

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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KNOX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CATHERINE F. SHANKS, CLERK

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
ex rel. HERBERT H. SLATERY, III,
ATTORNEY GENERAL and REPORTER,

Plaintiff

v.

PURDUE PHARMA, L.P.,
a foreign limited partnership,

Defendant.

No. 1-173-18

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE

In this matter, the plaintiff filed a motion to allow the complaint to be filed under seal. The motion was based upon the defendant's assertion that the complaint references the defendant's confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information. This Court granted the plaintiff's motion. Accordingly, the complaint is currently under seal. The defendant has ten days after service of process in which to seek a protective order; otherwise, the seal shall expire. A motion to intervene has been filed by Deborah W. Fisher, individually, and as Executive Director of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government and Jack McElroy, individually, and as Executive Editor of the Knoxville News Sentinel. The proposed intervenors oppose the sealing of the complaint. The Court finds that the motion to intervene is well-taken, and the motion is **GRANTED**. The intervenors shall be allowed to intervene solely as to the issue of whether the complaint should remain sealed. As set forth in the Court's Order sealing the complaint, if the defendant files a motion for protective order, the Court will set a time for a hearing on such motion. The intervenors, having already filed a memorandum of law on the issue, shall be allowed to participate in the

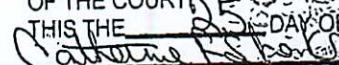
hearing, and shall be permitted to file any additional documents deemed necessary in support of their position.

Entered this 24 day of May, 2018.



JUDGE KRISTI M. DAVIS

I, CATHERINE F. SHANKS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KNOX COUNTY DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE MAILED CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE FOREGOING ORDER TO COUNSEL OF RECORD TO WITS:
Brant Harrell & Richard Hollow

THE SAID COPIES BEING MAILED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ENTRY OF THE ORDER UPON THE MINUTES OF THE COURT
THIS THE 25 DAY OF May, 2018


CATHERINE F. SHANKS, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

DEPUTY CLERK