

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Administrative Order No. 158

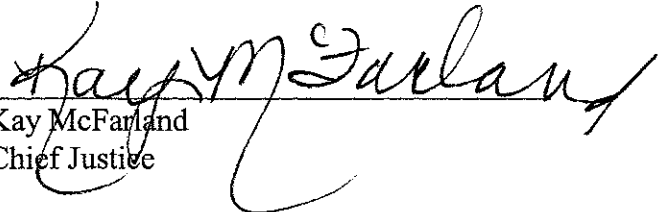
Re: Access to Official and Social Files of
Child in Need of Care and Juvenile Offender Cases

Pursuant to K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 38-1506(a)(4) and (b) and K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 38-1607(a), (b)(8) and (c), the Supreme Court hereby authorizes Family and Children staff of the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) and other persons designated by the Judicial Administrator to examine any district court files described in K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 38-1506(a)(4) and (b) and K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 38-1607(a), (b)(8) and (c) to determine compliance with the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA). In the event of seeming noncompliance with ASFA requirements, OJA staff is authorized to notify appropriate SRS and/or JJA staff to begin independent investigation into the continued appropriation of federal IV-E funds. This order shall remain in full force and effect from the date this order is signed through December 31, 2001.

Court employees are directed to cooperate with the reviewers and may remain with them during the review to answer questions and provide documentation.

No documents or parts of documents in the files examined shall be removed from the court by the reviewers, and no person performing the file review may, directly or indirectly, disclose the names or identities of any parties to the proceedings documented by the files. K.S.A. 38-1506 and 38-1607 prohibit disclosure of these files to unauthorized persons and thus declares them confidential.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 15th day of December 2000.



Kay McFarland
Chief Justice