IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: CASE NO.: 2025-DR-000221

CHARLES ROBINSON FAWSETT, II,
Petitioner/Husband,

v.

PAMELA SNOOK FAWSETT,
Respondent/Wife.
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AGREED ORDER AS TO CONFIDENTIALITY AND SEALING OF COURT RECORDS

THIS CAUSE having come before this Court on Respondent's Amended Verified Motion to Determine Confidentiality of and Seal Court Records filed by Respondent, PAMELA SNOOK FAWSETT (the "Wife") on October 13, 2026 (the "Motion"), and Petitioner, CHARLES ROBINSON FAWSETT, II ("the "Husband"), by and through his counsel, having agreed to the relief requested in the Motion and to the Court's issuance of this agreed order pursuant to Rule 2.420(e)(3), Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin., and this Court having reviewed the record, including without limitation the Motion and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, this Court hereby enters this *Agreed Order as to Confidentiality and Sealing of Court Records* (the "Order") and specifically **FINDS AND ORDERS** as follows:

1. **Type of case**. This case involves an action for dissolution of marriage and other relief with minor children that was initiated by Petitioner on January 7, 2025.

2. **Background and Facts**. There are two minor children who were born during the marriage, to wit: C.R.F. (male born in 2013) and T.N.F. (male born in 2016) (the "Minor Children").

3. On February 5, 2025, the Husband filed the parties' *Joint Stipulation to Seal Court File and Amend Case Caption and Style* (the "Joint Stipulation to Seal"), in which the parties sought to seal the entire court record because "it is likely that access to the information would subject a party to abuse, such as the use of the information by third parties for purposes unrelated to government or judicial accountability or to first amendment rights." *Nucci v. Nucci*, 987 So.2d 135, 136-37 (Fla. 2d DCA 2008), *citing* Fla. Fam. L.R.P. 12.400(d)(1).

4. On February 18, 2025, the Court issued an *Order on Joint Stipulation to Seal Court File and Amend Case Caption and Style* (the "Order to Seal"), which approved and adopted the Joint Stipulation to Seal and ordered the Clerk to keep confidential and seal all documents from public view subject to the exception for access by each party's counsel.

5. On February 21, 2025, the Court issued an *Order Vacating the Order on Joint Stipulation to Seal Court File and Amend Case Caption and Style Filed February 18, 2025* (the "Order Vacating"), which vacated the Order to Seal, *sua sponte*.

6. The Order Vacating expressly ordered, in pertinent part: "*Should the parties wish to file an amended joint stipulation, the proposed amended order regarding these matters shall strictly comply with Rule 2.420, Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin.*" *See* ¶3, Order Vacating (02-21-2025).

7. Wife's Motion seeks entry of an order that strictly complies with Rule 2.420, Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin.

8. Husband is a medical doctor who is a board-certified emergency medicine physician.

9. Wife is also a medical doctor who is a board-certified OB/GYN physician.

10. Before the parties' marriage, Wife founded her medical practice, Contemporary Women's Care, P.A. ("CWC"), any marital portion of which is subject to determination and equitable distribution.

11. This case involves, in pertinent part, (a) the valuation of CWC and (b) identification of the parties' respective incomes and assets and liabilities. The financial information and records relating to these issues include private, sensitive, and confidential financial information and business trade secrets, including financial information required by Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure. Access to the subject financial information by third parties is likely to subject the parties to abuse, such as the use of the information by third parties (e.g., competitors of CWC) for purposes unrelated to government or judicial accountability or to first amendment rights.

12. On November 19, 2025, the parties and their respective counsel and experts entered into a Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement to protect the parties' confidential information including without limitation confidential business-related financial information. The Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement, in pertinent part, limited access to such confidential information to the parties, their counsel and experts, and the Court and its officers (including court reporters and videographers). The Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement was filed with the Court on March 26, 2026, and was approved and adopted by Court order entered April 22, 2026. *See* ¶2, *Agreed Order on Joint Stipulation Relating to Discovery* (04-22-2026).

13. The parties have filed and will be filing financial affidavits, amended financial affidavits, deposition transcripts, motions, responses, documentary evidence, and other filings that contain the subject confidential and proprietary financial information. Additionally, portions of the subject confidential financial information will be used as evidentiary exhibits or documentary

evidence in upcoming Court proceedings. Accordingly, it is now appropriate for the Court to issue an order sealing certain court records, filings, deposition transcripts and exhibits thereto, documentary evidence and exhibits in accordance with Rule 2.420(e), Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. and Rule 12.400, Fla. Fam. L. R. P.

