

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

SONOSITE, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

07-C-273-C

On April 30, 2008, this court held a recorded telephonic hearing on GE's motion to protect its confidential information by requiring its former employee, James Gilmore, to be counseled by an outside attorney for certain matters relevant to his imminent deposition by Sonosite (dkt. 157). Both sides were represented by counsel.

Having read both parties' submissions and having entertained further argument at the hearing, I granted the motion. The record speaks for itself, but by way of brief recapitulation, Sonosite as Gilmore's current employer, may prep him for this deposition, but Gilmore's independent attorney must be present for all prep sessions in order to safeguard GE's confidential information which should not be revealed during debriefings and/or prep sessions. Gilmore is entitled to private consultation with his own attorney whenever he has concerns about the limits of his testimony, and whenever else he deems it appropriate. Each side will bear its own costs on this motion.

Entered this 1st day of May, 2008.

BY THE COURT:
/s/
STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge