

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

Case No. **EDCV 17-930-MWF (KKx)**

Date: July 10, 2017

Title: *Estate of Howard Edgar Boucher, et al. v. Lowes Home Centers, LLC, et al.*

Present: The Honorable **KENLY KIYA KATO**, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DEB TAYLOR

Not Reported

Deputy Clerk

Court Reporter

Attorney(s) Present for Plaintiff(s):

Attorney(s) Present for Defendant(s):

None Present

None Present

Proceedings: Order re: Stipulated Protective Order [Dkt. 7]

The parties' proposed Stipulation and Protective Order has been referred by the District Judge to the Magistrate Judge for consideration. The parties are advised that the Court declines to issue the proposed protective order to which they have stipulated for the following reasons:

1. While the Court is willing to enter a protective order in accordance with the parties' stipulation in order to facilitate the conduct of discovery, the Court is unwilling to include in the protective order any provisions relating to evidence presented at trial or other court hearings or proceedings. **Any use of Protected Material at trial or other court hearings or proceedings shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge.** The stipulation should, thus, include language to make this explicit.

2. The stipulation needs to be revised to make clear that the terms of the Protective Order do not apply to the Court and court personnel, who are subject only to the Court's internal procedures regarding the handling of material filed or lodged, including material filed or lodged under seal.

3. Proposed ¶ 6 needs to be revised to make clear that any motion seeking to modify or amend the proposed Protective Order must be brought in strict compliance with Local Rules 37-1 and 37-2 (including the Joint Stipulation requirement).

4. The “Purposes and Limitation” section mistakenly refers to Civil Local Rules 140, 141, and 141.1, instead of Local Rule 79-5. In addition, paragraphs 1 and 5 need to be revised to make clear the Protective Order does not confer permission to file documents under seal. Rather, a Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party’s request to file Protected Material under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

The parties are further directed to the Court’s sample stipulated protective order located on the Court’s website for a sample of the format of an approved stipulated protective order. The parties are strongly encouraged to use the language contained in the approved stipulated protective order.

cc: United States District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald