

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF  
FLORIDA

Michael Sutherland et al. v. Wellshow Machining Parts, Inc. et al.

Sutherland · No. 8:24-cv-00854-WFJ-NHA · Decided December 9, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a default judgment in a civil case from the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division. The court entered default against Defendant Wellshow Machining Parts, Inc. under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) for failing to appear with counsel as ordered. It also provides information concerning attorney’s fees, costs, and appellate deadlines and procedures.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT              | United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida                                                                                                    |
| DECIDED            | December 9, 2025                                                                                                                                                   |
| DOCKET             | 8:24-cv-00854-WFJ-NHA                                                                                                                                              |
| DISPOSITION        | other                                                                                                                                                              |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | The district court entered default against Defendant Wellshow Machining Parts, Inc. after the defendant failed to appear with counsel as required by court orders. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE | unpublished district court order                                                                                                                                   |

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether default should be entered against Wellshow Machining Parts, Inc. under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) because of its failure to appear with counsel as ordered.

HOLDINGS

1. Default is entered against Defendant Wellshow Machining Parts, Inc. under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) because it failed to appear with counsel as required by the court's orders.

#### KEY QUOTATIONS

*"IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that default is entered against Defendant Wellshow, per FRCP 55(a), due to the failure to appear with counsel per the Court's Orders."* (at 1)

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs brought a copyright action against Wellshow Machining Parts, Inc. and other defendants. Wellshow failed to appear with counsel as required by the court's orders, identified as Docket Entries 91 and 93. The court therefore entered default against Wellshow.

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This action was pending in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The court entered default against Wellshow under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(a) based on the defendant's failure to appear with counsel pursuant to the court's orders.

#### DISPOSITION

other

#### CASES CITED

- Pitney Bowes, Inc. v. Mestre, 701 F.2d 1365, 1368 (11th Cir.)
- Williams v. Bishop, 732 F.2d 885, 885-86 (11th Cir.)
- Budinich v. Becton Dickinson & Co., 486 U.S. 196, 201, 108 S. Ct. 1717, 1721-22, 100 L. Ed. 2d 178 (1988)
- LaChance v. Duffy's Draft House, Inc., 146 F.3d 832, 837 (11th Cir.)
- Cohen v. Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp., 337 U.S. 541, 546, 69 S. Ct. 1221, 1225-26, 93 L. Ed. 1528 (1949)
- Atlantic Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n v. Blythe Eastman Paine Webber, Inc., 890 F.2d 371, 376 (11th Cir.)
- Gillespie v. United States Steel Corp., 379 U.S. 148, 157, 85 S. Ct. 308, 312, 13 L. Ed. 2d 199 (1964)
- Rinaldo v. Corbett, 256 F.3d 1276, 1278 (11th Cir.)

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