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7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

8 JUVENILE COURT

9 On behalf of:

10 CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF
11 LOS ANGELES,

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13 Petitioners.

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) AMENDED BLANKET ORDER RE:
) AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCESS TO
) CHILD(REN) CLIENTS BY SOCIAL WORKERS,
) SOCIAL WORK INVESTIGATORS AND
) PARLEGALS EMPLOYED BY CHILDREN'S
) LAW CENTER (CLC)
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15 Pursuant to Welfare and Institution Code Section 317(e)¹ and 317(f)² the Court hereby
16 acknowledges that the social workers, social work investigators and paralegals ("Investigators") employed
17 by Children's Law Center of Los Angeles (CLC), and the Law Offices of Lisa E. Mandel ("CLC 1"), the
18 Law Offices of Kenneth P. Sherman ("CLC 2") and the Law Offices of Anne Fragasso ("CLC 3") are agents
19 working for their respective attorneys and upon-presentation of CLC identification, are entitled to access to
20 their clients as follows:

- 21 1. Any and all group homes, foster homes, foster family agencies, hospitals, doctors, therapists,

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23 ¹ Welfare and Institutions Code § 317 (e) states in pertinent part:
24 The counsel for the minor shall be charged in general with the representation of
25 the minor's interests. To that end, the counsel shall make or cause to have made
26 any further investigations that he or she deems is good faith to be reasonably
27 necessary to ascertain the facts...Counsel shall investigate the interests of the
28 minor beyond the scope of the juvenile proceeding and report to the court other
interests of the minor that may need to be protected...The court shall take whatever
appropriate action is necessary to fully protect the interest of the minor.

² Welfare and Institutions Code § 317(f) states in pertinent part:
Notwithstanding any other law, counsel shall be given access to all records
relevant to the case which are maintained by the state or local public
agencies...Counsel shall be given access to records maintained by hospitals or other
medical or nonmedical practitioners or by child care custodians...

1 health care providers, day care providers, schools, school officials, and any other custodian of records or
2 agencies providing services to, or having a relationship with their respective clients shall:

3 (a) Permit unrestricted, private attorney-client contact with their client(s), including but not
4 limited to face to face visits, telephone contact and mail exchanges by any Investigator;

5 (b) Permit the inspection and copying of any and all records relating to their client(s) by
6 any Investigator; and


7 (c) Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 317(f) and Evidence Code Section
8 1158, the attorney for the child and/or his or her Investigator is authorized and entitled to request and access
9 records maintained by hospitals or other medical or nonmedical practitioners or by the child care custodians,
10 at CLC expense.

11 2. Presentation of a photocopy of this Order shall be deemed as valid as an original.

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13 This Order shall remain in effect unless or until it is revoked or otherwise amended on the motion of
14 the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge or at the request of any interested parties.

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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18 DATED: 4/7/03

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22 MICHAEL NASH
23 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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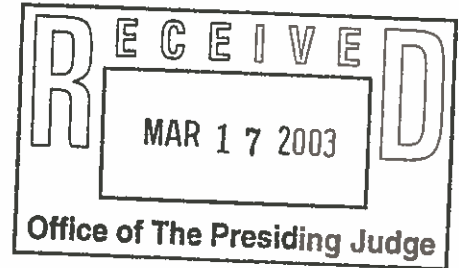


Children's Law Center of Los Angeles

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Executive Director

March 14, 2003

Honorable Michael Nash
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
Edmund D. Edelman Children's Courthouse
201 Centre Plaza Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754



Re: Blanket Orders Relating to the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles

Dear Judge Nash,

I am enclosing copies of two current blanket order, issued by the Court at the request of our organization:

- Blanket Order Re: Notice to Children's Counsel (issued on March 12, 2002) and
- Blanket Order Re: Authorization for Access to Child(ren) Clients by Social Workers, Social Work Investigators and Paralegals Employed by D.C.L.S. Inc. (issued on August 11, 1999)

I am requesting that the Court modify these orders to reflect the following changes:

- Effective January 1, 2003, we changed our name to Children's Law Center of Los Angeles;
- Anne E. Fragasso has replaced Randall Pacheco as Law Firm Director; and
- We changed the name of our social work staff to "investigators" (in order to reflect the true nature of their work and to avoid any confusion with DCFS social workers).

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For your convenience, I am enclosing modified copies of these blanket orders reflecting the requested changes.

If you have any questions in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. My thanks, in advance, for your consideration of this modification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mirjam A. Krinsky".

Mirjam A. Krinsky
Executive Director
Children's Law Center of Los Angeles

cc: Rose Belda, Office of the County Counsel
Pamela Tripp, Juvenile Court Bar Association

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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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12 DEPENDENCY COURT LEGAL SERVICES,
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13 MANDEL, THE LAW OFFICES RANDALL
PACHECO AND THE LAW OFFICES OF
14 KENNETH P. SHERMAN,

15 Petitioners.

BLANKET ORDER RE AUTHORIZATION
FOR ACCESS TO CHILD(REN) CLIENTS
BY SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL WORK
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18 DATED: 8/1/92

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23 MICHAEL NASH
24 Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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July 26, 1999

Honorable Michael Nash
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Monterey Park, California 91754

Re: Blanket Order for D.C.L.S. Investigators

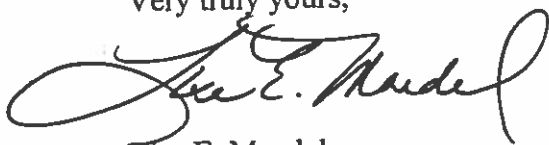
Dear Judge Nash:

Kenneth Sherman, Randall Pacheco and I recently met with Robert Stevenson and Andy Owens of County Counsel' office, and I am pleased to say that we have reached an agreement with regard to the proposed Blanket Order for D.C.L.S. investigators.

A copy of the Order is enclosed for your review. If the Order meets with your approval, three additional Orders are submitted for your signature, one for each D.C.L.S. firm to retain as a master copy.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation in this regard. Should you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Lisa E. Mandel

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Enclosure

cc: Edgar Gilmore
Larry Cory
Robert Stevenson
Andy Owens



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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Lisa Mandel, DCLS
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Kenneth Sherman, DCLS

From: Terry B. Friedman, Presiding Judge Juvenile Court *TF*

Subject: Certified Copies of Blanket Orders

Date: April 20, 2000

It has come to my attention that Los Angeles County Unified School District requires certified copies of court orders to release any information about students in their schools. Therefore, I have enclosed eight certified copies of the Blanket Order Re Authorization for Access to Child(ren) Clients by Social Workers, Social Work Investigators and Paralegals Employed by DLCS, Inc., which was signed by Judge Nash in July 1999. I anticipate that the certified copies will provide the DCLS social workers and investigators more expedient access to children's school records.

Please contact Wendy Aron, Research Attorney, if you have any questions or if you need more certified copies.

Thank you.