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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

6 ALEXSIS S. THOMAS,
7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 EAST BAY LAW, et al.,
10 Defendants.
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Case No. [18-cv-00502-JCS](#)

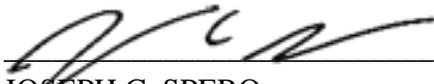
**ORDER SEALING COMPLAINT
PURSUANT TO RULE 5.2**

Re: Dkt. No. 1

12 In order to protect the privacy of minor children, Rule 5.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil
13 Procedure provides that no party may file documents containing “the name of an individual known
14 to be a minor” in the public record of a federal court proceeding, and that a party referring to a
15 minor child must instead use the minor’s initials. Plaintiff Alexis Thomas’s complaint and its
16 attachments include references to the name of Thomas’s minor daughter in violation of Rule
17 5.2(a). The complaint is hereby SEALED. A redacted version of Thomas’s complaint is attached
18 as an exhibit to this order. Although a party generally waives protection of that party’s own
19 personal information by filing it in the public record, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2(h), the Court in an
20 abundance of caution has also redacted all but the last four digits of Thomas’s social security
21 number and all but the year of her date of birth. Thomas is instructed to comply with Rule 5.2 in
22 any future filings.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

24 Dated: February 7, 2018

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26 JOSEPH C. SPERO
27 Chief Magistrate Judge
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