

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

COLEMAN LASSEN,
Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 2018 CA 002213 NC
DIVISION C CIRCUIT

DOLPHIN TOWER CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION INC,
RONALD BALANCE,
GERALD BARRACK,
MICHAEL CAPIERSEHO,
JOHN COLON,
SHIRL GAUTHIER,
MARVIN KAPLAN,
ROBERT LONG,
WILLIAM MICHAEL,
THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ROWE
DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE
RYAN DECEASED,
DAVID SALENTINE,
RONALD SPANGLER,
CHARLES STENDER,
ROBERT WERMELSKIRCHEN,
Defendant.

ORDER SEALING TRIAL COURT RECORDS IN NONCRIMINAL CASES
(initial motion to seal Court Records)

The Court reviewed DINs 377, 378, 381 and conclude these filings are filings that normally are sealed but as they were filed in this case instead of within the Division to which it belongs, they are currently available for public inspection.

On the Court's own motion,

1. THE RULING—

The Court:

[] **Denies the Motion to maintain Court records as confidential.** The Movant did not show the Court records are entitled to exemption from public disclosure. The Clerk shall unseal and allow public access to the Court records identified in the Motion at the time identified in Paragraph 2 of this Order.

[X] **Grants the Motion to maintain Court records as confidential.** The Court records in Paragraph 1.E. of this Order are entitled to exemption from public disclosure. The Clerk shall maintain those portions of Court records in Paragraph 1.E. of this Order as confidential and not permit public access to them. In granting the motion, the Court finds pursuant to rule 2.420(e)(3): (*must make all findings A-H*)

A. Type of case: .

B. The rule 2.420(c) ground(s) for confidentiality is/are to: (*check all that apply*)

☐ prevent a serious and imminent threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice;

☐ protect trade secrets;

☐ protect a compelling governmental interest;

☐ obtain evidence to determine legal issues in the case;

☐ avoid substantial injury to innocent third parties;

[X] avoid substantial injury to a party by disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in the specific type of proceeding sought to be closed; or

[X] comply with established public policy set forth in the Florida or U.S. Constitution, statutes, Florida Rules of Court, or case law.

C. Whether any party's name is confidential: No

Only if yes, the party shall be referred to as:

D. The progress docket in this case is not confidential.

E. Particular information that is determined to be confidential: (*Use DIN and page # to identify location of confidential information within Court record. In describing the confidential information, remember this order is public.*)

The entirety of DINs 377, 378, 381, and 385.

F. Only the Court, Magistrates, Hearing Officers, Court staff, the Clerk, and the Clerk's deputies, together with the following persons may view the confidential material: (*check only those that apply*)

[X] All attorneys of record.

- ☐ All parties.
- ☐ Only these specific attorneys of record:
- ☒ Only these specific parties: Plaintiff
- ☐ Other persons specifically designated:

- G. The degree, duration, and manner of confidentiality ordered by the Court is no broader than necessary to protect the interests set forth in rule 2.420(c); and no less restrictive measures are available to protect the interests set forth in rule 2.420(c).
- H. The Clerk of this Court shall publish this Order in accordance with rule 2.420(e)(4).

2. CLERK TO TEMPORARY MAINTAIN COURT RECORDS AS CONFIDENTIAL—

If the Court directed the Clerk to unseal any Court records, the Clerk shall continue to maintain those Court records as confidential until 9:00 a.m. Eastern time on . (If no date is present, the Clerk shall unseal those Court records immediately.) This slight delay will permit any aggrieved party an opportunity to seek expedited appellate review.

3. ADDITIONAL COURT INSTRUCTION—

The Court additionally orders: *(none if blank)*

DONE AND ORDERED in Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida, on January 13, 2026.


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e-Signed 1/13/2026 3:06 PM 2018 CA 002213 NC

HUNTER W CARROLL
Circuit Judge

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

On January 13, 2026, the Court caused the foregoing document to be served via the Clerk of Court's case management system, which served the following individuals via email (where indicated). On the same date, the Court also served a copy of the foregoing document via First Class U.S. Mail on the individual who do not have an email address on file with the Clerk of Court.

Attorneys of record