ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-02

RE: Confidential Identification of Victims of Child Molestation Sexual Assault

In accordance with RIGL § 11-37-8.5 - All court records which concern the identity of a victim of child molestation sexual assault shall be confidential and shall not be made public.

Any individual seeking such information shall do so by motion to be heard by the Chief Judge of the District Court or a designee. Notice of said motion shall be provided by the individual seeking such information to all counsel of record in the case sought to be accessed.

The Judicial Officer hearing the motion shall determine, depending on the extent of the information being requested, whether a public file shall be compiled.

• A "public file" contains documents with the name and identifying information of the child victim **reducted**.

The public file shall not include in any form, redacted or otherwise, victim-specific documents relating to the child victim that are otherwise confidential in accordance with the statute. Such excluded documents include, but are not limited to, school records, medical records, reports from the Department of Children, Youth and Families, reports or records of counselors, therapists, and social workers, or other similar victim-specific documents. All other documents not victim-specific, shall

be placed in the public file, in redacted form as necessary in accordance with this order.

• "Redaction" is defined as the obliteration of victim-identifying information in the documents placed in the public file.

The name and address of the victim shall be redacted along with any familial-identifying information such as the relationship, if any, between the child victim and the accused. A fictitious name may be substituted for the victim's actual name.

Entered as an Order of this Court on this 25th day of March 2024.

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/s/ Jeanne E. LaFazia Chief Judge /s/ Jamie Hainsworth Administrator