

## Rule 7.043

### REFERENCE TO CERTAIN PERSONS

- (a) **Purpose.** This rule establishes guidelines for identifying certain persons in an appellate case to avoid unnecessary trauma and to maintain statutory requirements of confidentiality.
- (b) **Applicability.** This rule applies when referencing any of the following persons in an appellate case:
  - (1) a minor;
  - (2) a person whose identity could reveal the name of a minor;
  - (3) a victim of a sex crime;
  - (4) a party in a protection from abuse case;
  - (5) a party in a protection from stalking, sexual assault, or human trafficking case; and
  - (6) a juror or venire member.
- (c) **Reference.** Except for certified district court documents required when docketing an appeal under Rule 2.04, any document filed in an appellate case and any appellate court decision must reference a person described in subsection (b) by the following:
  - (1) initials;
  - (2) pseudonym;
  - (3) familial relationship or generic descriptor; or
  - (4) juror number.
- (d) **Attachment or Appendix.** A person filing an attachment or appendix to a document must either redact the name of any person described in subsection (b) or must follow subsection (c) in referencing the person.
- (e) **Exception.** This rule does not prohibit the use of a defendant's full name in a criminal case unless the defendant is a minor.

[**History:** New rule effective August 8, 1985; Am. effective September 6, 2005; Am. effective July 7, 2008; Restyled rule effective July 1, 2012; Am. effective January 1, 2021.]