14. For instance, the following court records contain detailed confidential business-related, financial or income information, including without limitation trade secrets and proprietary or confidential information and should be sealed:

a. Husband's Preliminary Temporary Family Law Financial Affidavit (filed 03-10-2025).

b. Husband's Amended Temporary Family Law Financial Affidavit (filed 03-06-2026).

c. Husband's Second Amended* Temporary Family Law Financial Affidavit (filed 03-10-2026).

d. Husband's Third Amended Family Law Financial Affidavit (filed 08-24-2026).

e. Husband's Fourth Amended Family Law Financial Affidavit (filed 08-28-2026).

f. Wife's Family Law Financial Affidavit (dated 03-12-2025, filed 08-14-2026).

g. Wife's Amended Family Law Financial Affidavit (dated 07-10-2026, filed 08-14-2026).

h. Petitioner's Motion for Temporary Child Support and for Attorneys' Fees, Expert Fees and Costs and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (filed 03-11-2026).

i. Petitioner's Verified Amended Motion for Temporary Child Support and for Attorneys' Fees, Expert Fees and Costs and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (filed 04-10-2026).

j. Petitioner's Verified Second Amended Motion for Temporary Child Support and for Attorneys' Fees, Expert Fees and Costs and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (filed 07-09-2026).

k. Respondent's Response in Opposition to Petitioner's Verified Second Amended Motion for Temporary Child Support and for Attorneys' Fees, Expert Fees and Costs and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (Filed 07-09-2026) (filed 07-31-2026).

l. Petitioner's Reply to Respondent's Response in Opposition to Petitioner's Verified Second Amended Motion for Temporary Child Support and for Attorneys' Fees, Expert Fees and Costs and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (Filed 07-09-2026) (filed 08-31-2026).

m. Deposition transcript of Pamela Snook Fawsett, M.D. and exhibits (filed 08-14-2026).

n. Deposition transcript of Charles Robinson Fawsett, II and exhibits (filed 09-02-2026).

o. Deposition transcript of Kendall Herndon and exhibits (filed 08-14-2026).

p. Deposition transcript of Thomas A. Thomas, CPA and exhibits (filed 08-14-2026).

q. Deposition transcript of Wendy H. Brandon and exhibits (filed 08-14-2026).

r. Deposition transcript of Dr. Rachel Humphrey and exhibits (filed 08-14-2026).

s. Deposition transcript of Colleen Ryan and exhibits (filed 08-14-2026).

t. Deposition transcript of Genevieve Roberts (filed 08-14-2026).

u. Deposition transcript of Shivam N. Jadeja, CPA/CGMA/ABV,CFE, ASA and exhibits (taken 08-26-2026, not yet filed).

v. Deposition transcript of Nick J. Janiga, ASA and exhibits (taken 08-26-2026, not yet filed).

w. Deposition transcript of Paul Baumann, CPA, ABV, CFF, CGMA, ASA and exhibits (taken 08-27-2026, not yet filed).

x. All deposition transcripts and exhibits hereafter filed.

y. All subsequently filed motions, responses, amended financial affidavits, deposition transcripts (and deposition exhibits), trial and hearing exhibits or documentary evidence and other filings containing any such confidential financial, business-related and income information.

15. **Particular grounds for determining confidentiality**. There is a sound legal basis for the relief requested herein. Rule 2.420(c)(9)(A), Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin., provides, in pertinent part, that court records may be deemed confidential to "... *(ii) protect trade secrets;... (v). avoid substantial injury to innocent third parties; (vi) avoid substantial injury to a party by disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in the specific type of proceeding sought to be closed; (vii) comply with established policy set forth in the Florida or United Stated Constitution or statutes or Florida Rules or case law* ...."

16. Rule 12.400(d)(1), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, expressly provides that the Court has the authority to seal the financial information required by Rule 12.285 if it is likely that access to the information would subject a party to abuse, such as the use of information by third parties for purposes unrelated to government or judicial accountability or to first amendment rights. It is noteworthy that the "Commentary" to Rule 12.400 specifically states, in pertinent part, "...***Judicial proceedings and records should be public except when substantial compelling circumstances, especially the protection of children or of business trade secrets, require otherwise. Family law matters frequently present such circumstances***...."

17. In this case, not only are the parties at risk in the event of disclosure of this sensitive, confidential financial information, but there are third parties whose legitimate business interests could be adversely affected if such confidentiality is not observed.

