

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

**Sedigheh Battle, Lonnie Ashton, and Hermon McCoy v. Hyundai
Motor Company, Hyundai Motor America, and Does 1 through 5,
inclusive**

Battle v. Hyundai Motor Co. · No. 8:23-cv-02035-JWH-ADS · Decided June 17, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a Stipulated Protective Order entered in Sedigheh Battle, Lonnie Ashton, and Hermon McCoy v. Hyundai Motor Company, Hyundai Motor America, and Does 1 through 5, Case No. 8:23-cv-02035-JWH-ADS, in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. It governs the designation, disclosure, use, challenge, handling, and final disposition of confidential, highly confidential, and protected personal data produced in discovery.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Autumn D. Spaeth
DECIDED	June 17, 2025
DOCKET	8:23-cv-02035-JWH-ADS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties stipulated to entry of a protective order governing confidential, highly confidential, and protected personal data produced in discovery, and the magistrate judge entered the order for good cause shown.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Sedigheh Battle, Lonnie Ashton, Hermon McCoy, the putative class v. Hyundai Motor Company, Hyundai Motor America, Does 1 through 5, inclusive

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- class actions
- commercial

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether good cause supported entry of a stipulated protective order governing confidential discovery material.
2. What procedures and restrictions should govern designation, disclosure, challenge, use, sealing, and disposition of protected discovery material.

HOLDINGS

1. For good cause shown, the court entered the parties' stipulated protective order governing confidential, highly confidential, and protected data produced or generated in discovery.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.” (at 1 of the order)

“The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.” (at 27-28)

“Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited.” (at 27-28)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The action is a putative class action against Hyundai Motor Company and Hyundai Motor America. Discovery is expected to involve trade secrets, customer and pricing lists, research and development information, commercial and financial information, technical information, private customer information, and other proprietary or sensitive material. The parties sought a protective order to regulate designation, disclosure, use, challenge, filing, and final disposition of such material.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was filed on October 31, 2023, and a second amended complaint was filed on June 7, 2024. The parties submitted the stipulated protective order on June 13, 2025, and Magistrate Judge Autumn D. Spaeth ordered it entered on June 17, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180-81 (9th Cir. 2006)