

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Savell v. Dorel Home Furnishings, Inc.

Savell · No. 2:24-cv-01981-JAM-CSK · Decided December 2, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is an order of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California approving a modified stipulated protective order in Eric J. Savell v. Dorel Home Furnishings, Inc. The protective order governs the designation, disclosure, filing, challenge, return, and destruction of confidential discovery materials, including ladder design, testing, sales, quality-assurance, and consumer-injury records. The court clarified that it will not retain jurisdiction to enforce the protective order after the action is closed, notwithstanding a contrary provision in the parties’ stipulation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chi Soo Kim
DECIDED	December 2, 2025
DOCKET	2:24-cv-01981-JAM-CSK
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties submitted a stipulated protective order for approval in a pending federal product-liability action.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- product liability

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties' stipulated protective order comported with the relevant authorities and the Eastern District of California's Local Rule 141.1.
- Whether the court would retain jurisdiction to enforce the protective order after the underlying action was closed.

HOLDINGS

1. The stipulated protective order was approved because it comported with the relevant authorities and Local Rule 141.1, subject to clarification concerning post-closure jurisdiction.
2. The court would not retain jurisdiction over the protective order once the underlying case was closed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court’s Local Rules indicate that once an action is closed, it “will not retain jurisdiction over enforcement of the terms of any protective order filed in that action.”” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties anticipated producing confidential business information concerning the design, testing, quality assurance, and sales of ladder models involved in the litigation, as well as consumer injury reports containing personally identifying and sensitive information. They requested a court-entered protective order to govern disclosure of those materials to counsel, experts, witnesses, third parties, and the court.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties jointly submitted a stipulated protective order concerning confidential discovery materials. The court approved the order subject to clarifying that it would not retain jurisdiction to enforce the protective order after the underlying action is closed.

DISPOSITION

approved

CASES CITED

- Bylin Heating Sys., Inc. v. Thermal Techs., Inc., 2012 WL 13237584, at *2 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 29, 2012)

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