

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
GEORGIA, AUGUSTA DIVISION

ALPS Property & Casualty Insurance Co. v. Jeremy Cohen; Lorin
Cohen; Xytex Cryo International, Ltd.; and Xytex Ventures, LLC

ALPS Property & Casualty Insurance Co. v. Cohen · No. CV 125-105 · Decided March 11, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia grants Jeremy Cohen and Lorin Cohen’s motion to seal certain email attachments and client records submitted with their reply in support of a cross-motion for partial summary judgment. The Court concludes that the privacy interests of the defendants outweigh the public right of access and orders Exhibits B, C, and D sealed in their entirety. The seal is to remain in place pending resolution of related litigation in the Superior Court of Columbia County, Georgia.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Augusta Division
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, Augusta Division
DECIDED	March 11, 2026
DOCKET	CV 125-105
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendants Jeremy Cohen and Lorin Cohen moved to seal email attachments and client records submitted as exhibits to their reply in support of a cross-motion for partial summary judgment.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court balanced the historical presumption of public access to judicial records against the significant privacy and other interests asserted in support of sealing.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- insurance

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should seal the email attachments and client records submitted as Exhibits B, C, and D.
2. Whether the exhibits should be sealed in their entirety rather than redacted.

HOLDINGS

1. A court may seal judicial records when the significant privacy interests identified by the party seeking sealing outweigh the historical presumption of public access, and sealing will not impair court functions.
2. The exhibits should be sealed in their entirety rather than redacted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“When deciding whether to grant a party’s motion to seal, the court is required to balance the historical presumption of access against any significant interests raised by the party seeking to file under seal.” (Order)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Cohen Defendants submitted email attachments and client records maintained by Jeremy Cohen in support of their reply on a cross-motion for partial summary judgment. The records concerned Xytex Cryo International, Ltd. and Xytex Ventures, LLC, former clients of Jeremy Cohen who were adverse to the Cohen Defendants in underlying litigation pending in the Superior Court of Columbia County, Georgia. The Defendants sought to keep the materials sealed until that litigation concluded.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Cohen Defendants filed a motion to seal Exhibits B, C, and D containing client records related to their former clients and underlying litigation in the Superior Court of Columbia County, Georgia. The district court granted the motion, ordered the exhibits sealed in their entirety, and directed the Clerk to maintain the originals under seal pending resolution of the underlying Xytex Litigation.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Nixon v. Warner Communications, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978)
- *BASF Corp. v. SNF Holding Co.*, Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-251, 2019 WL 2881594, at *4 (S.D. Ga. July 3, 2019)
- *Globe Newspaper Co. v. Superior Court for Norfolk County*, 457 U.S. 596 (1982)

