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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
JUVENILE COURT

On behalf of:

Margo Minecki,  
Los Angeles County Office of Education,

Petitioner

BLANKET ORDER RE: PUBLICATION OF  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF AND INTERVIEWS  
WITH MINORS UNDER THE  
JURISDICTION OF THE JUVENILE  
COURT

On March 21, 2003, the Juvenile Court issued a Blanket Order permitting the Los Angeles County Office of Education ("LACOE") to publish photographs of and interviews with Juvenile Court School students for its quarterly newsletter "Leaving No Child Behind."

LACOE no longer publishes "Leaving No Child Behind," but in its effort to provide positive news and information about its educational programs, LACOE does produce an online (email) publication called "Schools On Point," as well as a LACOE staff email newsletter called "Channels." "Schools on Point" is distributed to more than 3,000 external stakeholders in school districts and other related agencies, as well as to legislators, policymakers and others with an interest in public education. "Channels" reaches LACOE's 4,000 employees. Both contain articles about education programs that serve minors who are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court and/or under the supervision of the Probation Department. The minors include those in the juvenile halls, camps and community day schools. Due to the confidential nature of juvenile matters, LACOE seeks an order allowing it to publish articles that include photographs of and interviews with minors under the jurisdiction of the Court.

UPON CONSIDERATION of the request, the Juvenile Court hereby issues the following order pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 827 and California Rule of Court 5.552:


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1. LACOE may interview and photograph minors who are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court for articles about LACOE's educational programs in its "School on Point" and "Channels" newsletters.
2. LACOE may not interview, photograph, videotape or voice record any minor in a manner that will show his or her face, profile or any other identifiable feature.
3. The names of the minors shall remain confidential and may not be used in any final product.
4. LACOE shall not question any minor about his or her delinquency case or the underlying conduct which led to the minor's involvement with the Juvenile Court.
5. To the extent that any confidential information regarding a minor's case becomes known to LACOE, that information shall not be published, broadcast, divulged or used for any purpose without further written order of this Court.

This order shall supersede the above-referenced March 21, 2003 Order, and shall remain in effect unless or until it is revoked or otherwise amended on the motion of the Juvenile Court Presiding Judge or at the request of any interested parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: *4/19/06*

  
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MICHAEL NASH  
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court