

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2022-CA-005759  
DIVISION: CV-H

GREGORY POE, an individual,

Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant,

v.

MICRO-ANT, LLC, a Florida limited liability  
company,

Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff.

**ORDER GRANTING MICRO-ANT, LLC'S**  
**MOTION TO DETERMINE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURT RECORDS**

THIS CAUSE came before the Court upon Defendant/Counterclaim Plaintiff Micro-Ant, LLC's ("Micro-Ant") Motion to Determine Confidentiality of Court Records (the "Motion"). In the Motion, Micro-Ant seeks to file an un-redacted version of a motion to compel along with certain exhibits attached thereto (together, the "Motion to Compel") under seal. The Court, having reviewed the Motion, having been informed that Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant Gregory Poe ("Poe") agrees to the relief requested, and otherwise being duly advised in its premises, makes the following findings:

1. This is a civil action in which Micro-Ant has asserted three causes of action in a Counterclaim against Poe for misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of fiduciary duty.
2. The Court finds the un-redacted version of the Motion to Compel to be confidential under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420 because, *inter alia*, such designation of confidentiality is necessary to obtain evidence to determine legal issues in a case. More

specifically, the Motion to Compel addresses and analyzes whether Micro-Ant has described its claimed trade secrets at issue in this case with reasonable particularity under Florida law.

3. The Motion to Compel does not involve confidentiality of a party's name.

4. The progress docket or similar records generated to document activity in this case are determined to not be confidential.

5. The persons permitted to view the Motion to Compel pursuant to this Order are the presiding judge, designated court staff, and court reporters.

6. The Court finds that (i) the degree, duration, and manner of confidentiality ordered by the Court are no broader than necessary to protect the interests set forth in subdivision (c) of Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420; and no less restrictive measures are available to protect the interests set forth in subdivision (c) of Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420.

7. The Clerk of Court is directed to publish this Order in accordance with Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420(e)(4).

8. Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED:**

1. The Motion is GRANTED.

2. The Motion to Compel is deemed confidential pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420.

3. Within five (5) days of the date of this Order, Micro-Ant shall file the un-redacted version of the Motion to Compel and all exhibits thereto with the Court, and the Clerk of Court is directed to seal the un-redacted version of the Motion to Compel and exhibits thereto, and maintain them under seal until further order of the Court.

4. The Clerk of Court shall publish this Order in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(e)(4).

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida this 13th day of September, 2023.



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G.L. Feltel, Jr.  
Circuit Judge

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