

Epstein ruling likely to face appeal

The financier's accusers want the case unsealed to use in litigation against the Palm Beach Post.

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WEST PALM BEACH — A judge on Friday declined to suspend his ruling to unseal financier Jeffrey Epstein's secret non-prosecution deal with federal prosecutors, but delayed the documents' release until Thursday.

The delay gives Epstein's attorneys time to challenge the ruling in the 4th District Court of Appeal.

"We'll let the appellate court tell us what the law in this case will

be," Circuit Judge Jeffrey Cobath said.

Epstein's attorneys Jack Goldberger and Robert Critton argued that release of the confidential document would violate a federal rule restricting a

lease of information about federal grand juries and would also cause Epstein irreparable harm.

"If the proverbial horse is out of the barn, you can't get him back in," Critton argued.

Attorneys for women prostitutes and procuring teenagers for prostitution now suing Epstein, together with an attorney for and was sentenced to 18



Epstein
Pleaded guilty to solicitation and procuring teenagers for prostitution.

The *Palm Beach Post*, had asked Cobath to release the deal, arguing the public has a right to see it and the victims have a right to use it in their litigation.

Epstein pleaded guilty in state court nearly a year ago to solicitation of prostitutes and sexual encounters with minors in 1998. His plea followed investigations by state and federal authorities, including accounts of teenagers brought to Epstein's Palm Beach manse for mass

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