Protective Orders and Sealing of Records

Protective orders shall not be entered routinely. In addition to the requirements under E.D. Mich. LR 5.3, which are to be strictly followed, a protective order including a provision for filing a pleading, paper or exhibit, etc. under seal shall be subject to the following limitations: The entire pleading, paper, exhibit, etc. may not be filed under seal. Only the portion of the document(s) which is not to be publically disclosed may be filed under seal. In such instances, the portion to be filed under seal requires an endorsement by the Court on a cover page. A party's presentment to the Court for the endorsement shall be accompanied by an explanation why the portion of the document(s) is confidential. *See, e.g., Rudd Equip. Co., Inc. v. John Deere Constr. & Forestry Co.,* No. 16-5055, 2016 WL 4410575 (6th Cir. July 27, 2016) and *Shane Group, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan,* 825 F.3d 299, 305 (6th Cir. 2016).