidenced by the Joint Motion, the parties to the Confidential Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Parties”) have agreed to confidentiality. It is further

ADJUDGED that confidentiality of the Confidential Settlement Agreement is necessary under Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(c)(9)(A)(iii) to protect a compelling governmental interest and under 2.420(c)(9)(A)(vii) to comply with established public policy set forth in the Florida or United States Constitution or statutes or Florida rules or case law. Florida has a compelling governmental interest in promoting settlements of legal disputes, as “[t]he public policy of the State of Florida, as articulated in numerous court decisions, highly favors settlement agreements among parties and will seek to enforce them whenever possible.” Sun Microsystems of California, Inc. v. Engineering And Manufacturing Systems, C.A., 682 So.2d 219, 220 (Fla. 3d DCA 1996)(citing Robbie v. City of Miami, 469 So.2d 1384 (Fla. 1985)). See also Feldman v. Kritsch, 824 So.2d 274, 277 (Fla. 4th DCA 2002)(“Settlements are highly favored as a means to conserve judicial resources”). It is further

ADJUDGED that confidentiality of the Confidential Settlement Agreement is also necessary under Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(c)(9)(A)(v)-(vi) to avoid substantial injury to the Settlement Parties and other beneficiaries of the James Ronnie Bledsoe Revocable Trust of 1991 Dated November 26, 1991, As Amended through public disclosure of sensitive personal financial information. It is further


ADJUDGED that the only individuals or entities permitted to view the Confidential Settlement Agreement, absent further order of this Court, are the Settlement Parties (including their respective attorneys and accountants). It is further

ADJUDGED that the Settlement Parties shall provide a sealed copy of the Confidential Settlement Agreement directly to the Court no later than Wednesday, April 2, 2025, to facilitate the Court's *in camera* review of the Confidential Settlement Agreement in advance of the April 16, 2025 hearing on the Settlement Parties' Joint Motion to Approve Confidential Settlement Agreement.

ADJUDGED that the degree, duration, and manner of confidentiality ordered by the Court is no broader than necessary to protect the interests set forth in Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(c)(9)(A)(iii), (v), (vi) and (vii) and there are no less restrictive measures available to protect those interests. It is further

ADJUDGED the Clerk of the Court is directed to publish this Order in accordance with Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(e)(4) and Seventh Judicial Circuit Administrative Rule G-2022-034-SC.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers, DeLand, Volusia County, Florida.

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e-Signed 3/27/2025 11:17 AM 2022 10777 PRDL

LINDA L. GAUSTAD
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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Counsel and Parties of Record