

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:

**WESCO AIRCRAFT HOLDINGS,
INC., et al.,¹**

Debtors.

Case No. 23-90611 (MI)

Chapter 11

(Jointly Administered)

**WESCO AIRCRAFT HOLDINGS,
INC., et al.,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

SSD INVESTMENTS LTD., et al.,

Defendants

Adv. Pro. No. 23-03091 (MI)

SSD INVESTMENTS LTD., et al.,

Counterclaim Plaintiffs,

v.

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LANGUR MAIZE, L.L.C.

Crossclaim Plaintiffs,

v.

PLATINUM EQUITY ADVISORS, L.L.C. *et al.*,

Crossclaim Defendants

Re

LANGUR MAIZE, L.L.C.

Third-Party Plaintiff,

v.

**UNNAMED PLATINUM FUNDS c/o
PLATINUM EQUITY ADVISORS, L.L.C. *et al.***,

Third-Party Defendants

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**MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE OF
UNSECURED CREDITORS TO FILE THE POST-TRIAL BRIEF OF THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS UNDER SEAL**

If you object to the relief requested, you must respond in writing. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, you must file your response electronically at <https://ecf.txs.uscourts.gov/> within twenty-one (21) days from the date this motion was filed. If you do not have electronic filing privileges, you must file a written objection that is actually received by the clerk within twenty-one days from the date this motion was filed. Otherwise, the Court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.

The undersigned counsel, on behalf of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) of Wesco Aircraft Holdings, Inc., and the other above-captioned debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), hereby submits this *Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to File the Post-Trial Brief of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Under Seal* (this “Motion”). In support thereof, the Committee respectfully states as follows:

RELIEF REQUESTED

1. The Committee respectfully requests entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, authorizing it to file its post-trial brief (the “Post-Trial Brief”) being filed contemporaneously with this Motion. The Post-Trial Brief contains or reflects information that the Debtors and other parties have designated as confidential or highly confidential under the *Agreed Protective Order* [Docket No. 724] (the “Protective Order”)² or under the confidentiality restrictions in the Committee’s bylaws (the “Committee Bylaws”).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

3. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

4. This Motion is brought pursuant to sections 105(a) and 107(b) of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rule 9037-1 of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (as amended, the “Local Rules”).

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BACKGROUND

5. On June 1, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), each Debtor commenced a voluntary case under chapter 11 (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) of the Bankruptcy Code in this Court. The Chapter 11 Cases are being jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) and Local Rule 1015-1. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

6. On June 16, 2023, pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 7 (Southern and Western Districts of Texas) (the “U.S. Trustee”) appointed the Committee. The Committee entered into the Committee Bylaws which, among other things, imposes certain confidentiality obligations on the Committee members as to confidential information about the Debtors provided to the Committee.

7. On September 6, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Granting Expedited Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Wesco Aircraft Holdings, Inc. et al. For Entry of an Order Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7024 Authorizing Intervention in Adversary Proceeding* [Docket No. 237 of Adv. Pro. No. 23-03091].

8. On September 6, 2023, the Court entered the Protective Order. The Committee is a signatory to the Protective Order. The Protective Order provides that parties may designate Discovery Material as Confidential or Highly Confidential – Professionals’ Eyes-Only Information. Discovery Material designated as such may only be disclosed to specific persons as specified in the Protective Order. Protective Order ¶¶ 5.2, 5.3. And anything filed with the Court that contains this type of information must redact the information from the public filing and file

the information under seal pursuant to the Court's rules governing sealed documents. Protective Order ¶ 4.2.

9. The Post-Trial Brief contains or reflects Discovery Material that the Committee has received from other parties in response to discovery requests that the producing parties have designated as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" (the "Confidential Information"). As such, the Committee is seeking to file the Post-Trial Brief under seal.

10. Contemporaneously with the filing of this Motion, the Committee is filing a redacted version of the Post-Trial Brief.

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED AND APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

11. Bankruptcy Code section 105(a) codifies the inherent equitable powers of the Court and empowers the Court to "issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." 11 U.S.C. §105(a).

12. Bankruptcy Code section 107(b) further provides that "[o]n request of a party in interest, the bankruptcy court shall . . . protect an entity with respect to a trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information," *See* 11 U.S.C. § 107(b)(1); *In re Gen. Homes Corp.*, 181 B.R. 898, 903 (Bankr. S.D. Tex.) 1995. Indeed, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9018, "the court may make any order which justice requires . . . to protect the estate or any entity in respect of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information . . ." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9018.

13. Both Bankruptcy Code section 107(b) and Bankruptcy Rule 2018 were designed "to protect business entities from disclosure of information that could reasonably be expected to cause the entity commercial injury," and to prevent competitors from gaining an unfair advantage. *In re Global Crossing Ltd.*, 295 B.R. 720, 725 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2003); *In re Faucett*, 438 B.R.

564, 567 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2010). Indeed, Bankruptcy Code section 107(b) *requires* a Court to seal such information. *In re Northstar Energy, Inc.*, 315 B.R. 425, 429 (Bankr. E.D. Tex. 2004); *see also Video Software Delers Ass'n v. Orion Pictures Corp. (In re Orion Pictures Corp.)*, 21 F.3d 24, 27 (2d Cir. 1994).

14. Furthermore, Rule 9037-1 of the Local Rules states that a “document may initially be filed under seal if the filing party simultaneously files a motion requesting that the document be maintained under seal.” L.R. 9037-1. “In some instances, it may be practicable to redact relevant confidential information from a document, and to file the redacted document in the public record. In those instances, (i) a redacted document should be filed, not under seal; and (ii) the unredacted document should simultaneously be filed, under seal.” *Id.* The Committee is filing a redacted version of the Post-Trial Brief.

15. The Protective Order mandates that the Committee protect the Confidential Material from unauthorized disclosure. Further, before the Protective Order was entered and ordered, the Debtors provided certain confidential information to the Committee which, pursuant to the confidentiality restriction in the Committee Bylaws must be kept confidential. Because Confidential Material is included in the Post-Trial Brief, the Committee files this Motion in keeping with its obligations to keep this information confidential.

16. Accordingly, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order authorizing it to file the Post-Trial Brief containing or referencing confidential material under seal.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

17. The Committee reserves all rights to amend this Motion prior to or during any hearing on this Motion.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court enter the order, substantially in the form hereto as **Exhibit A**, authorizing the Committee to file the Post-Trial Brief under seal, and granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: June 17, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was caused to be served electronically through the Court's CM/ECF system on June 17, 2024, on all parties registered to receive electronic service in the above cases.

By: /s/ Charles R. Gibbs
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Exhibit A

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before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided under the circumstances; and it further appearing that cause exists to grant the relief requested in the Motion and that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors; and upon due consideration of the Motion; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court; and after due deliberation thereon and sufficient cause appearing therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to sections 105(a) and 107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9018, the Committee is authorized to file the Post-Trial Brief under seal.

2. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

3. The Committee is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

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