IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: Guardianship of File No. 51-2010-GA-000041-WS KATHERINE ELIZABETH ALMODOVAR,
A Minor.

ORDER GRANTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM'S MOTION TO MAKE COURT RECORD CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 2.420(c)(9)

THIS CAUSE having come before the Court upon the Guardian Ad Litem's Motion To Make Court Record Confidential pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(9) for an Order sealing the Report of Guardian Ad Litem in a minor guardianship case, and the Court having reviewed the Court file, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings of fact and reaches the following conclusions of law:

- 1. The Guardian Ad Litem has filed a Report regarding the proposed confidential settlement of a medical malpractice case on behalf of Katherine Elizabeth Almodovar, a minor. The settlement amount is a material term of the proposed settlement.
 - 2. This Motion was not contested and a hearing was not conducted.
- 3. The Court finds that it is necessary to make the Report of Guardian Ad Litem confidential in order to and that there is no less restrictive measure available to protect these interests and that the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered herein are no broader than necessary. It is therefore **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED**

That the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to seal immediately the Report of Guardian Ad Litem and to keep said Report from public access. However, the file and progress docket shall otherwise remain available to the public;

That any materials sealed pursuant to this Order shall be conditionally disclosed upon the entry of a further order by this Court finding that opening is necessary for the purposes of judicial or governmental accountability or First Amendment rights;

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That any materials sealed pursuant to this Order may otherwise be disclosed only as follows:

- To any Judge of this Circuit for case-related reasons;
- To the Chief Judge or his of her designees;
- 3. By further order of this Court.

That within ten (10) days of this Order, the Clerk shall post a copy of this Order on the bulletin board of the Pasco County Judicial Center and the Clerk's website for a period of thirty (30) days to provide public notice; and

That the Clerk is hereby authorized to unseal any materials sealed pursuant to this Order for the purpose of filing, microfilming or imaging files, or transmitting a record to an appellate tribunal. The materials shall be resealed immediately upon completion of filing.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida on this _____ day of ______, 2010.

WALTER L. SCHAEFER, JR. CIRCUIT JUDGE

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