

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Stefan Jeremiah v. DBG Media Publishers of Our Time Press Incorporated

Jeremiah · No. 25-CV-1822 (AMD) (CLP) · Decided December 2, 2025

SUMMARY

The Eastern District of New York adopted a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation granting the plaintiff’s motion for default judgment in a copyright infringement action. The court awarded \$15,000 in statutory damages, \$5,487.50 in attorney’s fees, and \$465 in costs.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Ann M. Donnelly
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
DECIDED	December 2, 2025
DOCKET	25-CV-1822 (AMD) (CLP)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The plaintiff moved for default judgment after the defendant failed to answer or otherwise appear. The district court reviewed and adopted the magistrate judge's report and recommendation recommending that the motion be granted.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	When no timely objection is made to a report and recommendation, the district court reviews the record for clear error.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order; precedential status unknown
PARTIES	Stefan Jeremiah v. DBG Media Publishers of Our Time Press Incorporated

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's report and recommendation when no timely objection was filed.
2. Whether the plaintiff was entitled to default judgment and the damages, attorney's fees, and costs recommended in the report and recommendation.

HOLDINGS

1. When no timely objection is made to a magistrate judge's report and recommendation, the district court need only determine whether the record contains clear error on its face; finding none, the court may adopt the recommendation.
2. The plaintiff's motion for default judgment was granted, and the plaintiff was awarded \$15,000 in statutory damages, \$5,487.50 in attorney's fees, and \$465 in costs.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"To accept a report and recommendation to which no timely objection has been made, "a district court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record."" (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff alleged that he created a photograph of Mayor Eric Adams and owned the rights and licenses for various online and print uses. He alleged that the defendant copied and displayed the photograph on a website and social media account without permission or authorization. The defendant did not answer or otherwise appear.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff filed a copyright-infringement action on April 2, 2025. After the defendant failed to appear, the Clerk entered default on June 30, 2025, and the plaintiff moved for default judgment on July 10, 2025. The motion was referred to Magistrate Judge Cheryl L. Pollak, who issued a report and recommendation on November 4, 2025. No objections were filed, and the district court adopted the report and recommendation in its entirety.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- VOX Amplification Ltd. v. Meussdorffer, 50 F. Supp. 3d 355, 369 (E.D.N.Y. 2014)

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK -----
----- X STEFAN JEREMIAH, Plaintiff,; ORDER ADOPTING
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION – against –: 25-CV-1822 (AMD) (CLP) DBG MEDIA
PUBLISHERS OF OUR TIME PRESS INCORPORATED,; Defendant. -----
----- X A NN M. DONNELLY, United States District Judge: On April 2,
2025, the plaintiff brought this acti on to recover damages for copyright infringement under the
Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C §101 et seq.

(ECF No. 1.) The plaintiff alleged that he created a photograph of Mayor Eric Adams for which he
“owns the rights and licenses for various uses including online and print publications.” (Id. ¶ 2.)
The plaintiff alleged that the defendant, without the plaintiff’s permission or author ization, copied
and displayed the photograph on a website and social media account that it owns and operates, and
that it engaged in this conduct “knowingly and in violation of the United States copyright laws.”
(Id. ¶¶ 3–5.)

The defendant did not answer the complaint or otherwise appear, and the Clerk of Court filed an
entry of default on June 30, 2025. (ECF No. 12.) On July 10, 2025, the plaintiff filed a motion for
default judgment. (ECF No. 13.)

The following day, the Court referred the motion to Magistrate Judge Cheryl L. Pollak. (ECF
Order dated Jul. 11, 2025.) On November 4, 2025, Judge Pollak issued a Report and
Recommendation recommending that the Court grant the motion. (ECF No. 22.) No party has filed
an objection to the report and recommendation and the time for doing so has passed. A district
court reviewing a report and recommendation “may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part,
the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

To accept a report and recommendation to which no timely objection has been made, “a district
court need only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record.” VOX
Amplification Ltd. v. Meussdorffer, 50 F. Supp. 3d 355, 369 (E.D.N.Y. 2014) (citation omitted).

The Court has carefully reviewed Judge Pollak’s well-reasoned report and recommendation for
clear error and finds none. Accordingly, the Court adopts the report and recommendation in its
entirety. The motion for default judgment is granted, and the plaintiff is awarded \$15,000 in
statutory damages, \$5,487.50 in attorney’s fees, and \$465 in costs. SO ORDERED. _ _
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Judge Dated: Brooklyn, New York December 2, 2025