FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Order on the Request and Authorization to Open Juvenile Court

Records for Inspection

Form Number: JD-1739B

Statutory Reference: §§48.396(2)(a) - (2)(ap) and 938.396(2g)(ag) - (2g)(am), Wisconsin

Statutes

Benchbook Reference: JV 12

Purpose of Form: Order to open juvenile court records for inspection.

Who Completes It: The juvenile court clerk.

Who Signs It: BY THE COURT: Circuit Court Judge/Municipal Judge. THIS IS A

FINAL ORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPEAL IF SIGNED BY

A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

Distribution of Form: Court and person making request.

Accompanying Forms: Generally none.

New Form/Modification: Modified; last update 03/20.

Modifications: Updated distribution list.

Comments: If a hearing is scheduled, all parties should receive a copy of the request

with the notice of hearing.

Although child/juvenile court records are generally considered not open for inspection, certain specific exceptions are allowed.

• The child/juvenile, parents, guardians, or legal custodian can request access to a child/juvenile's court records;

The expectant mother, 14 years of age or older, whose unborn child is the subject of a chapter 48 proceeding and the guardian ad litem for the unborn child can request access to a child/juvenile's court

records;

• The parents, guardians, or legal custodian may authorize a third party to have access to court records of the child/juvenile;

If the request is made for access, the court having custody of the records must open the records unless the court finds, *after due notice and hearing*, that inspection of those records by the person named in the petition would result in imminent danger to anyone.

Presumably the court is required to review the record before making the disclosure to determine if there is such a danger. If so, the court--

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disclosure. Notice must be provided to the interested persons.

Any person who receives information under this request may further

redisclose the information to anyone without restriction.

About this Form: This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management

Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court's Office and a

mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.

If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be

altered.

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