

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA, WESTERN DIVISION

Greenmount LLC v. Cleanline Management LLC

No. 2:23-cv-10376-MRA-RAO (C.D. Cal. Mar. 19, 2025) · No. 2:23-cv-10376-MRA-RAO · Decided March 19, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulated protective order submitted in Greenmount LLC v. Cleanline Management LLC in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. It establishes procedures for designating, handling, challenging, disclosing, filing under seal, and disposing of confidential and attorneys’-eyes-only discovery materials.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California, Western Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Rozella A. Oliver
JURISDICTION	U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
DECIDED	March 19, 2025
DOCKET	2:23-cv-10376-MRA-RAO
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties stipulated to entry of a protective order governing confidential discovery material and petitioned the court to enter it. United States Magistrate Judge Rozella A. Oliver entered the stipulated protective order for good cause shown.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- commercial

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- trade secrets
- discovery confidentiality

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

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

HOLDINGS

1. The court entered the stipulated protective order upon a finding of good cause shown.
2. A designation under the protective order does not itself authorize filing material under seal; a party must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5 and obtain a court order authorizing sealing of the specific material.
3. Protected material may be used only to prosecute, defend, or attempt to settle the action and may be disclosed only to persons and under the conditions specified in the protective order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The parties’ mere designation of Disclosure or Discovery Material as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY – CONFIDENTIAL” does not—without the submission of competent evidence by declaration, establishing that the material sought to be filed under seal qualifies as confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable—constitute good cause.” (at 2, § 1.C)

“Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue.” (at 16, § 12.3)

“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 8, § 7.1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The litigation may involve discovery containing trade secrets, customer and pricing lists, research and development information, commercial and financial information, technical information, employment information, and private information concerning parties or third parties. The parties sought procedures limiting use and disclosure of qualifying material, addressing challenges to confidentiality designations, and governing the handling of protected material after final disposition.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Greenmount LLC and counterdefendants, Cleanline Management LLC, and Nicholas Coburn stipulated to protections for confidential, proprietary, personal, commercial, and potentially privileged discovery materials. The court approved and entered the stipulated protective order on March 19, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2006)
- Phillips v. General 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. Pacific Creditors Ass'n, 605 F.3d 665, 677-79 (9th Cir. 2010)

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