

## **Rule 5.2. Privacy Protection for Filings Made with the Court**

(a) REDACTED FILINGS. Unless the court orders otherwise, a party or nonparty must redact, in an electronic or paper filing with the court, an individual's social-security number and taxpayer-identification number and any financial-account number, except that a party or nonparty making the filing may include the following:

(1) the acronym "SS#" where the individual's social-security number would have been included;

(2) the acronym "TID#" placed where the individual's taxpayer-identification number would have been included; and

(3) the last four digits of the financial-account number.

(b) [Omitted].

(c) [Omitted].

(d) FILINGS MADE UNDER SEAL. The court may order that a filing be made under seal without redaction. The court may later unseal the filing or order the person who made the filing to file a redacted version for the public record.

(e) PROTECTIVE ORDERS. For good cause, the court may by order in a case:

(1) require redaction of additional information; or

(2) limit or prohibit a nonparty's remote electronic access to a document filed with the court.

(f) MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL UNREDACTED FILING UNDER SEAL. A person who makes a redacted filing and wishes to file an additional unredacted copy must file a motion to file an unredacted copy under seal. If granted, the court must retain the unredacted copy as part of the record.

(g) OPTION FOR FILING A REFERENCE LIST. A filing that contains redacted information may be filed together with a reference list that identifies each item of redacted information and specifies an appropriate identifier that uniquely corresponds to each item listed. The list must be filed under seal and may be amended as of right. Any reference in the case to a listed identifier will be construed to refer to the corresponding item of information.

(h) WAIVER OF PROTECTION OF IDENTIFIERS. A person waives the protection of Rule 5.2(a) as to the person's own information by filing it without redaction and not under seal.

(i) RESPONSIBILITY TO REDACT. The responsibility for redacting these personal identifiers rests solely with the person or entity making the filing.

## **COMMENT TO 2018 AMENDMENT**

This rule is new and is based on the corresponding Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure. However, this rule does not require redaction of birthdates or minor's names—information which is needed in domestic relations cases.