

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Aylo Premium Ltd. v. John Does 1–20, et al.

Aylo Premium · No. 3:25-cv-05473-BHS · Decided December 18, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington grants Aylo Premium Ltd.’s motion for default judgment against Alex Abdullaev in a copyright infringement action. The court awards \$10,200,000 in statutory damages, grants permanent injunctive relief including disabling and transferring specified domain names, and awards \$20,680 in attorneys’ fees and \$755 in costs. The Clerk is directed to enter judgment and close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Benjamin H. Settle
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
DECIDED	December 18, 2025
DOCKET	3:25-cv-05473-BHS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved for default judgment against defendant Alex Abdullaev in a copyright infringement action after Abdullaev failed to answer.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court exercised discretion in determining statutory damages within the ranges prescribed by 17 U.S.C. § 504(c), and equitable discretion in determining whether to issue a permanent injunction under the four-factor test of eBay Inc. v. MercExchange, L.L.C.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- copyright infringement
- default judgment
- injunctions
- damages
- attorney fees

PRACTICE AREAS

- copyright
- civil procedure
- remedies
- commercial litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Aylo was entitled to statutory damages for Abdullaev's willful infringement and, if so, in what amount.
2. Whether Aylo was entitled to a permanent injunction against further infringement.
3. Whether the court should order the relevant domain registries to disable and transfer the websites' domain names to Aylo.
4. Whether Aylo was entitled to attorney's fees and costs under 17 U.S.C. § 505.

HOLDINGS

1. Aylo was entitled to statutory damages, but the court declined to award the requested \$30.6 million and instead awarded \$5,000 for each of 2,040 infringed works, totaling \$10,200,000.
2. Aylo was entitled to a permanent injunction precluding Abdullaev from infringing Aylo's copyrighted works.
3. The court ordered the registries hosting Abdullaev's websites to disable and transfer the specified domain names to Aylo.
4. Aylo was entitled to \$20,680 in attorney's fees and \$755 in costs under 17 U.S.C. § 505.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Aylo has demonstrated Abdullaev willfully infringed its copyrighted works and a statutory damages award is warranted and required.” (at 2)

“In short, Aylo is entitled to a permanent injunction precluding Abdullaev from infringing on its copyrighted works.” (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Aylo alleged that Abdullaev owned and operated websites that pirated its copyrighted adult-entertainment videos. The court found that Abdullaev willfully infringed 2,040 copyrighted works displayed at approximately 71,400 URLs. Aylo asserted substantial but difficult-to-calculate revenue losses and sought \$15,000 per work, while the court found that only a fraction of the websites' visitors would have paid for Aylo's services.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Aylo Premium sued Abdullaev and John Does 1–20, alleging that Abdullaev operated websites displaying pirated copies of Aylo's copyrighted adult-entertainment videos. Abdullaev did not answer, and Aylo moved for default judgment. The court granted default judgment, awarded statutory damages, entered permanent injunctive relief, ordered domain registries to disable and transfer specified domain names, awarded attorney's fees and costs, and directed the Clerk to enter judgment and close the case.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Harris v. Emus Records Corp., 734 F.2d 1329, 1335 (9th Cir. 1984)
- F.W. Woolworth Co. v. Contemporary Arts, Inc., 344 U.S. 228, 232 (1952)
- Jackson v. Sturkie, 255 F. Supp. 2d 1096, 1101 (N.D. Cal. 2003)
- L.A. News Service v. Reuters Television International, Ltd., 149 F.3d 987, 996 (9th Cir. 1998)
- Getty Images (U.S.), Inc. v. Virtual Clinics, No. C13-0626 JLR, 2014 WL 1116775 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 20, 2014)
- eBay Inc. v. MercExchange, L.L.C., 547 U.S. 388, 391 (2006)
- Apple Computer, Inc. v. Franklin Computer Corp., 714 F.2d 1240, 1255 (3d Cir. 1983)
- Will Co. Ltd. v. Lee, No. 3:20-cv-05802-BHS (W.D. Wash. 2025)

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