

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Catalina Yachts, Inc. v. Sharon Day

Catalina Yachts · No. 2:25-cv-04090-SVW-RAO · Decided July 25, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a stipulated protective order entered in Catalina Yachts, Inc. v. Sharon Day et al., pending in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. It governs the designation, use, disclosure, challenge, filing under seal, and final disposition of confidential discovery materials. The order was signed by counsel and ordered on July 25, 2025.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Rozella A. Oliver
DECIDED	July 25, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-04090-SVW-RAO
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties stipulated to entry of a protective order governing confidential discovery material, and the magistrate judge entered the order for good cause shown.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Catalina Yachts, Inc. v. Sharon Day, Gerard Douglas, Does 1 through 10

TOPICS

- discovery dispute
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- commercial
- sanctions

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- commercial litigation
- discovery

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether good cause supported entry of a stipulated protective order governing confidential discovery material.

2. What procedures should govern designation, access, use, challenge, filing under seal, inadvertent disclosure, and final disposition of protected discovery material.

HOLDINGS

1. Good cause having been shown, the court entered the parties' stipulated protective order to protect qualifying confidential discovery material from public disclosure and use outside the litigation.
2. A confidentiality designation under the protective order does not itself authorize filing material under seal; a party must comply with Local Civil Rule 79-5 and obtain a court order based on the applicable good-cause or compelling-reasons standard.
3. The protective order's confidentiality terms do not extend beyond commencement of trial for material used or introduced as a trial exhibit, which becomes presumptively available to the public absent advance findings of compelling reasons for continued protection.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"This Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal" (Order at 2)

"Once a case proceeds to trial, information that was designated as CONFIDENTIAL or maintained pursuant to this protective order used or introduced as an exhibit at trial becomes public and will be presumptively available to all members of the public, including the press, unless compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings to proceed otherwise are made to the trial judge in advance of the trial." (Order at 4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The litigation is expected to involve confidential, proprietary, commercial, financial, technical, and private information, including information relating to the sale of certain Catalina Yachts assets. The parties represented that special protection was warranted to prevent public disclosure and use of such information outside the litigation. The order also addresses potentially privileged material and information produced by nonparties.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Catalina Yachts filed this diversity action on May 7, 2025. The parties submitted a stipulated protective order addressing designation, use, disclosure, challenges, sealing, inadvertent production, and final disposition of confidential discovery materials. The court approved and entered the order on July 25, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2006)
- *Phillips v. Gen. 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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