

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: USE OF CONFIDENTIAL)
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CASES)

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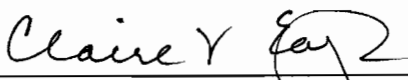
Phil Lombardi, Clerk
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

GENERAL ORDER

The policy of this Court is that sealed documents, confidentiality agreements, and protective orders are disfavored. See LCvR 79.1. In civil cases in which confidential information covered by a protective order must be attached to a pleading, attorneys should file an unsealed pleading with nonconfidential exhibits and redacted confidential exhibits. At the same time, attorneys should file a supplemental sealed pleading which contains the unredacted exhibits covered by the protective order.

The Court strongly urges attorneys to present all arguments and all documents in unsealed pleadings. In an effort to do this, attorneys should use good judgment in generically referring to matters covered by a protective order without revealing confidential information. In those rare instances where specific confidential documents must be attached to a pleading, attorneys should file the supplemental sealed pleading referenced above.

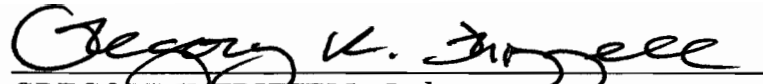
IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 20th day of May, 2008.



CLAIRE V. EAGAN, Chief Judge
United States District Court



TERENCE C. KERN, Judge
United States District Court



GREGORY K. FRIZZELL, Judge
United States District Court



JAMES H. PAYNE, Judge
United States District Court