IN THE SUPREME COURT STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

ORDER

Supreme Court No. 20180118

Proposed Amendments to N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 19 Regarding Court Records Management Program and Adoption of a New N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 41 Regarding Access To Court Records

[¶1] On September 25, 2019, following committee review and public comment, a new N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 41 regarding acess to Court records was adopted. The rule included remote access to public court records. Remote access is defined as "the ability to electronically search, inspect, or copy information in a court record without the need to physically visit the court facility where the court record is maintained." N.D. Sup. Ct. Admin. R. 41(3)(d). Concerns arose regarding remote access to confidential or personal information in public records, and on January 7, 2020, by consensus of the Justices, remote access was suspended. The Court considered the matter, and

- [¶2] ORDERED, effective immediately and until further order of the Court, anonymous remote public access to district court records is suspended.
- [¶3] IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective immediately and until further order of the Court, Supreme Court public records will be returned to the anonymous remote public access available prior to January 1, 2020.
- [¶4] The Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota convened this 8th day of January, 2020, with, the Honorable Jon J. Jensen, Chief Justice, and the Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle, the Honorable Daniel J. Crothers, the Honorable Lisa Fair McEvers, the Honorable Jerod E. Tufte, Justices, directing the Clerk of the Supreme Court to enter the above order.

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North Dakota Supreme Court