

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

In re: Public Release of Redacted )
MCN Supreme Court Opinions )
Related to Minor Children )

SUPREME COURT FILED

MAY 12 2023

Handwritten initials

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-05

CONNIE DEARMAN MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION COURT CLERK

M(C)NCA Title 27, App. 2, Rule 17 (C) (2) and (3) provides that records of appellate cases involving juveniles, guardianships, and adoptions are to remain confidential absent order of this Court. Upon further consideration, the Court is of the opinion that citizens, attorneys, and litigants are placed at an undue disadvantage when they are not provided access to this Court's final Opinions establishing legal precedent that may be instrumental in an individual's real-world decision-making process and/or legal strategy before the courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. As such, the Court makes the following change to M(C)NCA Title 27, App. 2, Rule 17 (C) (2) and (3):

- 1. The Court authorizes the release of all final Opinions (past, present, and future) of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court involving juveniles, guardianships, and adoptions.
2. All Opinions released pursuant to this Administrative Order shall be redacted of all personal identifiers, including names, addresses, dates of birth, social security numbers, financial information, driver's license information, medical records, employment history, and/or any other information that could be used to link an individual to the Opinion in question.
3. Any litigant currently before the Supreme Court at the time of the filing of this Administrative Order may request a thirty (30) day extension to their current briefing schedule, or, in the event their brief-in-chief has already been filed, may request a thirty (30) day period to file a Surreply. Requests for extension or Surreply must relate to new arguments specifically connected to precedent located within any previously confidential Opinion. Requests for extension or Surreply must be made via Motion filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court within fifteen (15) days of the filing of this Administrative Order.

ALL JUSTICES CONCUR.

DONE AND ORDERED: May 12, 2023

Handwritten signature of Richard Lerblance

Richard Lerblance
Chief Justice
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on May 12, 2023, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Administrative Order 2023-05* with proper postage prepaid to each of the following: Gregory Lavender, 624 S. Denver Ave., Suite 300, Tulsa, OK 74119; Gregory Meier, 1524 S. Denver Ave., Tulsa, OK 74119; Carla Stinnett, 404 E. Dewey Ave., Ste. 100, Sapulpa, OK 74066; Kim London, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. A true and correct copy was also hand-delivered to the office of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Connie Dearman, Court Clerk