

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION**

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,

CASE NO.: 26001025CCAXMX

Plaintiff,

vs.

MEREDITH A. METZLER,

Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DETERMINE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Defendant's Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records (the "Motion"), seeking a determination under Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(9), (d)(3), and (e) that Defendant's residential address is confidential and should be redacted from the court records in this action. The Court, having reviewed the Motion, the court file, and the applicable law, and being otherwise fully advised, FINDS and ORDERS:

1. The Motion is GRANTED.
2. This Order is entered in a civil debt-collection action pending in the County Court, Civil Division, in and for Hernando County, Florida.
3. The information at issue — Defendant's residential street address, as it appears in the court records in this action — is not among the categories the Clerk designates as confidential automatically under Rule 2.420(d)(1)(B), and is therefore properly the subject of a motion under Rule 2.420(d)(3).
4. The Court finds that confidentiality of Defendant's residential address is necessary to comply with the established public policy set forth in Section 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes, which exempts from public disclosure the residential address of an individual within the class protected by that section, including the spouse of such an individual, and to avoid substantial injury to Defendant by disclosure of information protected by that statutory privacy interest. *See* Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.420(c)(9); *Barron v. Florida Freedom Newspapers, Inc.*, 531 So. 2d 113 (Fla. 1988).
5. The particular information determined to be confidential is Defendant's residential street address, together with Defendant's personal cellular telephone number to the extent it appears in the court file. The specific court records and pages in which that information appears are identified in the Schedule of Court Records attached as Exhibit A to the Motion.
6. No party's name is determined to be confidential, and no pseudonym is substituted for any party's name; the identities of the parties remain publicly accessible. No portion of the progress docket or other records generated to document the activity in this case is determined to be confidential. Access to the unredacted information remains available to the Court, the Clerk of Court, and the parties; this Order authorizes no additional person to access the confidential information.

7. The Court further finds that the degree, duration, and manner of confidentiality ordered herein is no broader than necessary to protect that interest, and that no less restrictive measure is available. The relief is limited to redaction of a single category of information and does not seal any record, close any proceeding, or withhold the identities of the parties, the nature of the claims, or any substantive pleading from public access.

8. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to redact Defendant's residential street address — and, to the extent it appears, Defendant's personal cellular telephone number (§ 119.071(4)(d)2.a., Fla. Stat.) — from each court record identified in the Schedule attached as Exhibit A to the Motion, and from any other document in the court file in this action in which the address and telephone number appear, including without limitation the Summons, the Complaint and any exhibits, any Return of Service, and any document filed by any party.

9. Pending completion of that redaction, and as provided by Rule 2.420(d)(3) and (e), Defendant's residential address — and any personal cellular telephone number to the extent it appears — shall continue to be treated as confidential.

10. This Order does not restrict public access to any other information in the court file.

11. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to publish this Order in the manner provided by Rule 2.420(e)(5), Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration.

DONE AND ORDERED in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida this Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

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Barbara-Jo Bell, County Judge
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished using the Florida Court's E-Filing E-Portal, via U.S. Mail, and/or Electronic Mail in accordance with the corresponding addresses listed therein on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

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