

HONORABLE LOUISA S. PORTER
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
PROTECTIVE ORDERS

All Protective Orders shall include language addressing the following:

(1) What the Court shall do with confidential or sealed documents after the case is closed (i.e., how the documents are to be disposed). The language should indicate whether the documents are to be destroyed or returned to the parties and the time frame in which to do either. Further, the Protective Order must state that any action by this Court must be preceded by an ex parte motion for an order authorizing the return of all Confidential and Attorneys' Eyes Only Material to the party that produced the information or the destruction thereof.

(2) The manner in which documents are to be filed under seal. If a party wishes to file document(s) under seal, they may not rely solely upon the Protective Order. Rather, the party must seek leave of court to file the particular document(s) under seal from the judge presiding over the particular hearing for which they wish to file the document(s). The Clerk's office will not automatically file document(s) under seal without a court order corresponding to the particular document(s).

(3) Modification of the Protective Order by the Court. The Protective Order shall state that the Court may modify the terms and conditions of the Order for good cause, or in the interest of justice, or on its own order at any time in these proceedings.

(4) Relation to any court or local rules. The Protective Order shall state that without separate court order, the Protective Order and the parties' stipulation does not change, amend, or circumvent any court rule or local rule.