

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.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Mark L. Hornsby
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division
DECIDED	March 31, 2026
DOCKET	25-cv-008
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	After plaintiffs obtained entry of default, the court ordered them to pursue default judgment or voluntarily dismiss the action.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- default judgment
- default
- service of process
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- default judgment

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What action plaintiffs must take after obtaining entry of default and allowing the case to remain dormant.
2. What evidentiary and briefing support must accompany a motion for default judgment.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Plaintiffs have obtained entry of default, but the case has sat dormant for several months.”

“If Plaintiffs fail to take the steps required by this order, this civil action may be dismissed for failure to prosecute.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs had obtained entry of default against the defendant. The case had remained dormant for several months. The order does not describe the underlying claims or merits.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiffs obtained entry of default against defendant Jeff Brantley. The action then remained dormant for several months. The court directed plaintiffs to file a supported motion for default judgment by May 1, 2026, or, if the case had been resolved, to file a stipulation or motion for voluntary dismissal.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Crain v. E&M Operating, L.L.C., No. 18-CV-00548, 2019 WL 6770732 (W.D. La. 2019)
- Leedo Cabinetry v. James Sales & Distribution, Inc., 157 F.3d 410, 414 (5th Cir. 1998)