

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Standing Order Regarding Confidentiality Agreements Between Parties

August 12, 2014

MASTROIANNI, D.J.

1. Parties are encouraged to execute confidentiality agreements in any case where such agreements will facilitate discovery.
2. Parties executing confidentiality agreements that cover discovery practice shall file copies of such agreements with the court.
3. It is the practice of the court to take notice of such agreements between parties, but not to adopt and endorse such agreements as orders of the court.
4. If a dispute arises between the parties to a confidentiality agreement, the court will consider the parties' confidentiality agreement, together with other relevant factors, upon a party moving for relief or any other form of court action.
5. Parties are required to comply with this standing order as a general and regular practice, however, this standing order does not limit an individual party's right to seek a protective order from the court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), or request a court order, where extraordinary circumstances exist, relative to confidentiality issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Mark G. Mastroianni  
MARK G. MASTROIANNI  
United States District Judge