

Proposed Amendment to Civil LR 5-1(c)(5)(B)(i):

(B) Retrieval. Any person may review at the Clerk's Office all filings, electronic or paper, that have not been sealed by the Court. Any ECF user also may access the ECF system and retrieve electronically filed documents that are not sealed, with the following exception:

(i) Exception. Only counsel for a party, or a pro se party who is an ECF user, may access the ECF system and retrieve any electronically filed document in a Social Security appeal ~~or certain immigration cases~~ pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2(c). Any other ECF user may access and retrieve electronically only the docket for the case and any orders entered by the Court. Any person may have access to the full record at the Clerk's Office.

Amendment to General Order 61:

GENERAL ORDER No 61 IMMIGRATION-~~MANDAMUS~~-CASES

Public Access to Electronic Files in Actions or Proceedings Relating to an Order of Removal, to Relief from Removal, or to Immigration Benefits or Detention

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2(c), the Court orders that nonparties may access electronic records in actions or proceedings relating to an order of removal, to relief from removal, or to immigration benefits or detention. Access to such records is now governed by Civil Local Rule 5-1(c)(5)(B).

If necessary to protect privacy and safety interests, the plaintiff or petitioner in such a proceeding may, in any filing, use initials instead of a full name for the plaintiff, petitioner, or any family member or close associate of the plaintiff or petitioner. Initials may be used without prior approval of the Court. If initials are used, the plaintiff or petitioner must also file under seal pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5 and serve upon all other parties a declaration providing the full name of any individual identified by initials in public filings. Should a plaintiff or petitioner exercise this option in a complaint or filing, any other party shall also use the initials in subsequent filings absent further order of the Court, and the Court will strongly consider using initials in lieu of full names in any orders it issues.

The provisions of this General Order do not affect any party's right to seek the sealing of other information pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5. In applying Civil Local Rule 79-5 in cases governed by this order, the Court will presume that the record of a petitioner's immigration proceedings may properly be filed under seal to protect the petitioner's privacy and security interests. Should a petition or complaint disclose material presumptively filed under seal in accordance with this order, that material should be redacted from the publicly accessible version of the petition or complaint.

Immigration Mandamus Case Scheduling

In any civil action seeking a writ of mandamus regarding immigration benefits, ...

[balance of General Order remains unchanged]