

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PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order; precedential status unknown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)

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