

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA, SHREVEPORT DIVISION**

Icee Co. et al. v. Jeff Brantley

Brantley · No. 25-cv-008 · Decided March 31, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana directs plaintiffs, who obtained entry of default, to file a fully supported motion for default judgment by May 1, 2026. The order requires supporting evidence regarding service, liability, and damages, a legal memorandum, a proposed judgment, and a statement regarding the need for an evidentiary hearing; it warns that failure to comply may result in dismissal for failure to prosecute.

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA SHREVEPORT DIVISION ICEE CO ET AL CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-cv-008 VERSUS JUDGE VAN HOOK JEFF BRANTLEY MAGISTRATE JUDGE HORNSBY MEMORANDUM ORDER Plaintiffs have obtained entry of default, but the case has sat dormant for several months. Plaintiffs are now directed to file, by May 1, 2026, a Motion for Default Judgment that is fully supported by affidavits, documentation or other evidence sufficient to prove the validity of service of process, the liability of the defendant, and the amount of any damages sought.

If this case has been resolved, Plaintiffs should file a stipulation of or motion for voluntary dismissal. Many of the rules relevant to motions for default judgments can be found in *Crain v. E&M Operating, L.L.C.*, No. 18-CV-00548, 2019 WL 6770732 (W.D. La. 2019).

The motion must be supported by a memorandum that explains the legal basis for liability and damages or other relief sought, and that states whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary under the rules explained in *Crain* and *Leedo Cabinetry v. James Sales & Distribution, Inc.*, 157 F.3d 410, 414 (5th Cir. 1998).

The motion must be accompanied by a proposed judgment. If Plaintiffs fail to take the steps required by this order, this civil action may be dismissed for failure to prosecute. **THUS DONE AND SIGNED** in Shreveport, Louisiana, this 31st day of March, 2026. Mark L. Hornsby