## LCR 79.
## LIMITED ACCESS TO PATERNITY FILES

(a) Persons. Only the following persons shall have access to paternity files of this court: the mother, the presumed father, any alleged father who has not been dismissed from the case, an attorney representing any of the foregoing or the child (after filing a notice of appearance), any guardian ad litem appointed in the cause and not discharged, the State of Washington as represented by the Attorney General's office or Grant County Prosecutor's Office (or other contracted counsel), and any other person upon permission from a judge or commissioner of the court.

(b) Limited Access. Access to a paternity file by the mother, or presumed or alleged father is limited to review of the file at the office of the clerk of the court when no final Judgment and Order Determining Paternity has been entered. After entry of such Judgment and Order, any party referred to in the order may, upon paying the applicable fee, receive a copy of the order and any visitation order, parenting plan, residential schedule or child support order in the file.

(c) Access by Court Officers. Any attorney, guardian ad litem, or employee or contractor of the Attorney General or Prosecutor authorized by part (a) of this rule to have access to a paternity file may examine or otherwise handle the file in the clerk's office pursuant to policies of the clerk.

(d) Segregation of File. The Clerk of this Court may segregate Paternity files into two or more volumes, ending the first (or subsequent) volume upon entry of an Order Establishing Paternity. Said Order, together with pleadings filed thereafter may be filed in a separate volume or volumes. When such segregation is made by the Clerk, the limitations on access expressed in this rule will be deemed only to apply to the volume(s) closed with filing of the Order Establishing Paternity

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