



DOCKETING SPECIAL MASTER ORDERS WITH THE DISTRICT COURT

On February 2, 2023, the Honorable Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr. entered an Order in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California directing and reminding the parties to e-file each Special Master Order approving a Protected Person's compromise **under seal, but without additional motion to seal**, by referencing docket number 114 and relating that the new filing back to docket number 114.

The Court reiterated this instruction in an ECF docket text order filed on February 6, 2023:

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/06/2023	1298	ORDER by Hon. Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr. The parties have been filing unnecessary motions to seal Orders Approving Minor's Compromise and related documents, which clutter the docket and require needless expenditure of judicial resources to resolve. The parties shall not file motions to seal these documents. As previously explained, the parties are DIRECTED to e-file each Order Approving Minor's Compromise and related documents under seal on this Court's docket, without filing any additional motion to seal, by referencing Dkt. No. [114] and relating that respective docket entry to Dkt. No. [114]. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (hsglc1, COURT STAFF) (Filed on 2/6/2023)

Included in this packet are the following exhibits for your reference:

- 1. Exhibit A:** Docket Text Order Dated February 6, 2023 (Docket No. 1298)
- 2. Exhibit B:** Order Granting Motions to Seal and Setting Telephonic Case Management Conference Dated February 2, 2023 (Docket No. 1279)
- 3. Exhibit C:** Order Granting Administrative Motions to Seal Dated March 16, 2022 (Docket No. 114)
- 4. Exhibit D:** Instructions for Filing FVT Special Master Orders in the California Northern District Court

Additionally, please note that only Special Master Orders must be filed on the District Court docket; do not file Petitions, proposed orders, supporting documents or Acknowledgements of Receipt with the Court.

**Exhibit A: Docket Text Order Dated
February 6, 2023 (Docket No. 1298)**

**U.S. District Court
California Northern District (Oakland)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 4:20-cv-07967-HSG**

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**Exhibit B: Order Granting Motions to Seal
and Setting Telephonic Case Management
Conference Dated February 2, 2023
(Docket No. 1279)**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTT RUBY YOUNGBLOOD, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
ELLEN ADLER, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. [20-cv-07967-HSG](#)

**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO
SEAL AND SETTING TELEPHONIC
CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

United States District Court
Northern District of California

Pending before the Court are numerous motions to seal Orders Approving Minor’s
Compromise and related documents issued by Special Master Hon. Ellen Sickles James (Ret.).
Dkt. Nos. 115, 116, 128, 135, 136, 139, 140, 145, 146, 152, 153, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165,
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2 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278.

3 The Court has previously addressed the need to seal the information contained in such
4 documents. *See* Dkt. No. 114. The Court therefore **GRANTS** the motions for the reasons detailed
5 in its prior order. *Id.* The parties are reminded that moving forward they should not file motions
6 to seal these documents. As previously ordered, the parties are **DIRECTED** to e-file each Order
7 Approving Minor’s Compromise and related documents under seal on this Court’s docket, without
8 filing any additional motion to seal, by referencing Dkt. No. 114 and relating that respective
9 docket entry to Dkt. No. 114.

10 The Court further **SETS** a telephonic case management conference on February 7, 2023, at
11 2:00 p.m. All counsel shall use the following dial-in information to access the call:


12 Dial-In: 888-808-6929;

13 Passcode: 6064255

14 For call clarity, parties shall NOT use speaker phone or earpieces for these calls, and where
15 at all possible, parties shall use landlines. The parties should be prepared to discuss the status of
16 this case and how to move it efficiently to a close.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

18 Dated: 2/2/2023

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20 HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.
21 United States District Judge
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**Exhibit C: Order Granting Administrative
Motions to Seal Dated March 16, 2022
(Docket No. 114)**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTT RUBY YOUNGBLOOD, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
ELLEN ADLER,
Defendant.

Case No. [20-cv-07967-HSG](#)

**ORDER GRANTING
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS TO
SEAL**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 34-38, 40-113

United States District Court
Northern District of California

Before the Court are dozens of administrative motions to seal. For the reasons described below, those motions are **GRANTED**.

