

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 16<sup>th</sup>  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 18-CA-00615-K

NATHANIEL BENJAMIN OWENS,

Plaintiff,

v.

KEY WEST HMA, LLC d/b/a LOWER  
KEYS MEDICAL CENTER; HORACIO E.  
REINOSO, M.D.; ALBERT M. STERNS, M.D.  
and MD4ER, LLC.

Defendants.

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**ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S EX-PARTE MOTION TO SEAL PETITION FOR  
AUTHORIZATION OF FEE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO FLORIDA RULE OF  
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 2.420(c)(9)**

This matter is before the Court on the motion of the Plaintiff pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(c)(9)(vii) for an Order sealing the Petition for Authorization of Contingency Fee Contract and the Order entered thereon.

Having considered the arguments of the Plaintiff, legal authority and otherwise being fully advised, the Court GRANTS the Motion as follows:

The Petition for Authorization of the Fee Contract and other thereon should remain confidential and should be sealed as the same is required to protect the following interests: Complying with established public policy set forth in the Florida or United States Constitution or Statutes or Florida Rules or case law, specifically Florida Rule of Ethics/Professional Responsibility 4-1.5.

The Court further finds that no less restrictive measure is available to protect this interest, and that the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality order herein are no broader than necessary to protect the interest.

**WHEREFORE**, it is hereby Ordered that the Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby directed to seal immediately the following materials related to this matter and to keep such materials from public access: The following documents within the Court file: Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Petition for Approval of Fee Contract dated Sept. 1, 2018 and the Order on the same dated Oct 26, 2018. However, the file and progress docket shall otherwise remain available to the public.

It is further Ordered that any material sealed pursuant to this Order shall be confidentially disclosed upon the entry of a further Order by this Court finding that such opening is necessary for purposes of judicial or governmental accountability or First Amendment Rights.

It is further Ordered that any material sealed pursuant to this Order may otherwise be disclosed only as follows:

1. To any Judge of this Circuit for case related reasons;
2. To the Chief Judge or his or her designee;
3. To adult parties or their attorney's of record; or
4. By further order of this Court.

It is further Ordered that the Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of the attached Notice of Entry of Order Authorizing Sealing on the Clerk's and the Court's websites for a period of FIFTEEN (15) days and to affix a copy of the Order on the outside of the Court record.

It is further Ordered that the Clerk is hereby authorized to unseal any materials sealed pursuant to this Order for the purposes of filing, microfilming or imaging files, or transmitting a record to an appellate tribunal. The materials shall be re-sealed immediately upon completion of the filing.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, in Monroe County, Florida this 26<sup>th</sup> day of

Oct

, 2018.

  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

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