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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 GINA KIM, on behalf of a class  
11 consisting of herself and all other persons  
similarly situated,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 COACH, INC., a Maryland corporation,  
15 and COACH SERVICES, INC., a  
Maryland corporation,

16 Defendants.

CASE NO. C11-0214

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO  
SEAL

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18 This matter comes before the Court on Motions to Seal filed by Plaintiff and Defendants.  
19 Pursuant to Local Rule 5(g)(2), “[t]here is a strong presumption of public access to the court’s  
20 files.” Furthermore, Local Rule 5(g)(3) states that “[t]he court will allow parties to file entire  
21 memoranda under seal only in rare circumstances.” The rule goes on to state that “[i]f possible,  
22 a party should protect sensitive information by redacting documents rather than seeking to file  
23 them under seal.”  
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1 In the case at hand, Defendants contend that the documents in question “contain highly  
2 confidential business information concerning how Coach Companies identify counterfeit  
3 products,” and they further contend that the disclosure of such information would enable  
4 counterfeiters to evade detection. Dkt. #40 at 2. However, the Court sees no reason why the  
5 entire documents should be sealed. Rather, the Court directs Defendants to file redacted versions  
6 of the documents in question. The existing versions of those documents will remain under seal  
7 provided that the redacted versions are filed within 7 days of the date of this Order, and provided  
8 that the redactions strictly adhere to the standard set forth under Local Rule 5(g).

9 Accordingly, the Court hereby finds and ORDERS:

10 (1) All Motions to Seal are DENIED. (Dkt #22, Dkt #32, Dkt #40).

11 (2) Defendants are directed to file redacted versions of the sealed documents within 7  
12 days of the date of this Order.

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14 Dated May 4, 2011.

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17 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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