STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

ADM10-8041

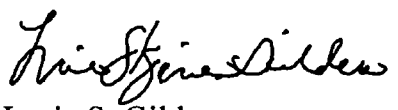
ORDER PROMULGATING CORRECTIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF JUVENILE PROTECTION, ADOPTION, AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROCEDURE

In its order filed April 22, 2015, the court promulgated amendments to the Rules of Juvenile Protection, Adoption, and Guardian Ad Litem Procedure.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached corrective amendments to the Rules of Juvenile Protection, Adoption, and Guardian Ad Litem Procedure be, and the same are, prescribed and promulgated to be effective as of July 1, 2015, and shall apply to all cases pending on, or filed on or after, the effective date.

Dated: April 27, 2015

BY THE COURT:



Lorie S. Gildea
Chief Justice

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF JUVENILE PROTECTION PROCEDURE

[Note: In the following amendments, deletions are indicated by a line drawn through the words and additions are indicated by a line drawn under the words.]

RULE 2. DEFINITIONS

Rule 2.01. Definitions

The terms used in these rules shall have the following meanings:

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(17~~15~~) **"Juvenile protection case records"** means all records ~~of the juvenile court~~ regarding a particular juvenile protection matter ~~case or controversy, including all records~~ filed with ~~the court~~ or generated by the court, including orders, notices, the register of actions, the index, the calendar, and the official transcript. ~~Juvenile protection case records do not include reporter's notes and tapes, electronic recordings, and unofficial transcripts of hearings and trials.~~ See also "records" defined in subdivision (31~~29~~).

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(31~~29~~) **"Records"** is defined in Rule 3 of the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch ~~means any recorded information that is collected, created, received, maintained, or disseminated by a court or court administrator, regardless of its physical form or method of storage, and specifically excludes judicial work product and drafts as defined in the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch~~. See also "juvenile protection case records" defined in subdivision (17~~15~~).

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF ADOPTION PROCEDURE

[Note: In the following amendments, deletions are indicated by a line drawn through the words and additions are indicated by a line drawn under the words.]

RULE 2. DEFINITIONS

Rule 2.01. Definitions

The terms used in these rules shall have the following meanings:

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(2) **"Adoption case records"** means all records ~~of the court~~ regarding a particular adoption matter~~, including all records~~ filed with ~~the court,~~ or generated by the court, including orders, notices, the register of actions, the index, the calendar, and the official transcript ~~all records maintained by the court, and all reporter's notes and tapes, electronic recordings, and transcripts of hearings and trials relating to the adoption matter~~. See also "records" defined in subdivision (30).

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(21~~19~~)**"Individual related to child,"** as defined under Minnesota Statutes § 245A.02, subd. 13, means a spouse, a parent, a biological or adopted child or stepchild, a stepparent, a stepbrother, a stepsister, a niece, a nephew, an adoptive parent, a grandparent, a sibling, an aunt, an uncle, or a legal guardian. Distinguish "relative" under Rule 2.01(31~~28~~).

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(31~~28~~)**"Relative"** means a person related to the child by blood, marriage, or adoption, or an individual who is an important friend with whom the child has resided or had significant contact. For an Indian child, relative includes members of the extended family as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of laws or custom, any person age eighteen (18) or older who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister, niece, nephew, first or second cousin, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or stepparent as provided in the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 U.S.C § 1903(2). Distinguish "individual related to child" under Rule 2.01(21~~19~~).