

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD DIVISION

Valerie Gray v. Venanpri Group and Agrisolutions Wear Technology
Corp.

Gray · No. No. 3:25-cv-00338-MPM-JMV · Decided June 17, 2026

SUMMARY

The court denied pro se Plaintiff Valerie Gray’s motion for default judgment as moot. The Clerk’s entry of default against Venanpri Group had been set aside, eliminating the prerequisite for obtaining a default judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Oxford Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Michael P. Mills
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Oxford Division
DECIDED	June 17, 2026
DOCKET	No. 3:25-cv-00338-MPM-JMV
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Pro se plaintiff moved for default judgment against Venanpri Group after the Clerk entered default. While the motion for default judgment was pending, the court set aside the Clerk's entry of default.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Valerie Gray v. Venanpri Group, Agrisolutions Wear Technology Corp.

TOPICS

- default judgment
- default
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- commercial litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether a plaintiff may obtain default judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55 after the Clerk's entry of default has been set aside.

HOLDINGS

1. A plaintiff may obtain default judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55 only after an entry of default by the Clerk has been secured; once the entry of default was set aside, Gray's motion for default judgment could not be granted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, a plaintiff may only obtain a default judgment after an entry of default by the Clerk of Court is secured.”

“After defendants default has been entered, plaintiff may apply for a judgment based on such default. This is a default judgment.” (84 F.3d at 141)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Gray sued Venanpri Group and Agrisolutions Wear Technology Corp. pro se. After the Clerk entered default against Venanpri Group, that defendant successfully obtained an order setting aside the default before the district court resolved Gray's motion for default judgment.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Valerie Gray filed suit on November 24, 2025. Venanpri Group's attempted motion to dismiss was stricken because the entity was represented by a non-lawyer. The Clerk entered default against Venanpri Group on May 8, 2026, but the Magistrate Judge granted Venanpri Group's motion to set aside the default on June 11, 2026. The district court then denied Gray's motion for default judgment as moot.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- New York Life Ins. Co. v. Brown, 84 F.3d 137, 141 (5th Cir. 1996)

OPINION

Gray

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

OXFORD DIVISION

VALERIE GRAY PLAINTIFF

v. No. 3:25-cv-00338-MPM-JMV

VENANPRI GROUP AND
AGRISOLUTIONS WEAR TECHNOLOGY CORP DEFENDANTS
ORDER

This cause comes before the Court on pro se Plaintiff Valerie Grays Motion for Default Judgment [29]. The Court, having reviewed the record and applicable case law, is now prepared to rule. On November 24, 2025, Ms. Gray filed this lawsuit pro se against Defendants Venanpri Group and Agrisolutions Wear Technology Corp. On March 16, 2026, Venanpri Group attempted to file a motion to dismiss [11], but it was subsequently stricken from the record because corporate entities may not be represented by a non-lawyer. [12]. On May 4, 2026, Ms. Gray filed a Motion for Entry of Default [17] against Defendant Venanpri Group. On May 8, the Clerk of Court entered default against Venanpri Group pursuant to Ms. Grays motion. [18]. Venanpri Group filed a Motion to Set Aside Clerks Entry of Default [21] on May 14, a mere 6 days after default was entered against them. While Venanpri Groups motion to set aside default was pending on the docket, on June 2, Ms. Gray filed the instant Motion for Default Judgment [29]. On June 11, the Magistrate Judge entered an order granting Venanpri Groups motion and setting aside the Clerk of Courts entry of Default against them. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55, a plaintiff may only obtain a default judgment after an entry of default by the Clerk of Court is secured. See *New York Life Ins. Co. v. Brown*, 84 F.3d 137, 141 (5th Cir. 1996) (After defendants default has been entered, plaintiff may apply for a judgment based on such default. This is a default judgment.). As there is no longer an entry of default against Venanpri Group in this matter, the Court finds no reason to grant Ms. Grays motion for Default Judgment. ACCORDINGLY, Ms. Grays Motion for Default Judgment [29] is DENIED as moot. SO ORDERED this 17th day of June, 2026. /s/Michael P. Mills

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI