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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
5 AT SEATTLE

6 THE HANOVER INSURANCE  
7 COMPANY,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 CRISTINA MEHLING, et al.,

11 Defendants.

C16-1671 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

12 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable  
Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

13 (1) The motion brought by defendants Cristina Mehling and Mehling Law Firm  
14 PLLC (collectively, "Mehling Defendants") to stay this matter pending resolution of the  
underlying litigation between them and the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee for the Andrew  
15 Kim Bankruptcy Estate, docket no. 18, is DENIED in part and DEFERRED in part as  
follows:

16 (a) With respect to whether plaintiff The Hanover Insurance Company  
17 has a duty to defend the Mehling Defendants in the underlying litigation, the  
motion to stay is DENIED.

18 (b) In responding to plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings,  
19 docket no. 15, if the Mehling Defendants believe they would be prejudiced in the  
underlying litigation if the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee and/or Andrew Kim  
20 learned the information disclosed in their responsive materials, they may file such  
materials under seal, without filing a separate motion to seal. Moreover, although  
21 the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee is a party to this litigation, the Mehling  
Defendants need not serve on the Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustee any materials they  
22 have filed under seal in this matter. To the extent the Mehling Defendants have  
filed papers under seal, plaintiff shall keep such materials confidential and shall  
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1 refrain from making the contents of such materials available to the Chapter 7  
2 Bankruptcy Trustee, Andrew Kim, or the public. Plaintiff may file its reply brief  
and related submissions under seal, without filing a separate motion to seal, if  
3 necessary to comply with this Minute Order.

4 (c) With respect to whether plaintiff owes any duty of indemnification  
to the Mehling Defendants, the motion to stay is DEFERRED, and it will be  
5 addressed after or in conjunction with a ruling on plaintiff's motion for judgment  
on the pleadings.

6 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of  
record.

7 Dated this 3rd day of March, 2017.

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9 William M. McCool  
Clerk

10 s/Karen Dews  
11 Deputy Clerk