

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Sophia Parker, pseudonymously v. The Eight Seasons, Inc.

Parker · No. 2:24-cv-1880-CDS-MDC · Decided January 27, 2026

SUMMARY

This is a protective order entered by the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in Parker v. The Eight Seasons, Inc. The order permits the plaintiff to proceed pseudonymously during pretrial proceedings and establishes procedures for protecting and handling information identifying her, including redaction and restrictions on disclosure.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Nevada
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maximiliano D. Couvillier, III
DECIDED	January 27, 2026
DOCKET	2:24-cv-1880-CDS-MDC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court entered a protective order governing the plaintiff's use of a pseudonym and the handling of information revealing her identity during the pretrial proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Sophia Parker, pseudonymously v. The Eight Seasons, Inc.

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- pleadings

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- discovery
- privacy and confidentiality

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the plaintiff should be permitted to proceed pseudonymously during the pretrial proceedings because disclosure of her identity could cause further trauma and stigma.
- What procedures should govern the protection, disclosure, redaction, and potential sealing of information that reveals the plaintiff's identity.

3. What meet-and-confer procedure should precede judicial intervention concerning disputes under the protective order.

HOLDINGS

1. The plaintiff may proceed pseudonymously throughout the pretrial proceedings, with the parties required to refer to her as "Sophia Parker" or "Plaintiff" in pretrial public filings, discovery, and pretrial public court proceedings.
2. Information containing the plaintiff's current legal name, residence, workplace, or other identifying information must be designated and handled as "TRUE IDENTITY" information, and parties and third parties must redact such information from court filings.
3. The protective order does not itself authorize filing protected materials under seal; a party must obtain prior court permission for each sealing request by motion and a showing of good cause.
4. The parties must comply in good faith with the meet-and-confer requirement of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(1) before seeking judicial intervention concerning disputes under the protective order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Plaintiff is permitted to proceed pseudonymously throughout the pre-trial course of these proceedings to avoid further trauma and stigma to Plaintiff." (at 1)

"Nothing in this Protective Order authorizes the filing of protected materials under seal." (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff represented that disclosure of her identity in connection with the action would subject her to further trauma and stigma. The order also addresses information concerning her current legal name, residence, workplace, and related medical, educational, financial, and employment information. It specifically establishes notice and objection procedures for disclosure to Edmund Ho or other known or suspected traffickers identified in the plaintiff's Rule 26 disclosures.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court entered the protective order pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(c) and 5.2 and its inherent authority. The order permits the plaintiff to proceed pseudonymously during the pretrial phase and establishes procedures for disclosure, designation, redaction, and potential filing under seal of information identifying her.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Procter & Gamble Co. v. Bankers Trust Co., 78 F.3d 219 (6th Cir. 1996)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 3 SOPHIA PARKER.,
pseudonymously, Case No. 2:24-cv-1880-CDS-MDC 4 Plaintiff, vs. 5 THE EIGHT SEASONS,
INC., 6 PROTECTIVE ORDER RE Defendant. PLAINTIFF'S IDENTITY 7 8 PROTECTIVE
ORDER 9 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2, and its inherent authority, the
Court 10 hereby orders the entry of the following Protective Order in this matter.

11 1. Considering the highly sensitive nature of the issues involved, Plaintiff is permitted to 12
proceed pseudonymously throughout the pre-trial course of these proceedings to avoid further 13
trauma and stigma to Plaintiff.

The Parties exclusively will reference the Plaintiff through the 14 pseudonym "Sophia Parker" or
as "Plaintiff" in all pre-trial public filings, throughout the course 15 of discovery, and in all pre-
trial public Court proceedings. 16 2. Counsel for Plaintiff shall provide to the respective counsel
for the Defendants the true 17 identity of Plaintiff upon the entry of this Protective Order by the
Court.

