

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION

TINA McMANAMA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CASE NO. 2:07-cv-479-ID
	)	
GANNETT CO., INC.,	)	(WO)
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

This cause is before the Court on the Defendant’s Motion to File Evidence Under Seal (Doc. # 23), filed September 4, 2008. Defendant seeks to file declarations of certain witnesses, and the attached exhibits, under seal. Defendant argues that placing these documents under seal is warranted because they disclose private salary information of third parties.

The public has a right of access to inspect judicial records. *See Chicago Tribune Co. v. Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.*, 263 F.3d 1304 (11th Cir. 2001). The nature and scope of this right depends upon the nature of the documents at issue. *See id.* at 1310-15 (discussing various sources of public right of access). Unlike documents exchanged in discovery, documents filed in connection with “any substantive pretrial motion” are subject to the common law right of access. *Romero v. Drummond Co.*, 480 F.3d 1234, 1246 (11th Cir. 2007). A party opposing public access must show good cause for why the information should be kept confidential. *Id.* The Court must balance the interest in keeping the

