

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Case No. 23-cv-22582-BLOOM/Otazo-Reyes

RICHARD ARJUN KAUL, MD,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER J. CHRISTIE, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER ON DEFAULT JUDGMENT PROCEDURE

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon the Clerk's Entry of Default as to Defendant Christopher J. Christie ("Defendant"), filed on September 6, 2023. Upon review of the record, it appears that Defendant has indeed failed to respond to the Complaint or otherwise appear in this action.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Plaintiff must file one of the following two responses by **September 20, 2023**:

(1) Where there is only one Defendant, or where there are multiple Defendants,¹ but no allegations of joint and several liability, and no possibility of inconsistent liability between Defendants, Plaintiff shall file a Motion for Default Final Judgment.

The Motion for Default Final Judgment must include affidavits of any sum certain due by Defendants, and any other supporting documentation necessary to determine Plaintiff's measure of damages. The Motion shall also be accompanied by (1) the necessary affidavit under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. app. § 521(b), if applicable; (2) a proposed order

¹ If there are multiple Defendants, Plaintiff must state in the Motion for Default Final Judgment that there are no allegations of joint and several liability, and set forth the basis why there is no possibility of inconsistent liability.

which details both the **factual and legal basis for default**; and (3) a proposed final judgment.² Pursuant to the CM/ECF Administrative Procedures, the proposed orders **shall be submitted to the Court by e-mail in Word format** at bloom@flsd.uscourts.gov. Plaintiff shall send a copy of the *Motion* to Defendant's counsel, or to Defendant if he does not have counsel. In the Certificate of Service, Plaintiff shall indicate that notice was sent and the address or addresses where notice was sent. Plaintiff shall not rely solely on the Court's CM/ECF system to effect such service.

If Defendant fails to move to set aside the Clerk's Default, default final judgment may be entered, which, simply put, means that Plaintiff may be able to take Defendant's property or money, and/or obtain other relief against Defendant.

(2) Alternatively, where there are multiple Defendants and allegations of joint and several liability, or the possibility of inconsistent liability between Defendants, Plaintiff shall file a *Notice of Joint Liability*. See *Frow v. De La Vega*, 82 U.S. 552, 554 (1872); 10A Charles Alan Wright and Arthur R. Miller, FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE § 2690 (3d ed. 1998) (citing *Frow*, 82 U.S. at 554); see also *Gulf Coast Fans, Inc. v. Midwest Elecs. Imp., Inc.*, 740 F.2d 1499, 1512 (11th Cir. 1984).

The *Notice of Joint Liability* must briefly describe the allegations and advise the Court of the status of the other Defendants' liability. Once liability is resolved as to all Defendants, Plaintiff may move for the entry of default final judgment against Defendants, as described in (1) above, no later than 14 days thereafter.

Plaintiff's failure to file a *Motion for Default Final Judgment* or *Notice of Joint Liability* within the specified time will result in sanctions, including but not limited to, **dismissal** without prejudice as to defaulted Defendants.

² These last two are required by Local Rule 7.1(a)(2).

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DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, on September 6, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

BETH BLOOM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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