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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
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9 Leanna Smith,

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 Barrow Neurological Institute of St.)
13 Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, et
14 al.,

15 Defendants.
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No. CV 10-01632-PHX-FJM

ORDER

17 We have before us plaintiff's motion for leave to file a response to defendants' motion
18 for summary judgment and controverting statement of facts under seal because these
19 documents discuss rulings of the juvenile court. (Doc. 144).

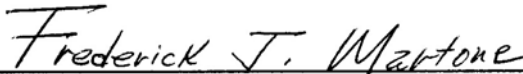
20 There is a "strong presumption in favor of access" to court records. Kamakana v. City
21 & Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006). To overcome this burden, a party
22 seeking to seal a judicial record "must articulate compelling reasons supported by specific
23 factual findings that outweigh the general history of access and the public policies favoring
24 disclosure." Id. at 1178-79 (brackets, internal quotation marks, and citations omitted).

25 Juvenile court records and proceedings are generally confidential. See, e.g., A.R.S.
26 § 8-208(F) ("Except as otherwise provided by law, the records of an adoption, severance or
27 dependency proceeding shall not be open to public inspection."); § 8-537(A) (excluding
28 general public from termination adjudication hearing). Public policy favors the protection

1 of minors' privacy in such matters. Compelling reasons exist for sealing these documents.

2 **IT IS ORDERED GRANTING** plaintiff's motion to file under seal (doc. 144).

3 DATED this 31st day of May, 2012.

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 Frederick J. Martone
7 United States District Judge
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