

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

## Kajan Johnson, et al. v. Zuffa LLC, et al.

Johnson v. Zuffa · No. 2:21-cv-01189-RFB-BNW · Decided January 20, 2026

### SUMMARY

The court denied without prejudice Plaintiffs' motion to seal exhibits submitted in support of a joint status report because reliance on a stipulated protective order alone did not justify sealing court records. The court directed the Clerk's Office to maintain the exhibits under seal and required any motion to maintain the seal to be filed by February 20, 2026.

### CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the District of Nevada             |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Brenda Weksler                                                      |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the District of Nevada             |
| DECIDED               | January 20, 2026                                                    |
| DOCKET                | 2:21-cv-01189-RFB-BNW                                               |
| DISPOSITION           | other                                                               |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Plaintiffs moved to seal exhibits supporting a joint status report. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | unpublished                                                         |

### TOPICS

civil procedure

### PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

court records

### QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether a stipulated protective order, standing alone, justifies sealing court records.
2. Whether plaintiffs' motion to seal should be granted based on the stated rationale.

### HOLDINGS

1. A stipulated protective order alone does not justify sealing court records.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Stipulated protective orders alone do not justify sealing court records.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs sought to keep certain exhibits supporting their December 30, 2025, joint status report under seal. They relied on the parties' stipulated protective order as the basis for sealing or redacting the documents. The exhibits were maintained under seal at ECF No. 346.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiffs filed a motion to seal exhibits at ECF No. 345, and the exhibits were lodged under seal at ECF No. 346. The court denied the motion without prejudice and directed the Clerk's Office to maintain the exhibits under seal temporarily, pending a proper sealing motion.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1183 (9th Cir. 2006)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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‘ ORDER

7 Zuffa LLC, et al., 8 Defendants. 9 10 Plaintiffs filed a motion to seal certain exhibits in support of its December 30, 2025, Joint 11 |} Status Report (at ECF No. 344). ECF No. 345. The sealed documents are currently at ECF No. 12 || 346. Plaintiffs rely on the protective order entered into by the parties as the rationale for 13 || sealing/redacting documents in both motions. Stipulated protective orders alone do not justify 14 || sealing court records. Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1183 (9th Cir. 15 || 2006). 16 The party wishing to maintain these exhibits under seal must file the appropriate motion 17 || no later than February 20, 2026. Should no motion be filed by that deadline, this Court will unseal 18 |} the documents at ECF No. 346. 19 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiffs’ motions to seal (ECF No. 345) is 20 |} DENIED without prejudice 21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the Clerk’s Office is directed to maintain ECF No. 346 22 || until further orders from the Court. 23 24 DATED: January 20, 2026 25 . 26 Kg ence ban

BRENDA WEKSLER □

27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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