

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA

Elbin Lalin v. ESN Property, LLC, et al.

Lalin · No. No. 24-2335 · Decided April 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana adopted the magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation after no timely objections were filed. The court granted Defendants’ motion, ordered Plaintiff Elbin Lalin to execute the settlement agreement by April 21, 2026, and directed the parties to notify the court whether it had been executed.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Wendy Vitter
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
DECIDED	April 7, 2026
DOCKET	No. 24-2335
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court considered Defendants' motion, Plaintiff's response, and a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation. After finding that no timely objection had been filed and that the Report was neither clearly erroneous nor contrary to law, the court adopted the Report as its opinion, granted Defendants' motion, and ordered Plaintiff to execute the settlement agreement.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the Report and Recommendation for clear error and consistency with applicable law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order
PARTIES	Elbin Lalin v. ESN Property, LLC, Ravi Doddamani, Vidya Doddamani, Zydeco Ownings, LLC, 4213-15 Dryades, LLC, 4323-25 Loyola, LLC

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- contracts

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

contract settlement enforcement

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should approve and adopt the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation when no timely objection was filed and the Report was neither clearly erroneous nor contrary to law.
2. Whether Defendants' motion should be granted and Plaintiff ordered to execute the settlement agreement.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved and adopted the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation because it was neither clearly erroneous nor contrary to law, and because Plaintiff failed to timely object.
2. Defendants' motion was granted, and Plaintiff was ordered to execute the settlement agreement by April 21, 2026.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Failure to comply with this Court Order shall result in the entry of Judgment reflecting the terms of the settlement agreement.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties had entered into a settlement agreement. The district court ordered Plaintiff Elbin Lalin to execute the agreement by April 21, 2026 and required the parties to notify the court whether it had been executed. The order states that failure to comply would result in entry of judgment reflecting the settlement agreement's terms.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Defendants filed a motion identified as R. Doc. 68. Plaintiff responded, and the magistrate judge issued a Report and Recommendation. Plaintiff's objections were due April 1, 2026, but none were timely filed. The district court approved and adopted the Report and Recommendation and granted Defendants' motion.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- A & A Wrecker Serv. Inc. v. City of Galveston, 145 F.3d 360 (5th Cir. 1998)
- Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. v. Benetech, LLC, No. 10-2864, 2013 WL 5428615, at *1 (E.D. La. Sept. 26, 2018)