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3 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
4 COUNTY OF ORANGE
5 SITTING AS THE JUVENILE COURT
6 AMENDED MISCELLANEOUS ORDER No.543.2
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8 **TITLE: AUTHORIZATION FOR FAMILY LAW JUDGES, PROBATE JUDGES,**
9 **FAMILY LAW COMMISSIONERS, FAMILY COURT MEDIATORS,**
10 **PROBATE COMMISSIONERS, APPOINTED EVALUATORS AND**
11 **APPOINTED MINOR'S COUNSEL TO INSPECT A JUVENILE CASE FILE**
12 **WITHOUT A COURT ORDER**
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- 14 1. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 827, subdivisions (a)(1)(L), (a)(1)(M) and
15 827.10, the following persons may inspect a juvenile case file without a prior order of the court:
- 16 a. A judge, commissioner, or other hearing officer assigned to a family law or probate case
17 with issues concerning custody or visitation, or both, involving the minor, if actively
18 participating in the family law or probate case;
 - 19 b. A family court mediator assigned to a case involving the minor pursuant to Article 1
20 (commencing with Section 3160) of Chapter 11 of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Family
21 Code;
 - 22 c. A court-appointed evaluator, or a person conducting a court-connected child custody
23 evaluation, investigation, or assessment pursuant to Section 3111 or 3118 of the Family
24 Code;
 - 25 d. A statutorily authorized or court-appointed investigator (when acting within the scope of
26 investigative duties of an active case) who is conducting an investigation pursuant to
27 Section 7663, 7851, or 9001 of the Family Code, or who is actively participating in a
28 guardianship case involving a minor pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 1500)

1 of Division 4 of the Probate Code and acting within the scope of his or her duties in that
2 case; or

3 e. Counsel appointed for the minor in the family law case pursuant to Section 3150 of the
4 Family Code. Prior to allowing counsel appointed for the minor in the family law case to
5 inspect, the court clerk may require counsel to provide a certified copy of the court order
6 appointing him or her as the counsel for the minor, if actively participating in the family
7 law case.

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9 2. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 827.10, copies of the child welfare agency
10 records relating to a minor, who is the subject of either a family law or a probate guardianship
11 case involving custody or visitation issues, or both, may be provided to the following persons, if
12 these persons are actively participating in the family law or probate case:

13 a. The judge, commissioner, or other hearing officer assigned to the family law or probate
14 case;

15 b. The parent or guardian of the minor;

16 c. An attorney for a party to the family law or probate case;

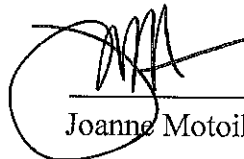
17 d. A family court mediator assigned to a case involving the minor pursuant to Article I
18 (commencing with Section 3160) of Chapter 11 of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Family
19 Code;

20 e. A court-appointed investigator, evaluator, or a person conducting a court-connected child
21 custody evaluation, investigation, or assessment pursuant to Section 3111 or 3118 of the
22 Family Code of Part 2 (commencing with Section 1500) or Division 4 of the Probate
23 Code; or

24 f. Counsel appointed for the minor in the family law case pursuant to Section 3150 of the
25 Family Code. Prior to allowing counsel appointed for the minor in the family law case to
26 inspect the file, the court clerk may require counsel to provide a certified copy of the
27 court order appointing him or her as the counsel for the minor.
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- 1 3. If the juvenile case files or records, or any portions thereof, are privileged or confidential
2 pursuant to any other state law or federal law or regulation, the requirements of that state law or
3 federal law or regulation prohibiting or limiting release of the juvenile case file shall prevail.
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- 5 4. The records shall not be further disseminated to persons not authorized to inspect and/or copy
6 juvenile case files under this Order or Welfare and Institutions Code Section 827 without further
7 order of the Juvenile Court.
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9 Dated this 4th day of September, 2019.
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Joanne Motoike

14 Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court
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