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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: **Omission of Personal Identifiers Prior to Submission or Filing**

Effective May 1, 2009, the Ohio Rules of Superintendence, in conjunction with the 2009 Ohio Sunshine Laws, states the following under Sup. R. §45 (D) (1):

“When submitting a case document to a court or filing a case document with a clerk of court, a party to a judicial action or proceeding shall omit personal identifiers from the document.”

The same Rule, Sup. R. §45 (D) (3), also states:

“The responsibility for omitting personal identifiers from a case document submitted to a court or filed with a clerk of court pursuant to division (D)(1) of this rule shall rest solely with the party. The court or clerk is not required to review the case document to confirm that the party has omitted personal identifiers, and shall not refuse to accept or file the document on that basis.”

I have chosen to supply this information to you in advance of its May 1, 2009 effective date in the hope that you will make every effort to comply with this new Rule at your earliest possible convenience.

Please understand -- this Rule affects all filings to all Ohio courts.

Very truly yours,

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