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**DISTRICT COURT  
FAMILY DIVISION  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

  
  
PLAINTIFF,  
  
VS.  
  
  
  
DEFENDANT.

CASE NO. D-19--C  
DEPT. U

**ORDER GRANTING ONJ'S LIMITED MOTION TO UNSEAL**

This matter was initiated with the filing of a "Complaint for Custody" by Plaintiff on December 12, 2019. The parties to this case never disputed paternity. As such, this matter is not sealed by operation of a statute such as NRS 126 or NRS 128.

Throughout the litigation in this case, neither party has filed a request to seal this case and no order sealing this case has been entered. In fact, this Court entered an Order for Camera Access to Proceedings on September 10, 2021. That order has not been vacated or amended.

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1           On March 09, 2024, Our Nevada Judges, Inc. (hereinafter “ONJ”), a  
2 Nevada non-profit corporation, filed a limited motion to unseal a portion  
3 of the record in this custody proceeding, specifically requesting access only  
4 to the “docket index,” “docket summary” or “court indices,” which reveal  
5 upcoming hearing dates and times in this case, and any order sealing the  
6 case.

7           ONJ did not request oral argument, and the matter was placed on  
8 the Court’s chamber’s calendar for decision without a hearing.

9           The Court received an opposition and/or response to the motion  
10 from Plaintiff, [REDACTED].

11           ONJ is requesting the Court issue an Order pursuant to SRCR 4(2),  
12 directing the clerk of court to restore access to the “docket index,” “docket  
13 summary” or “court indices,” so that ONJ can monitor upcoming hearing  
14 dates and times. ONJ is “requesting this Court bring this case into  
15 compliance with SRCR 3(5)(c).”

16           The record in this case was not sealed by an order of this Court. This  
17 case, like all custody cases in the Eighth Judicial District Court, was sealed  
18 pursuant to EDCR 5.207 and NRS 126.211. This Court is aware of pending  
19 litigation in the Nevada Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of

1 limiting access to the courtroom in sealed custody cases. However, NRS  
2 126.211 does not seem to require the sealing of the existence of a case or  
3 the “docket index,” “docket summary” or “court indices.”

4 To the extent that ONJ’s motion requests only the unsealing of a  
5 “docket index,” “docket summary” or “court indices,” which reveal  
6 upcoming hearing dates and times in this case, the Court sees no harm or  
7 prejudice to the parties or minor child in releasing such information to  
8 ONJ.

9 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that ONJ’s motion is GRANTED.  
10 Upon request from ONJ, the Clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court  
11 shall release to ONJ a “docket index,” “docket summary” or “court indices,”  
12 disclosing any upcoming court dates and times scheduled in this case.

13 Dated this 11th day of May, 2024

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17 **Dawn R. Throne**  
18 **District Court Judge**