ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO SEAL UNREDACTED RECORDS FILED PURSUANT TO <u>Chapter 141 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code</u>

Chapter 141 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code permits the filing, either concealed or redacted, of applications, other pleadings, orders, and any exhibits with case information, including the identity of the payee. To promote the expeditious and efficient assignment of cases to the appropriate courts, the Ector County District Courts have determined that it is necessary for the Ector County District Clerk to have access to unredacted case information in all matters that are filed pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. *See* Tex. Gov't Code §§ 21.001 & 51.303.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Ector County District Clerk shall seal, upon the receipt for filing, all unredacted applications, other pleadings, orders, and any exhibits filed pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. *See* Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §141.006(d)(2)(C).

It is further ORDERED that, pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 21(f), Petitioners who file redacted applications requesting approval of the transfer of any structured settlement payment shall simultaneously file unredacted paper copies of said application(s), other pleadings, orders, and any exhibits with the Ector County District Clerk, thereby satisfying the requirements of Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §141.006(b)(d) that such information be filed with, and unredacted notice be provided to, the Court.

It is further ORDERED that sealed documents shall remain sealed until further order of the judge presiding over the case or the Local Administrative Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED the 15th day of February, 2018.

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Cause No.: **CIVIL MINUTES**Ector County, Texas
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Clarissa Webster District Clerk

By Deputy: Chavez, Cindi

W. STACY TROTTER

JUDGE, 358TH DISTRICT COURT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE