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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

DENNIS E. DAVIS,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
SYMETRA LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,  
Defendant.

CASE NO. C21-0533-KKE  
ORDER STRIKING MOTION TO SEAL

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Dennis E. Davis’s motion to seal. Dkt. No. 109. Davis filed the motion on May 3, 2024, and noted it for the same day. *Id.* The motion is titled “Plaintiff’s Stipulated Motion to Seal,” and states “[a]fter conferring with Defendant, Defendant Stipulates to the present motion.” *Id.* at 1.

However, the motion is signed only by Davis’s counsel, and it contemplates a forthcoming response from Symetra in order to comply with Local Rule 5(g)(3)(B). Dkt. No. 109 at 2 (noting Defendant “must satisfy Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(B) in its response to this motion.”). Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(B) requires that a stipulated motion to seal contain a “specific statement of the applicable legal standard and the reasons for keeping a document under seal[.]” The responsibility to provide such a statement rests with the party who designated the material as confidential, which in this case is Symetra. Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(B). As Davis concedes, no such statement was included in the pending motion.

