

**Proposed Amendment to the
Court of Common Pleas
Domestic Relations Division
Medina County, Ohio**

Amended Local Rule 2.11 regarding Public Access to Case Documents

Pursuant to Ohio Rules of Superintendence 5(A), the Court has determined that there is an immediate need for this rule, and is adopting this rule, effective immediately, subject to any changes after the public comment period has expired.

The Medina County Domestic Relations Court will accept public comments until October 4, 2022, on the following proposed amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division.

No later than Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., comments regarding the proposed amendment should be submitted in writing to:

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Proposed Amended Local Rule 2.11 is adopted effective September 19, 2022, pursuant to Sup.R. 5(A)(2), subject to public comment.

This Amendment will apply to documents filed after September 19, 2022.

LOCAL RULE 2.11 PUBLIC ACCESS TO CASE DOCUMENTS

(A) At the discretion of the Clerk of Courts, certain case documents may be made available for electronic viewing via the internet or other means.

(B) The following shall not be considered “case documents” pursuant to Ohio Rules of Superintendence and Local Rules and shall not be available for public viewing via the internet or other electronic means:

1. Social security numbers of any person;
2. Employer and employee identification numbers;
3. Bank account, debit or credit card numbers, financial account information and loan documents;
4. Separation agreements;
5. Shared parenting plans;
6. Financial affidavits, Health Insurance Affidavits, UCCJEA affidavits;
7. GAL reports, questionnaires or responses to the GAL and Family Court Services referrals;
8. Psychological, psychiatric and medical reports, correspondence or documents;
9. Personal and business income tax returns;
10. Third-party pleadings that contain any of the above information;
11. Affidavits or other exhibits attached to pleadings or submitted at hearings except as specifically authorized by these rules, the Civil Rules, the Rules of Superintendence of the Courts, or express permission of the Court;
12. Affidavits or other correspondence signed by minor children;
13. CPO reports intended for Law Enforcement;
14. Letters;
15. Pretrial, post-trial, and post-decree briefs, statements, and memoranda;
16. Transcripts;
17. Qualified Domestic Relations Orders, Court Order Acceptable for Processing (COAP) and Division of Property Orders (DOPO);
18. Information on or obtained from the Ohio Courts Network except that the information shall be available at the originating source if not otherwise exempt from public access;
19. Data feeds by and between courts when using the Ohio Courts Network;
20. Notes, drafts, recommendations, advice, and research of judicial officers and court staff;
21. Documents to which public access has been restricted pursuant to division E of Sup.R. 45, the Civil Rules, the Ohio Revised Code, by Local Rules of Court, or by court order;
22. Items excluded from the definition of “Case Document” pursuant to Sup.R. 44 or other documents which any Superintendence Rule limits public access; or
23. Other documents and pleadings as ordered by the court not to be made available for electronic viewing.

(C) There shall be no public access (electronic or otherwise) to items excluded from the definition of “Case Document” pursuant to Sup.R. 44 or other documents which any Superintendence Rule limits public access.

(amended 09/19/2022)