1 2 3 4 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 7 8 CLAUDIA KENNEDY, No. 10-00868 CW 9 Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' 10 MOTION FOR LEAVE v. TO FILE UNDER 11 BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL SEAL ASSOCIATION, et al., 12 Defendants. 13 14 15 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(c), Defendants Bank of 16 America National Association and Steve Owen move for leave to file 17 under seal Exhibits 3 and 4 of the declaration of Frances M. Crump 18 which are filed in support of their motion for summary judgment. 19 Plaintiff Claudia Kennedy does not oppose this motion. 20 Because the public interest favors filing all court documents 21 in the public record, any party seeking to file a document under 22 seal must demonstrate good cause to do so. Pintos v. Pac. 23 Creditors Ass'n, 605 F.3d 665, 678 (9th Cir. 2010). This cannot be 24 established simply by stating in general terms that the material is 25 considered to be confidential, but rather must be supported by a 26 sworn declaration demonstrating with particularity the need to file 27 each document under seal. See Civil L.R. 79-5(a). 28

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In the declaration supporting the motion to seal, Defendants provide compelling reasons to file Exhibits 3 and 4 under seal. These exhibits contain sensitive personnel information about Bank of America employees. Defendants' duty to protect the privacy rights of its employees outweighs the public interest in access to these documents.

7 Accordingly, the Court grants Defendants' motion to seal.
8 (Docket No. 33). The Clerk shall file under seal Exhibits 3 and 4
9 of the declaration of Frances M. Crump, which are filed in support
10 of Defendants' motion for summary judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 Dated: 3/25/2011

Claudia wilken

United States District Judge

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