As used herein, True 18 Identity means Plaintiff's full current legal name and her current residence
and workplace. 19 The Parties may designate as "True Identity" any documents, testimony, written
responses, 20 or other materials produced in this case that contain information, data, or tangible
items that reflect 21 Plaintiff's True Identity, including photographs showing her current residence
or workplace or any 22 part thereof or documents listing her current legal name or physical
addresses of residences or 23 workplaces.

Any documents referring to Plaintiff as "Sophia Parker," without reference to her 24 current legal
name or current residence or workplace addresses, will not be designated as "True 25 Identity." 26
Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendants expressly reserve their respective rights to 27 request
from Plaintiff during the course of discovery any other information that is linked or 28 linkable to
her True Identity, such as, but not limited to, any medical, educational, financial, employment, or
other information.

2 3. Plaintiff represents that disclosure of her identity within the context of this Action will 3
subject her to further trauma and stigma. Plaintiff further represents that she has taken steps to 4
prevent disclosure of her True Identity in conjunction with this Action, that she is unaware of any
5 public disclosure of Plaintiff's True Identity in conjunction with this Action, and that she does
not 6 intend to publicly disclose her True Identity in conjunction with this Action, on social
media or 7 otherwise.

If Defendants become aware of any public disclosure of Plaintiffs True Identity in 8 conjunction
with this Action by Plaintiff or her counsel, Defendants may apply to the Court for 9 relief from
the restrictions imposed in this protective order related to nondisclosure of Plaintiff's 10 Identity.
11 4.

The Parties shall clearly mark any materials or information that contain Plaintiff's True Identity with the term "TRUE IDENTITY" and the Parties shall follow the procedures and requirements of this Protective Order concerning any materials or information containing references to Plaintiff's True Identity. 5. No Party shall share any document, without providing 30 days' notice to Plaintiff, containing True Identity information, with Edmund Ho or any other known or suspected trafficker of Plaintiff (as identified in Plaintiff's Rule 26 disclosures and supplements thereto), nor shall any Party otherwise reveal Plaintiff's True Identity to Edmund Ho or any other known or suspected trafficker of Plaintiff (as identified in Plaintiff's Rule 26 disclosures and supplements thereto) without providing 30 days' notice to Plaintiff.

Plaintiff may, in response, file a motion for protective order within that 30-day notice period. No party may share her True Identity in a manner inconsistent with this paragraph until the court rules on that protective order. Nothing in this Protective Order prevents Defendants from sharing information or documents designated as True Identity with any other individuals or entities so long as doing so is necessary for the defense of this matter.

6. All Parties and any third parties appearing or submitting filings in this case are required to redact the True Identity and any identifying information (for example, full name, residential address, or workplace name or address) of Plaintiff in their filings with the Court.; 7.

The Court highly discourages the manual filing of any pleadings or documents under seal. Nothing in this Protective Order authorizes the filing of protected materials under seal. This means that documents may not be filed with the Court under seal without prior permission as to each such filing, upon motion and for good cause shown, including the legal basis for filing under seal.

See Procter & Gamble Co. v. Bankers Trust Co., 78 F.3d 219 (6th Cir. 1996). Thus, the Parties may seek the Court's permission to file documents that are necessarily unredacted under seal in accordance with this process. 8.

To the extent any Party or non-party has questions or concerns about whether any forthcoming filing complies with the requirements of this Order, such Party or non-party should seek leave of Court prior to submitting any such filing. 9.

The Parties agree that Plaintiff's medical records and medical billing will be identified and treated as confidential material and will be marked clearly with "True Identity" if they contain Plaintiff's current legal name or current residence or workplace addresses. "8 10.

The Parties will comply with the good faith meet-and-confer requirement in Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a) (1) prior to seeking judicial intervention if there are disputes relating to this Protective Order. 11. The Parties intend to submit a further stipulated protective order governing the confidentiality of business documents to be exchanged in discovery in this case.

1 IT IS SO ORDERED.. _ 22 || Date: January 27, 2026 fF Li — MAXIMILIANOD. TLLIER, II
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