

Motion to Redact (and to Restrict Public Access to) Information

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Negative Notice: No

Accompanying Orders: Yes. The Court prepares the order.

Code and Rule References:

[11 U.S.C. § 107](#)

[Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037](#)

Fee: \$26 per affected case.

Applicable Chapters: 7, 11, 12, 13

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Description

Occasionally, interested parties, such as a debtor or creditor will file a request to redact certain prohibited personal identifiers or confidential data in documents previously filed with the Court. These motions are filed with a wide variety of titles. Upon filing the motion, public access to the motion and unredacted documents is restricted to the Court, the filer, the debtor, the debtor's attorney, the trustee (if any), and the U.S. Trustee.

Sometimes, the number of cases affected is large and the creditor will contact the Court and request approval to file one document addressing all the effected cases rather than filing individual motions in each affected case. The Court may allow those types of filings as a Miscellaneous Proceeding upon request made through the divisional Deputy-in-Charge and approval by the Chief Judge. These procedures address filing motions in individual cases rather than in a Miscellaneous Proceeding.

It is unnecessary for the case to be open for a motion to redact to be filed and processed.

Filing Checklist

Review the motion to determine if:

- The motion is signed;
- Has the attorney's name and address complete and consistent with the filing attorney's name and address in CM/ECF;
- The motion is properly served and includes a proper certificate of service;
- The motion does not request redaction of information in more than one case;
- The motion seeks to redact personal data or identifiers under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9037:
 - Personal data or identifiers that Bankruptcy Rule 9037 require to be redacted usually include:

- Social Security Numbers and taxpayer-identification numbers (redacted to the last 4 digits);
 - Birthdates (redacted to year of birth);
 - Names of minors (redacted to only initials);
 - Financial-account numbers (redacted to last four digits).
- The motion includes the document or proof of claim number of the previously filed document.

Forms

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