ATTORNEY AGREEMENT FOR VIEWING COURT RECORDS PRIOR TO REDACTION

The Court Records Rule, SDCL ch. 15-15A, requires a case file be redacted of Social Security numbers, financial account numbers, and financial documents containing personally identifying information before it may be viewed by the public, including attorneys who are not of record to a case file. The South Dakota Supreme Court has adopted a narrow exception to this rule which allows attorneys who are not of record to a case file to view a case file prior to redaction in an effort to assure the attorney may see the record in a timely manner. This narrow exception requires the attorney who wishes to view the case file to sign the following agreement before he/she may view the file without redaction of this confidential information.

I, _____, agree _____, agree

that I will not sell or otherwise disseminate the confidential information (to include, but not limited to, Social Security numbers and financial document information) within this court record that I am able to view prior to the clerks' redacting information under the Court Records Rule, SDCL ch. 15-15A. Redistribution or selling this information is also specifically prohibited by SDCL 1-27-1, as a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Case Name/Number
Signature
Firm name
Address
Date