

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

BURTON W. WIAND, as Receiver for
OASIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LTD.;
OASIS MANAGEMENT, LLC; AND
SATELLITE HOLDINGS COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 8:20-cv-00862-VMC-TGW

CHRIS AND SHELLEY ARDUINI, et al.,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT BY CLERK AGAINST
DEFENDANTS JOSEPH LAVECCHIA & LYNNE LAVECCHIA
PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 55(b)(1)

Plaintiff, BURTON W. WIAND, as Receiver for OASIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LTD.; OASIS MANAGEMENT, LLC; AND SATELLITE HOLDINGS COMPANY (“*Plaintiff*”), pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(1) and Local Rule 1.07(b), moves the Clerk of Court to enter a joint and several default judgment in the amount of \$551,283.27 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$130,243.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against Defendants, Joseph LaVecchia and Lynne LaVecchia (collectively, the “*LaVecchias*”), and states:

1. On April 15, 2019, Plaintiff was appointed by the Court presiding over *C.F.T.C. v. Oasis International Group, Ltd.*, Case No. 8:19-CV-886-T-33SPF (M.D. Fla.) (the “*Receivership*”

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Case”), as the Receiver and directed Plaintiff to take custody, control and possession of the Receivership Estate. *See* Wiand Affidavit attached hereto as **Exhibit “A.”**

2. In connection with Plaintiff’s appointment in the Receivership Case, Plaintiff initiated this action and on April 14, 2020, Plaintiff filed his Complaint against the LaVecchias (Doc. 1).

3. On July 8, 2020, Plaintiff served the LaVecchias with the summons and complaint (Exhibit A ¶ 4).

4. The LaVecchias failed to serve or file a responsive pleading or otherwise defend this action. On August 4, 2020, Plaintiff moved for entry of two clerk’s defaults against the LaVecchias. (Doc. 301 and 302). On August 5, 2020, the Clerk entered two defaults against the LaVecchias. (Doc. 306, 307). (Exhibit A ¶ 5).

5. Upon information and belief, the LaVecchias are not infants or incompetent persons or active duty members of the U.S. Military. (Exhibit A ¶ 6).

6. As set forth in the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks recovery of a sum certain in the amount of \$551,283.27 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$130,243.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against the LaVecchias—joint and severally. *See* Compl. Ex. A at 54 (Doc. 1); (Exhibit A ¶ 7).

7. The prejudgment interest in the amount of \$130,243.35 is calculated as directed by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in *Wiand v. Dancing \$, LLC*, 578 Fed. Appx. 938 (11th Cir. 2014).

Legal Memorandum

Fed.R.Civ.P. 55(a) provides that, “[w]hen a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, and that failure is shown by

affidavit or otherwise, the clerk must enter the party's default." Additionally, Rule 55(b)(1) provides that if the plaintiff's claim is for an amount certain or can be made by certain computation (on plaintiff's request and with an affidavit showing the amount due), the clerk must enter judgment for that amount against a defaulted defendant. In this case, because the LaVecchias failed to respond to the Complaint, are neither minors nor an incompetent persons, and Plaintiff has set forth the sum certain of \$551,283.27 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$130,243.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against the LaVecchias with an affidavit showing same, the Clerk must enter a default judgment in the amount of \$551,283.27 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$130,243.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against the LaVecchias. *See Wiand v. Dancing \$, LLC*, 578 Fed. Appx. 938 947 (11th Cir. 2014) (holding that the Receiver was entitled to recover prejudgment interest on FUFTA claim, "...in light of Florida's general rule that prejudgment interest is an element of pecuniary damages.")

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff moves for entry of a Default Judgment in the amount of \$551,283.27 plus prejudgment interest beginning from the date of each false profit distribution through July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$130,243.35 and continuing thereafter at a per diem rate as a decimal of 0.0001647540 against the LaVecchias—joint and severally.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Beatriz McConnell

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system and will serve by U.S. mail and/or e-mail, as indicated, to the following: Joseph LaVecchia, 121 Pine Rd., Copake, NY 12516 and Lynne LaVecchia, 121 Pine Rd., Copake, NY 12516.

Dated: August 20, 2020.

/s/ Beatriz McConnell
Attorney for Plaintiff

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STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Burton W. Wiand, who, first being
duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am an attorney with Wiand Guerra King P.L. in Tampa, Florida. I make this
affidavit in support of the Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Default and Default Judgment Against
Defendants, Joseph LaVecchia and Lynne LaVecchia (collectively, the "*LaVecchias*"). I make
this affidavit based on information personally known to me or gathered by me or by others at my
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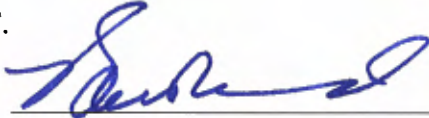
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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


BURTON W. WIAND

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements in the state aforesaid and in the county aforesaid, BURTON W. WIAND personally appeared to me, who is personally known to me to be the person described herein and executed the foregoing and acknowledged before me that he executed the same.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before the undersigned this 18th day of August, 2020.



Andrea Wilson
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
Comm# GG909058
Expires 8/29/2023


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