

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.8 (rev. 1.8.1)
Eastern Division**

William Carter

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.: 1:17-cv-07241

Honorable LaShonda A. Hunt

City of Chicago, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Monday, December 16, 2024:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable LaShonda A. Hunt: The Court granted leave in advance for the parties to file confidential documents under seal to avoid unnecessary motion practice [192]. But that was not meant to suggest that Local Rule 26.2 and Circuit precedent requiring a justification for documents or portions of documents to be sealed are irrelevant. See e.g., Union Oil Co. of Cal. v. Leavell, 220 F.3d 562, 567–68 (7th Cir. 2000) ("Many a litigant would prefer that the subject matter of a case... be kept from the curious (including its business rivals and customers), but the tradition that litigation is open to the public is of very long standing."). Nor did it relieve parties of the obligation to simultaneously file a public-record version of sealed documents where possible. Here, Defendant City of Chicago filed a sealed memorandum in support of summary judgment [200] and Local Rule 56.1(a) statement [201]. And certain Defendant Individual Officers filed a sealed joint motion in limine to bar expert testimony [202]. Exactly why the entire motion, brief, and fact statement must be sealed is unclear. That said, the Court notes that similar sealed submissions were filed in the Baker and Gipson cases. And so perhaps this Court should have asked more questions in advance. Accordingly, by 12/20/24, Defendants are ordered to file redacted public versions of these documents on the docket, where possible. If Defendants have grounds for maintaining the entire documents under seal, then a detailed statement may be filed (under seal, if necessary) explaining that. However, the Court will allow Defendant Individual Officers' sealed Exhibit 1 [204] to remain provisionally under seal, but they must file a public redacted version by 12/20/24. Emailed notice. (cdh,)

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