

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

CASE NO: 2008-DR-017053

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

KANIKA PAL,

Wife,

and

ASHISH PAL,

Husband,

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO MAKE COURT RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL

THIS CAUSE came to be heard on the 13th day of July, 2010, upon the joint motion by the Husband, ASHISH PAL ("Husband") and the Wife, KANIKA PAL ("Wife"), to seal the parties' financial affidavits and Marital Settlement Agreement in this Dissolution of Marriage action, pursuant to *Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420* and *Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.400*. The Court, having considered the parties' joint motion and the file, and being otherwise fully advised in the legal grounds, it is thereupon;

CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

1. The parties' joint motion for the entry of an order sealing the parties' financial affidavits and Marital Settlement Agreement is hereby accepted and approved. The parties' financial affidavits and Marital Settlement Agreement in this case shall be sealed. The parties' financial affidavits and Marital Settlement Agreement shall be available only to the parties to this case and their respective counsel of record. No

other person shall be permitted to view the parties' financial affidavits and Marital Settlement Agreement except upon stipulation of the parties or order of the Court.

2. Confidentiality is required in this case by established public policy, set forth in Florida case law, to protect parties from abuse, such as the use of sensitive information by third parties for purposes unrelated to government or judicial accountability or to first amendment rights. See *Fla. R. Jud. Admin.* 2.420(c)(9)(A)(vii); see also *Nucci v. Nucci*, 978 So. 2d 135, 138-39 (Fla. 2d DCA 2008) (finding that "the Supreme Court repeatedly has described the gleaning of financial information from a family law court file by third parties . . . as a form of abuse from which courts may protect litigants . . .").

3. The degree, duration, and manner of confidentiality ordered by this Court is no broader than necessary to protect the interests set forth in *Fla. R. Jud. Admin.* 2.420(c)(9)(A)(vii) and no less restrictive measures are available to protect those interests.

4. The Clerk is directed to publish this Order in accordance with *Fla. R. Jud. Admin.* 2.420(d)(4).

DONE AND ORDERED at Orlando, Orange County, Florida, this 13th day of July 2010.


JANET C. THORPE
Circuit Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by mail delivery to **JOHN M. BRENNAN, ESQ.**, GrayRobinson, P.A., 301 E. Pine Street, Suite 1400, Orlando, Florida 32801 (*Attorney for Husband, Ashish Pal*); and **RICHARD D. WEST, ESQ. and VALERIE W. EVANS, ESQ.**, West, Green & Associates, P.L., 711 North Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803 (*Attorneys for Wife, Kanika Pal*), this 13th day of July, 2010.



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