

1 confidential information pursuant to Rule 26(c) or that disclosure would cause an identifiable and
2 significant harm. The Ninth Circuit has held that there is a presumption of public access to judicial files
3 and records, and that parties seeking to maintain the confidentiality of documents attached to
4 nondispositive motions must show good cause exists to overcome the presumption of public access. *See*
5 *Kamakana* 447 F.3d at 1179. Parties seeking to maintain the secrecy of documents attached to
6 dispositive motions must show compelling reasons sufficient to overcome the presumption of public
7 access. *Id.* at 1180. **All motions to seal must address the applicable standard and explain why that**
8 **standard has been met.** The fact that a court has entered a blanket stipulated protective order and that
9 a party has designated a document as confidential pursuant to that protective order does not, standing
10 alone, establish sufficient grounds to seal a filed document. *See Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*,
11 331 F.3d 1122, 1133 (9th Cir. 2003); *see also Beckman Indus., Inc. v. Int'l Ins. Co.*, 966 F.2d 470, 476
12 (9th Cir. 1992).

13 If the sole ground for a motion to seal is that the opposing party (or non-party) has designated
14 a document as subject to protection pursuant to the stipulated protective order, the movant must notify
15 the opposing party (or non-party) at least seven days prior to filing the designated document. The
16 designating party must then make a good faith determination if the relevant standard for sealing is met.
17 To the extent the designating party does not believe the relevant standard for sealing can be met, it shall
18 indicate that the document may be filed publicly no later than four days after receiving notice of the
19 intended filing. To the extent the designating party believes the relevant standard for sealing can be met,
20 it shall provide a declaration supporting that assertion no later than four days after receiving notice of
21 the intended filing. The filing party shall then attach that declaration to its motion to seal the designated
22 material. If the designating party fails to provide such a declaration in support of the motion to seal, the
23 filing party shall file a motion to seal so indicating and the Court may order the document filed in the
24 public record.¹

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26 ¹ In the event of an emergency motion or other instances of expedited briefing, the above procedures
27 shall not apply. Instead, the movant shall file a motion to seal and the designating party shall file a
28 declaration in support of that motion to seal within three days of its filing. If the designating party fails to
timely file such a declaration, the Court may order the document filed in the public record.

