

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
FORT MYERS DIVISION

DR. JOSEPH MERCOLA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:23-cv-00545-SPC-KCD

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
COMPANY,

Defendant.

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**ORDER**

On November 7, 2023, the Court held a preliminary pretrial conference. At the conference, the parties jointly requested that the Court enter a Rule 502(d) order. As set forth below, the oral motion is granted.

1. This Order shall be applicable to and govern all deposition transcripts and/or videotapes, and documents produced in response to requests for production of documents, answers to interrogatories, responses to requests for admissions, affidavits, declarations and all other information or material produced, made available for inspection, or otherwise submitted by any of the parties in this litigation as well as testimony adduced at trial or during any hearing (collectively “Information”).

2. The disclosure of privileged or work-product protected documents, electronically stored information (“ESI”) or Information, whether inadvertent or otherwise, is not a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d).
3. Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a party’s right to conduct a review of documents, ESI or Information (including metadata) for relevance, responsiveness and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected Information before production.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

The Oral Joint Motion for Entry of a 502(d) Order is **GRANTED**.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on November 17, 2023.



Kyle C. Dudek  
United States Magistrate Judge