

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America v. Roger Rowe

United States v. Rowe · No. 19-CV-5770 (WFK) · Decided December 3, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York adopts a magistrate judge’s Report and Recommendation concerning Roger Rowe’s motions for final judgment, a temporary restraining order, and a preliminary injunction. The Court denies Rowe’s motions and grants the United States’ request for a filing injunction, requiring Rowe to obtain leave of Court before submitting filings seeking to alter, amend, reopen, or take similar action regarding the amended judgment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
WRITING FOR THE COURT	William F. Kuntz, II
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
DECIDED	December 3, 2025
DOCKET	19-CV-5770 (WFK)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation concerning Defendant's motions for final judgment, a temporary restraining order, and a preliminary injunction, as well as the United States' motion for a filing injunction. The court adopted the R&R with a modification, denied Defendant's motions, and granted the United States' request for a filing injunction.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), the district court conducts de novo review of portions of an R&R to which specific objections are made. Conclusory, general, or repetitive objections are reviewed for clear error.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order; precedential status unknown
PARTIES	United States of America

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should review Rowe's general and repetitive objections to the magistrate judge's R&R for clear error and his specific objection de novo.
2. Whether the magistrate judge exceeded her authority by issuing a Report and Recommendation concerning the referred motions.
3. Whether Rowe's motions for entry of final judgment, a temporary restraining order, and a preliminary injunction should be granted.
4. Whether the United States was entitled to a narrowly crafted injunction requiring Rowe to obtain leave before filing further motions concerning the Amended Judgment.

HOLDINGS

1. General, conclusory, or repetitive objections are reviewed for clear error, while specific objections receive de novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).
2. The magistrate judge acted within the authority delegated by the district court when she issued a Report and Recommendation on the referred motions; an R&R is not an order requiring consent to magistrate-judge jurisdiction over the civil action.
3. Rowe's motions for entry of final judgment in his favor and for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction were denied.
4. The United States was entitled to a narrowly crafted filing injunction requiring Rowe to obtain leave of court before submitting filings seeking to alter, amend, reopen, or take similar action concerning the Amended Judgment.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"It is not an order." (Opinion text)

"The Court adopts the R&R with one modification." (Opinion text)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The United States had obtained an Amended Judgment against Roger Rowe, which had been affirmed by the Second Circuit. Rowe filed motions seeking entry of final judgment in his favor and requesting a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. The United States sought an injunction barring Rowe from making further filings concerning the Amended Judgment without first obtaining leave of court.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Magistrate Judge Vera M. Scanlon issued an R&R recommending denial of Roger Rowe's motions and partial relief on the United States' request for a filing injunction. Rowe filed objections, including challenges to the magistrate judge's authority and jurisdiction. The district court reviewed the objections, treated the general objections under clear-error review and the specific objection de novo, adopted the R&R with one modification, entered the filing injunction in full, and closed the case.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Norman v. Metropolitan Transportation Authority, 13-CV-1183, 2014 WL 4628848, at *1 (E.D.N.Y. Sept. 15, 2014)
- SBC 2010-1, LLC v. Morton, 552 F. App'x 9, 12-13 (2d Cir.)

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