

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Doe v. TEA DATING ADVICE, INC.

Doe v. Tea Dating Advice, Inc. · No. 25-cv-06363-SK · Decided August 4, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California grants Jane Doe's administrative motion to proceed under a pseudonym. The court finds that disclosure of her identity could lead to harassment, requires use of the pseudonym and redaction of identifying information in public filings, and directs her to disclose her identity to the defendant.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 7
JANE DOE, Case No. 25-cv-06363-SK 8 Plaintiff, ORDER ON MOTION TO PROCEED? v.
ANONYMOUSLY 10 TEA DATING ADVICE, INC., Regarding Docket No. 6 11 Defendant. 12
Now before the Court is Plaintiff's administrative motion to proceed under a pseudonym. 13 ||
"The normal presumption in litigation is that parties must use their real names." Doe v. 5 14
Kamehameha Schs./Bernice Pauahi Bishop Est., 596 F.3d 1036, 1042 (9th Cir.

2010). Plaintiff 15 || must demonstrate that her need for anonymity outweighs prejudice to the
opposing party and the 16 public's interest in knowing the party's identity." Does I Thru XXIII v.
Advanced Textile Corp., 7 214 F.3d 1058, 1068 (9th Cir. 2000). 8 The Court finds that Plaintiff
has demonstrated that publicly disclosing her name or other identifying information could lead to
harassment.

Therefore, the Court GRANTS her 19 administrative motion. The parties shall refer to Plaintiff by
Pseudonym JANE DOE in all filings 20 and public proceedings and shall redact Plaintiff's true
full name and other personally identifying 21 information from all filings consistent with Federal
Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2.

However, 22 Plaintiff shall disclose her identity to Defendant. 23 IT IS SO ORDERED. 24 Dated:
August 4, 2025. 25 Atl [aww 26 SALLIE KIM United States Magistrate Judge 27 28