The Court appointed the Hon. Ellen Sickles James (Ret.) as Special Master in this matter to propose, implement and enforce measures and procedures necessary for the protection of the financial interests of minors or adult persons with a disability (“Protected Persons”) in funds disbursed to satisfy their claims. *See* Dkt. No. 3. The Court then amended the Order of Appointment of Special Master for the sole purpose of clarifying that all orders issued by the Special Master must also be e-filed on this Court’s docket. *See* Dkt. No. 7.

The Special Master filed a Procedure for Approval of Compromises for Protected Persons, which provides in relevant part that the Special Master’s orders reviewing and approving Protected Persons’ claims, as well as all associated petitions and accompanying documents, must be filed under seal. *See* Dkt. No. 17. Due to settlement confidentiality, as well as a need to protect each minor’s private information, claimants have also been directed by the Fire Victim Trust to file each Order Approving Minor’s Compromise and related documents under seal. *See e.g.*, Dkt. No. 90 at 2.

Because this Court required all orders issued by the Special Master to be e-filed on this


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1 Court's docket, the parties seek a second sealing order here so the Special Master's orders can
2 remain sealed. *See, e.g.*, Dkt. No. 34. The Court finds that an administrative order sealing the
3 Special Master's orders reviewing and approving Protected Persons' claims, as well as all
4 associated petitions and accompanying documents, balances the parties' need to comply with these
5 dual-filing requirements while preserving confidential and sensitive information. Under this
6 District's Civil Local Rules, this Court need not go further and independently review each
7 document the Special Master has directed the parties to file under seal. *See* Civ. Local Rule 79-
8 5(b) ("A party need not file a motion to seal if a federal statute or a prior court order in the same
9 case expressly authorizes the party to file certain documents (or portions of documents) under
10 seal."). But in any event, this Court also finds "good cause" to seal the documents referenced
11 above to protect the privacy and economic well-being of each minor.

12 The Court therefore **GRANTS** Plaintiffs' motions to seal at Docket Nos. 34-37, 40-113.
13 Going forward, the Parties are authorized and directed to e-file each Order Approving Minor's
14 Compromise and related documents under seal on this Court's docket, without filing any
15 additional motion to seal, by referencing this Order and relating that respective docket entry to this
16 Order. The Clerk is directed to remove the documents filed at Docket Nos. 30-32 from the docket.
17 This Order **TERMINATES** Dkt. No. 38.

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19 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

20 Dated: March 16, 2022

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22 HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.
23 United States District Judge
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**Exhibit D: Instructions for Filing FVT
Special Master Orders in the California
Northern District Court**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING FVT SPECIAL MASTER ORDERS
IN THE CALIFORNIA NORTHERN DISTRICT COURT**

Case No. 20-cv-07967-HSG

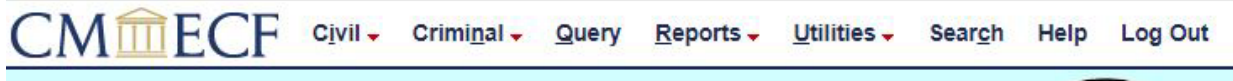
Pursuant to the Court’s Order filed February 2, 2023, Dkt. No. 1279, **DO NOT** file a **Motion to Seal with each Special Master Order** you docket. The Filer must **ONLY** make reference to Docket No. 114.

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FILING STEPS

1. Log in to ECF: <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/login.pl>

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- Claim Construction Statement
- Consent/Declination to Proceed Before a US Magistrate Judge
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- Errata
- Financial Affidavit
- Financial Affidavit - CJA 23
- Interpleader
- Joinder
- Joint Case Management Statement
- Jury Demand

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- B., I. [clm]

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NOTE: This event is only to be used for e-filing Under Seal AFTER the Administrative Motion to File Under Seal E-Filing Under Seal FAQ at https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cand/faq/under_seal.htm before proceeding.

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