

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION**

**HAMPTONS AT METROWEST
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,**

Garnishor,

v.

Case No: 6:13-cv-608-Orl-31DAB

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Garnishee,

in relation to

**PARK AVENUE AT METROWEST,
LTD. and EPOCH MANAGEMENT,
INC.,**

State Court Defendants.

ORDER


Federal Insurance Company (“Federal”) sought to file a settlement agreement between, on the one hand, Hamptons at Metrowest Condominium Association, Inc. (the “Association”) and, on the other, Park Avenue at Metrowest, Ltd. and Epoch Management, Inc. Federal contended the document established the amount in controversy in this matter. Because of a confidentiality agreement, Federal sought to file the document under seal and filed a motion (Doc. 3) seeking leave to do so.

On May 1, the Court ordered Federal to submit the agreement for *in camera* review, which Federal accomplished on or about May 2, 2013. The Court also ordered the Association to show cause in writing by May 13, 2013 why the agreement should not be unsealed. The Association has

not done so. Having reviewed the agreement, the Court finds nothing within it that would justify filing under seal, thereby denying the public the ability to inspect the document. *See, e.g., In re Alexander Grant & Co. Litigation*, 820 F.2d 352, 355 (11th Cir. 1987) (“There is no question that the press and the public jointly possess a common-law right to inspect and copy judicial records and public documents.”).

Accordingly, the Motion for Leave to File Under Seal (Doc. 3) is **DENIED**, and the Clerk is directed to docket the settlement agreement normally.

DONE and ORDERED in Orlando, Florida on June 3, 2013.



GREGORY A. PRESNELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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