SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 19-05

Special Order for Access to Juvenile Records by National Center for Juvenile Justice

WHEREAS, under D.C. Code § 16-2331 (c)(5), the Court may permit, by special order, the inspection of juvenile case records by persons having a professional interest in the work of the Family Court; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Juvenile Justice ("NCJJ"), the research division of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, has a professional interest in the work of the Family Court; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Juvenile Justice seeks information from juvenile delinquency and persons in need of supervision (also called status offense) case records in order to create national estimates of juvenile court delinquency and status offense caseloads and case processing activities, which are used in publications and online data analysis tools;

NOW THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that the NCJJ may inspect, compile, and analyze the information from juvenile delinquency and persons in need of supervision case records described in Attachment A of the Restricted Data Use Agreement Between the DC Courts and National Center for Juvenile Justice executed on April 22, 2019; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the information shall only be used by the NCJJ to create national estimates of juvenile court delinquency and status offense caseloads and case processing activities, which are used in publications and online data analysis tools; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that no publication or data analysis tool to which NCJJ contributes these estimates shall contain any information from which it would be possible to identify any party, witness, social worker, judicial officer, or other person contained or mentioned in the juvenile records; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the information shall not be disclosed to any other person or for any other purpose without prior approval of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

April 25, 2019

Robert E. Morin
Chief Judge

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