

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

**NITHYANANDA DHANAPEETAM
OF COLUMBUS,**

Plaintiff,

v.

AARTHI S. RAO,

Defendant.

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Case No. 2:13-CV-00526

JUDGE ALGENON L. MARBLEY

Magistrate Judge King

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff Nithyananda Dhanapeetam of Columbus's Motion for Default Judgment against Defendant Aarthi S. Rao (Doc. 30). The Clerk entered Defendant's default on January 30, 2014 (Doc. 22), and on April 24, 2014, after a status report from Plaintiff, the Court indicated that Plaintiff should file its Motion for Default Judgment no later than May 9, 2014 (Doc. 29). On May 8, 2014, Plaintiff filed the Motion *sub judice*, seeking default judgment against Defendant Rao, the only remaining Defendant in this case, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(2).

Plaintiff asserts that it has repeatedly attempted service on Defendant, and, on November 21, 2013, succeeded in effecting service via ordinary mail delivered to Defendant's post office box, in accordance with Ohio R. Civ. P. 4.6(D). After 60 days had elapsed from the date of service, Plaintiff moved for entry of default, and now seeks a default judgment in the amount of \$463,211.25 in damages, based on the reputational and business damages caused by Defendant by her statements and actions. (Doc. 30 at 3-4).

Exhibit B

For good cause shown, this Court finds that Defendant Aarthi S. Rao is in default of answer of the causes of action set forth in Plaintiff's Complaint. The allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint are deemed admitted as true against Defendant. The Court further finds that, upon Plaintiff's evidence submitted, including the affidavit testimony of Gowri Rammohan (Doc. 30-4) and counsel, Jeffrey A. Willis, Esq. (Doc. 30-5), Plaintiff has been damaged in an amount equal to Four Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Eleven and 25/100 Dollars (\$463,211.25), plus attorney's fees (\$10,568.30), plus costs (\$603.20), plus post-judgment interest in the amount of 3% per annum.

It is hereby **ADJUDGED, ORDERED, and DECREED** that judgment is entered in favor of Plaintiff, and against Defendant Rao, in the amount of Four Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Eleven and 25/100 Dollars (\$463,211.25), plus attorney's fees (\$10,568.30), plus costs (\$603.20), plus post-judgment interest in the amount of 3% per annum.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Algenon L. Marbley
ALGENON L. MARBLEY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: August 12, 2014