

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

OFFICER JOHN DOE, et al.

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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Case No. C-15-CV-22-2523

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY,

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MARYLAND

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Defendant.

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AMENDED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Upon consideration of the arguments presented during the December 21, 2022 Hearing, the Court hereby vacates in its entirety the Protective Order entered September 16, 2022, it is this **24th day of February 2023**, by the Circuit Court of Maryland for Montgomery County hereby:

ORDERED, that all documents previously filed under seal shall be provided to all counsel who have entered their appearance in this matter pursuant to an “Attorney’s Eyes Only” provision, such that

Material designated as “Attorney’s Eyes Only” shall be maintained as confidential, not to be disclosed, and shall be used by the Party or Parties receiving such materials solely in connection with this Action and shall not be disclosed to anyone other than:

1. The Court, including court personnel, and any court exercising appellate jurisdiction over this Action; and
2. Employees of attorneys and law firms who have entered their appearance in this matter; and it is further

ORDERED, that the following documents shall be provided to counsel pursuant to an Attorney’s Eyes Only designation:

1. Memorandum in Support of Plaintiffs’ Complaint dated September 14, 2022; and
2. Exhibit 1 and 2 to Memorandum in Support of Plaintiffs’ Complaint dated September 14, 2022.

ORDERED, that all counsel shall work together to reach an agreement regarding appropriate redactions of the above-captioned filings; and it is further

ORDERED, that should counsel not be able to agree on the redactions to be made, the Court shall hold a hearing to determine what, if any, documents and/or provisions are subject to redaction; and it is further

ORDERED, that pending the outcome of the litigation, and absent an agreement of the parties, or further order of the Court, Plaintiff John Doe's disciplinary records shall not be disclosed by any party or representative of any party; and it is further

ORDERED, that all future filings and hearings shall be public with the exception of agreed to or court-ordered redactions; and it is further

ORDERED, that if any party contends that any future filings should not be disclosed and therefore subject to redactions or filing under seal, the filings shall be provided to all parties' counsel pursuant to the above-outlined Attorney's Eyes Only provision; and it is further

ORDERED, that should counsel not be able to agree on the redactions to be made to future filings, the Court shall hold a hearing to determine what, if any, documents and/or provisions are subject to redaction.



Karla N. Smith
JUDGE, Circuit Court for
Montgomery County, Maryland