

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

Civil Action No. 1:13-cv-02715-REB-MJW

LANCE R. CASSINO,

Plaintiff,

v.

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,

Defendants.

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**PROTECTIVE ORDER ( Docket No 54-1 )**

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Upon a showing of good cause in support of the entry of a protective order to protect the discovery and dissemination of confidential and proprietary information or information which will improperly annoy, embarrass, oppress, or unduly burden any party, witness, or person providing discovery or to whom discovery pertains 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, the term “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 “CONFIDENTIAL” shall be information that is confidential, proprietary, personal financial information, or implicates common law and statutory privacy interests of the parties to this litigation or any other person entitled to protection under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), including, without limitation, personal financial information, account information, private social security numbers, and other private identifying information. CONFIDENTIAL information also includes (1) any information copied or extracted from information designated CONFIDENTIAL; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of CONFIDENTIAL information; (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by the parties or their counsel that might reveal CONFIDENTIAL information.

4. CONFIDENTIAL information shall not be disclosed or used for any purpose except the preparation and trial of this case.

5. CONFIDENTIAL documents, materials, and 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 civil action;
- (b) persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively working on this civil action whose assistance is required by said

attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this civil action and who have signed the "Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound" which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**;

(c) the parties (including designated representatives for each party);

(d) expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this civil action, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other proceedings in this civil action;

(e) the Court and its employees ("Court Personnel");

(f) stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the conduct of this civil action and who have signed the "Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound" (**Exhibit A**);

(g) deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses who have signed the "Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound" (**Exhibit A**); and

(h) other persons by written agreement of the parties.

6. Prior to disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL information to any person listed above (other than counsel, persons employed by counsel, Court Personnel and stenographic reporters), counsel and/or any *pro se* party shall provide such person with a copy of this Protective Order and obtain from such person a written acknowledgment 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/or any *pro se* party and shall be subject to *in camera* review by the Court if good cause for review is demonstrated by opposing counsel and/or the opposing *pro se* party.

7. 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."

8. 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 and/or *pro se* party(ies) within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the transcript.

9. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's right to secure protection under this order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to assure the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Protective Order.

10. The terms of this order are applicable to information produced by a non-party in this action and designated as CONFIDENTIAL. Such information produced by non-parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Protective Order. Noting in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a non-party from seeking additional protections.

11. 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 fourteen (14) days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL to file an appropriate motion 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, 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 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 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.

12. Documents, materials, information, interrogatory answers, and depositions designated as CONFIDENTIAL, when filed with pleadings or offered as evidence at any hearing or trial, shall ~~be delivered sealed to the Clerk of the Court, and shall not be available for public inspection.~~ *comply with the requirements of D.C. COLO. LCiv R 7.2.*

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13. At the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, each document and all copies thereof that 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.

14. The termination of proceedings in this action shall not thereafter relieve the parties from the obligation of maintaining the confidentiality of the documents, materials, and information designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" that are received pursuant to this Protective Order.

15. If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed CONFIDENTIAL information to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under the order, the receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the CONFIDENTIAL material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Protective Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgement and Agreement to be Bound" that is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

16. When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the receiving parties are those set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5)(B).

17. 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.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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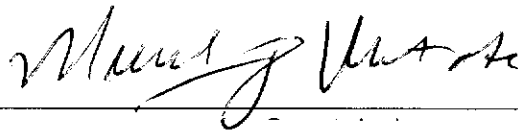
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SO ORDERED this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2014.

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BY THE COURT:



MICHAEL J. WATANABE  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

**EXHIBIT A**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full  
address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand  
the Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the District  
of Colorado on \_\_\_\_\_ [date] in the case of *Lance R. Cassino v. JP  
Morgan Chase Bank, National Association and Mortgage Electronic Registration  
Systems, Inc.*, Case No. 1:13-cv-02715-REB-MJW. I agree to comply with and to be  
bound by all the terms of this Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that  
failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of  
contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or  
item that is subject to this Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict  
compliance with the provisions of this Protective Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for  
the District of Colorado for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Protective Order,  
even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full  
address and telephone number] as my Colorado agent for service of process in  
connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Protective  
Order.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed:

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Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                  [printed name]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_