18. In addition to the above-referenced Florida rules, Florida case law supports the issuance of an order granting the relief requested herein. *See, e.g., Nucci v. Nucci*, 987 So.2d 135, 137 - 137 (Fla. 2d DCA 2008) (physician was entitled to the conditional sealing of his financial information in his dissolution of marriage action to prevent use of such information by third parties for purposes unrelated to government or judicial accountability or to first amendment rights). *See also Sonderling v. Sonderling*, 600 So.2d 1285, 1287 (Fla. 3d DCA 1992) (affirmed the trial court's order sealing the marital settlement agreement as it contained financial details). The instant case presents substantial compelling circumstances and involves sensitive business-related and income information that must be sealed to protect trade secrets, avoid substantial injury to innocent third parties, and to protect the parties from abuse such as the use of such information by third parties for purposes unrelated to government or judicial accountability or to first amendment rights. Additionally, as an independent reason, the sealing of the subject court records will avoid substantial injury to the parties by disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in the court records being sealed. *See e.g., Barfield v. Case Confidential*, 435 So.3d 1172, 1174-75 (Fla. 5th DCA 2026).

19. **No confidentiality of a party's name**. Except for the Minor Children, who shall at all times be referred to as C.R.F. and T.N.F., no party's name is determined to be confidential.

20. **Progress docket or similar records**. The progress docket or similar records generated to document activity in the case are determined not to be confidential.

21. **The particular information that is determined to be confidential**. Based upon each of the independent legal grounds described in paragraphs 15 – 18 above, all motions, responses, amended financial affidavits, deposition transcripts (and deposition exhibits), trial and hearing exhibits or documentary evidence and other filings containing any such confidential financial, business-related and income information that have been or will subsequently be filed in the instant action, including without limitation the court records identified at paragraphs 13 and 14 above, are hereby determined to be confidential and shall be sealed by the Clerk indefinitely and until further order of the Court.

22. **Persons permitted to view the confidential information**. Only the parties, their attorneys-of-record and experts, and the Court and its staff and officers (including court reporters and videographers) are permitted to view the court records and confidential information sealed pursuant to this Order.

23. **Degree, duration, and manner**. Because of the nature of the issues involved in this case and the need to use the subject private and sensitive financial, business-related and income information in court filings and proceedings, it is appropriate for the Court to (a) enter an Order determining that such records are confidential and subject to protection as contemplated by Rule 2.420(e), Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration and (b) ordering that the above-listed court records be sealed and that all subsequently filed deposition transcripts, exhibits, documentary evidence and other filings containing confidential information be sealed. The degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered hereby are no broader than necessary to protect the interests set forth in subdivision 2.420(c) and no less restrictive measures are available or necessary to protect the interests set forth in subdivision 2.420(c).

24. **Directions to the Clerk**. The Clerk is hereby directed (a) to seal indefinitely and until further order of the Court the court records identified at paragraphs 13 and 14 above, whether filed to date or to be subsequently filed, and (b) to publish this Order in accordance with Rule 2.420(e)(5), Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin.

25. **Notice pursuant to Rule 2.420(e)(5)**. Specifically, (a) within 10 days following entry of this Order, the clerk of the court must post a copy of this Order on the clerk's website and in a prominent public place in the courthouse and (b) this Order must remain posted in both locations for no less than 30 days.

DONE AND ORDERED in Orange County, FL on the date shown on the electronic signature.

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eSigned by Mike Murphy 11/08/2026 11:12:33 swcGEWgf

MIKE MURPHY

Circuit Judge

If there are parties not receiving service through the Florida Courts' e-filing portal that are represented by counsel, said counsel must serve a copy of this Order, via U.S. Mail, to the non-e-filing parties and file a certificate of service in the court file no later than 3 days from the date of this Order. (Failure to comply may impact the finality of this Order as those who do not receive the order.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was filed with the Clerk of the Court on the date indicated by the electronic signature by using the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal System. Accordingly, a copy of the foregoing is being served on this day to all attorney(s)/Pro Se

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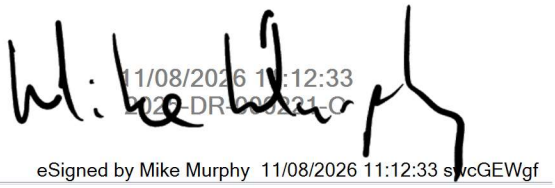
By Breean Heise or Judge Mike Murphy



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