

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

C&SM Intl v. Prettylittlething.com USA Inc.

C&SM Intl · No. 2:25-cv-02387-SVW(JDEx) · Decided June 11, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulated protective order entered by the United States District Court for the Central District of California in C&SM Intl v. Prettylittlething.com USA, Inc. It governs the designation, use, disclosure, sealing, challenge, and final disposition of confidential discovery materials, including procedures for inadvertent disclosure and privileged materials. The order was issued for good cause and dated June 11, 2025.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	John D. Early
DECIDED	June 11, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-02387-SVW(JDEx)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court entered a stipulated protective order based on the parties' stipulation and a finding of good cause.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Discovery
- Confidentiality and protective orders
- Copyright litigation
- Commercial litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether good cause supported entry of a stipulated protective order governing confidential discovery materials.

2. What standards and procedures govern the designation, use, challenge, and sealing of protected discovery material.
3. What obligations apply to protected material after final disposition of the action.

HOLDINGS

1. Good cause supported entry of a protective order limiting disclosure and use of qualifying confidential discovery materials in the litigation.
2. A designation of discovery material as confidential does not itself authorize filing that material under seal; the party seeking sealing must comply with Local Civil Rule 79-5 and make the showing required for the type of filing at issue.
3. Protected material may be used only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle the action and may be disclosed only to authorized persons under the protective order.
4. The protective-order protections generally do not extend beyond commencement of trial for information used or introduced as a trial exhibit, and after final disposition receiving parties must return or destroy protected material upon the specified written request, subject to counsel's archival-copy exception.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This Protective Order does not entitle the parties to file confidential information under seal” (at 2)

“There is a strong presumption that the public has a right of access to judicial proceedings and records in civil cases.” (at 2)

“Again, competent evidence supporting the application to file documents under seal must be provided by declaration.” (at 3)

“A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending or attempting to settle this Action.” (at 6)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The action is expected to involve discovery of trade secrets, customer and pricing lists, and other confidential commercial, financial, technical, and proprietary information. The parties sought protections governing designation, use, disclosure, sealing, challenge, and final disposition of such discovery materials.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff C&SM Intl brought a federal copyright action against Prettylittlething.com USA, Inc. and Doe defendants. The parties submitted a stipulation for entry of a protective order, which the court approved on June 11, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Kamakana v. City & County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2006)
- Phillips v. Gen. Motors Corp., 307 F.3d 1206, 1210-11 (9th Cir. 2002)
- Makar-Welbon v. Sony Electronics, Inc., 187 F.R.D. 576, 577 (E.D. Wis. 1999)
- Pintos v. Pac. Creditors Ass'n, 605 F.3d 665, 677-79 (9th Cir. 2010)

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