

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

Vinci Brands, LLC v. Coach Servs. Inc., et al.

Vinci Brands · No. 1:23-cv-05138 · Decided December 1, 2025

SUMMARY

This document contains a letter by Vinci Brands, LLC and Charles Tebele seeking to keep an exhibit containing private banking information under seal in litigation against Coach Services, Inc. The letter invokes the Second Circuit’s framework governing public access to judicial documents and argues that the privacy interests in personal financial information justify sealing. A court order grants the sealing request and directs the Clerk to maintain or remove restrictions on specified docket entries.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Valerie Figueredo
DECIDED	December 1, 2025
DOCKET	1:23-cv-05138
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Vinci Brands, LLC and Charles Tebele moved to maintain under seal an exhibit containing private banking and financially sensitive information. The magistrate judge granted the motion to seal and directed the Clerk regarding the sealing and unsealing of specified docket entries.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the three-part framework governing public access to judicial documents: whether the material is a judicial document, the weight of the presumption of access, and whether competing considerations overcome that presumption.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- civil procedure
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PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Exhibit E containing private banking and financially sensitive information should remain under seal.
2. Whether the court should maintain the sealing of specified docket entries and remove restrictions from other docket entries.

HOLDINGS

1. The court granted the motion to seal Exhibit E because it contained private banking information and other financially sensitive information whose privacy interests overcame the presumption of public access.
2. The parties' motion to seal was granted; the Clerk was directed to maintain sealing at ECF Nos. 953-1 and 969-1, remove restrictions from specified related docket entries, and close the motions at ECF Nos. 968 and 974.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The parties' motion to seal is GRANTED.” (at 1)

“A three-part analysis determines whether a document relating to a lawsuit should be made openly available.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Exhibit E contained the private banking information of Charles Tebele and Michael Haddad. The moving parties represented that the exhibit included personal, confidential, and financially sensitive information designated as confidential under the parties' confidentiality agreement and order. The court determined that the private financial information warranted protection from public disclosure.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The motion arose in ongoing federal civil litigation before the Southern District of New York. The moving parties submitted a letter seeking continued sealing of an exhibit filed at ECF Nos. 952 and 968. The court granted the motion, maintained the sealing of specified exhibits, removed restrictions from other specified docket entries, and closed the motions at ECF Nos. 968 and 974.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co.*, 435 F.3d 110, 119-20 (2d Cir. 2006)
- *United States v. Amodeo*, 71 F.3d 1044, 1049 (2d Cir. 1995)
- *City of Almaty, Kazakhstan v. Ablyazov*, No. 15 Civ. 5345, 2021 WL 1177737, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 29, 2021)

