

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
OHIO

**Atlantic Recording Corporation, Bad Boy Records LLC, Big Beat
Records Inc., Elektra Entertainment Group Inc., Rhino
Entertainment LLC, Warner Music International Services Limited,
Warner Music Nashville LLC, Warner Records Inc., Cotillion Music,
Inc., Gene Autry's Western Music Publishing Co., Unichappell Music
Inc., W Chappell Music Corp., W.C.M. Music Corp., Warner
Chappell Music, Inc., and Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp. v.
Designer Brands Inc., DSW Shoe Warehouse, Inc., Topo Athletic
LLC, and Does 1 through 10, inclusive**

No. 2:25-cv-00479-MHW-EPD, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (January 8, 2026)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION ATLANTIC RECORDING CORPORATION, CASE NO. 2:25-cv-00479-
MHW-EPD BAD BOY RECORDS LLC, BIG BEAT RECORDS INC., ELEKTRA Judge
Michael H. Watson ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC., RHINO ENTERTAINMENT LLC,
WARNER MUSIC Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Preston INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
LIMITED, Deavers WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE LLC, WARNER RECORDS INC.,
COTILLION MUSIC, INC., GENE AUTRY'S WESTERN MUSIC PUBLISHING CO.,
UNICHAPPELL MUSIC INC., W CHAPPELL MUSIC CORP., W.C.M.

MUSIC CORP., WARNER CHAPPELL MUSIC, INC., and WARNER- TAMERLANE
PUBLISHING CORP., Plaintiffs, v. DESIGNER BRANDS INC., DSW SHOE WAREHOUSE,
INC., TOPO ATHLETIC LLC, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, Defendants. ORDER This
matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Under Seal. Plaintiffs
seek to seal their forthcoming opposition to Defendants' motion to compel (ECF.

No. 41). More specifically, Plaintiffs seek to file under seal certain information referenced in
Defendants' motion to compel, which this Court already has ordered to be sealed (ECF No. 44).
As such, the Court is satisfied that Plaintiffs have demonstrated that protecting such information
outweighs the public's interest in disclosure of these materials in this case.

Shane Grp., Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mich., 825 F.3d 299, 305 (6th Cir. 2016). Accordingly, Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Under Seal is GRANTED. Plaintiffs shall file their forthcoming opposition to Defendants' motion to compel under seal.

The Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain these documents under seal until further Order of the Court. The parties are precluded from publicly disclosing the sealed information or disclosing such information to any third party, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 8, 2025 /s/ Elizabeth A. Preston Deavers ELIZABETH A. PRESTON DEAVERS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE