PROBATE COURTS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER	§	IN THE PROBATE COURT
	§	PROBATE COURT NO. 2 AND
2013- <u>/</u>	§	PROBATE COURT NO. 3 OF
	§	DATE AS CONTROL TO THE
	8	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER

Effective May 2, 2013, the statutory probate judges of the Probate Court of Dallas County, Dallas County Probate Court No. 2 and Dallas County Probate Court No. 3 (collectively, the "Probate Courts of Dallas County") adopt the following Administrative Order concerning publication of court records on the Internet:

It is hereby ORDERED that the County Clerk shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the following categories of court records are not published via the Internet or other electronic means:

- (a) any records sealed pursuant to court order;
- (b) all court records in mental illness proceedings;
- (c) medical and psychiatric certificates, letters or reports submitted in connection with guardianship proceedings, including any amendments or supplements thereto;
- (d) medical records filed with the Clerk pursuant to Texas Rule of Evidence 902(10)(a);
- (e) inventories, appraisements and lists of claims, including any amendments or supplements thereto;
- (f) annual and final accounts, including any amendments or supplements thereto (e.g., amended accounts, verification of funds on deposit, etc.);
- (g) annual reports of the guardian of the person, including any amendments or supplements thereto;
- (h) court investigator reports, including any exhibits and amendments or supplements thereto;

- (i) court visitor reports, including any exhibits and amendments or supplements thereto;
- (j) death certificates;
- (k) birth certificates, whether original, delayed or amended;
- (l) court records containing copies of driver's licenses, state-issued personal identification cards, Medicare cards, Medicaid cards or passports;
- (m) any Guardianship Cover Sheet; and
- (n) any court record or category of court records identified in a court order as a record that should not be published via the Internet or other electronic means.

This Order applies to open and active cases and cases that have been closed for less than seven (7) years. Nothing in this Order is intended to prevent the Clerk from enabling parties or their counsel of record to have electronic access to any court record. Further, nothing in this Order is intended to otherwise restrict public access to any court record, except as provided by other law.

Ordered and signed this

__ day of May 2013.

udge Brenda Hull Thompson

The Probate Court of

Dallas County

Judge Chris Wilmoth

Probate Court No. 2 of

Dallas County

Judge Michael E. Miller

Probate Court No. 3 of

Dallas County