

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No. 1:12-cv-01553-REB-KLM

THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY, a Connecticut insurance company; and
ST. PAUL SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE COMPANY, a Connecticut insurance company;

Plaintiffs,

v.

TRINITY UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF KANSAS, a Kansas insurance
company;
TRINITY UNIVERSAL INSURANCE OF KANSAS, a Kansas insurance company;
TRINITY UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a Texas insurance company;
ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York insurance company;
STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY, an Illinois insurance company; and
MOUNTAIN STATES MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY; a New Mexico insurance
company,

Defendants.

~~PROPOSED~~ PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Parties, by and through their respective counsel, stipulate and agree to the entry of a protective order to protect the discovery and dissemination of confidential information or information which will improperly annoy, embarrass, or oppress any party, witness, or person providing discovery in this case.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. This Protective Order shall apply to all documents, materials, and information, including without limitation, documents produced, answers to interrogatories, responses to

requests for admission, deposition testimony, and other information disclosed pursuant to the disclosure or discovery duties created by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. As used in this Protective Order, “document” is defined as provided in Fed.R.Civ.P. 34(a). A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

3. Information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” shall be information that a producing party in good faith regards as confidential and implicates the proprietary, confidential, competitively sensitive and/or trade secret information within the meaning of Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(c)(1)(G). CONFIDENTIAL information shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose except the preparation and trial of this case.

4. CONFIDENTIAL documents, materials, and/or information (collectively “CONFIDENTIAL information”) shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or further Order of the Court, be disclosed *except that* such information may be disclosed to:

(a) attorneys actively working on this case;

(b) persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively working on the case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this case;

(c) the parties, including the plaintiff's and defendants' designated representatives and the insurers' reinsurers and insurance regulators;

- (d) expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other proceedings in this case;
- (e) the Court and its employees (“Court Personnel”);
- (f) stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the conduct of this action;
- (g) deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses; and
- (h) other persons by written agreement of the parties.

Any party intending to file any CONFIDENTIAL information with the Court must comply with D.C.Colo.LCivR 7.2 and remaining terms of this order.

5. Prior to disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL information to any person listed above (other than counsel, persons employed by counsel, Court Personnel and stenographic reporters), counsel shall provide such person with a copy of this Protective Order and obtain from such person a written acknowledgment in the form appended to here as Exhibit A stating that he or she has read this Protective Order and agrees to be bound by its provisions. All such acknowledgments shall be retained by counsel and shall be subject to *in camera* review by the Court if good cause for review is demonstrated by opposing counsel.

6. Documents are designated as CONFIDENTIAL by placing or affixing on them (in a manner that will not interfere with their legibility) the following or other appropriate notice: “CONFIDENTIAL.”

7. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL information, the deposition or portions thereof shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL and shall be subject to the provisions of this Protective Order. Such designation shall be made on the record during the deposition whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as CONFIDENTIAL after transcription, provided written notice of the designation is promptly given to all counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the transcript.

8. A party may object to the designation of particular CONFIDENTIAL information by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed information. The written notice shall identify the information to which the objection is made. If the parties cannot resolve the objection within ten (10) business days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL to ~~file~~ ^{make} an appropriate motion ^{pursuant to MS Mix's discovery procedures} requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of this Protective Order. If such a motion is timely ~~filed~~ ^{made}, the disputed information shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. If the designating party fails to ~~file~~ ^{make} such a motion within the prescribed time, the disputed information shall lose its designation as CONFIDENTIAL and shall not thereafter be treated as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with this Protective Order. In connection with a motion ~~filed~~ ^{made} under this provision, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

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9. At the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, each document and all copies thereof which have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall be returned to the party that designated it CONFIDENTIAL, or the parties may elect to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents. Where the parties agree to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents, the destroying party shall provide all parties with an affidavit confirming the destruction.

10. It is Plaintiff's position that Communications between Okland, its defense counsel, McConaughy & Sarkissian, P.C., The Phoenix Insurance Company, and/or St. Paul Surplus Lines Insurance Company contained in The Phoenix Insurance Company's and St. Paul Surplus Lines claims file regarding the underlying state court action are protected against disclosure to third-parties by the attorney-client and work product doctrine. Okland has objected to production of these documents. While the parties shall endeavor to identify such communications as confidential, all such communications are deemed CONFIDENTIAL and are subject to the terms of this Order. Production or other disclosure of such communications to the parties in this litigation is not a waiver of any attorney-client privilege or work product protection. All such protections are expressly preserved by the parties.

11. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

SO ORDERED this 28th day of March, 2013, by:


United States Magistrate Judge Kristen Mix

Appendix A

The Phoenix Insurance Company, et. al., v. Trinity Universal Insurance Company of Kansas, et al.

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Civil Action No. 11-cv-02652-LTB-BNB

AGREEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

1. My full name is: _____
2. My address is: _____
3. My present employer is: _____
4. My present occupation or job description is: _____
5. I have received a copy of the Protective Order entered in this case. I have carefully read and understand the provisions of the Protective Order. I will comply with all of the provisions of the Protective Order.
6. I will not disclose any documents covered by the Protective Order except as provided by the Protective Order. I will use any such information only with respect to this case.
7. I will return all documents covered by the Protective Order that come into my possession and all documents or things which I have prepared which contain such information to any attorney representing the party that has employed or retained me at the conclusion of this case.
8. I submit to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of enforcement of the Protective Order.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on this date I caused to be served in the manner noted below a true and correct copy of the foregoing on the party mentioned below as indicated:

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