

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Cordell Maddox, Circuit Court Judge

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Common Pleas Case No. 2012-CP-37-00902  
Appellate Court Case No. 2017-000294

Alexander Pastene .....Appellant,

v.


Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A., .....Respondents.

APPELLANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD ON APPEAL

Comes Now, the Appellant Alexander Pastene, on this beautiful 15th day of August, 2018, on beautiful Hilton Head Island, and hereby respectfully complies with this Honorable Court's ORDER, dated August 9th, 2018, by timely enclosing herewith his response to Defendant's granted Motion to Compel.

Accordingly, he includes the following: Complete copy of Defendant's Return to Plaintiff's Motion Relief from Judgment under Rules 60 SCRCP and 55 SCRCP, including all exhibits that were attached to Defendant's Return.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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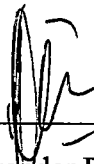
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that on today's date, August 15th, 2018, I have served the Appellant's Supplemental Record on Appeal as per Court Order of August 9, 2018, to Defendant, by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to his attorney of record, David A. Wilson 200 Whitsett St. Suite 100-B, Greenville, SC 29601.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

Alexander Pastene,

Plaintiff,

v.

Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine  
Center, P.A.,

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Case No.: 2012-CP-37-00902

**DEFENDANTS' RETURN  
TO  
"PLAINTIFF'S MOTION RELIEF  
FROM JUDGMENT UNDER RULES 60  
SCRPC & 55 SCRPC"**

Plaintiff Alexander Pastene moves this court for relief from the "Default Judgment *Against Plaintiff Alexander Pastene*" filed June 13, 2016. Defendants oppose Plaintiff's Motion Relief from Judgment Under Rules 60 SCRPC & 55 SCRPC (hereinafter "Motion for Relief from Judgment").<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff fails to set forth sufficient reasons to grant relief from a final judgment pursuant to Rule 60 and his motion is barred factually, legally and procedurally.

The moving party in a Rule 60(b) motion has the burden of presenting evidence entitling him to relief. A memorandum in support of a Rule 60(b) motion is not evidence. McClurg v. Deaton, 395 S.C. 85, 87, 716 S.E.2d 887, 888 (2011). By "Addendum" to the Motion for Relief from Judgment Plaintiff provides "Facts and Detailed Sequence of Events" from 2012 through 2016. Although a fair portion of the "facts" as set forth in this "Addendum" are not in evidence, most are irrelevant to this court's consideration of the pending motion anyway. The relevant inquiry revolves around the prior orders in this case, the damages hearing and the Plaintiff's conduct in connection with the hearing.

<sup>1</sup> Rule 55(c) does not apply because Plaintiff is not seeking to set aside an entry of default. He is asking for relief from a final judgment. See Howard v. Holiday Inns, 271 S.C. 238, 246 S.E.2d 880 (1978)(after the filing of an order declaring defendant to be in default and setting damages hearing, the order may only be set aside upon a showing that it was taken through mistake, inadvertance, surprise or excusable neglect).



On June 17, 2014, the court filed a Final Order of Default Judgment (Exhibit "A"). Pursuant to this Order for Default Judgment, Plaintiff was held to be in default on the Defendants' counterclaim.

On June 20, 2014, Plaintiff, by his own admission, received a copy of the Order for Default Judgment. (Exhibit "B" – Motion for Reconsideration).<sup>2</sup> Plaintiff filed a Motion for Reconsideration on or about August 11, 2014 – long after the ten day deadline set forth in Rules 52 and 59(e), SCRCP.

The court heard Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider the Order of Default Judgment on September 16, 2015.

The court denied Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration by order filed April 1, 2016 (Exhibit "C"). Plaintiff received a copy of this Order Denying Motion for Reconsideration. (See Motion for Relief from Judgment p. 10 para. 53). Plaintiff did not file a Notice of Appeal from the Order Denying the Motion for Reconsideration or the Order for Default Judgment. Accordingly, the Order of Default Judgment became the law of the case.

The damages hearing related to the Order for Default Judgment was held on April 12, 2016. The Clerk's Office mailed a "Notice of Motion Scheduling" by certified mail to Plaintiff. (Exhibit "D"). This Notice clearly indicated that the "Damages Hearing" was scheduled for April 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The Plaintiff signed the Return Receipt on March 18, 2016. As acknowledged by Plaintiff in his Motion for Relief from Judgment, Beverly Whitfield of the Oconee County Clerk of Court's Office also advised Defendant of this hearing by phone.

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<sup>2</sup> In his most recent Motion for Relief from Judgment, Plaintiff now claims he never received a copy of the Order of Default Judgment. (Motion for Relief from Judgment p. 7, para. 33). This assertion is false in light of Plaintiff's prior admission coupled with the fact he actually submitted a letter to Judge Maddox and filed a Motion to Reconsideration from the June 17, 2014 Order of Default Judgment. (Addendum to Motion for Relief from Judgment p. 34-35).

By Form 4 Judgment in a Civil Case dated April 18, 2016 and filed April 19, 2016, the court awarded the Defendants \$100,000 in actual damages and \$200,000 in punitive damages. The Form 4 specifically stated that a formal order was to follow. (Exhibit "E").

On or about April 29, 2016, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Vacate the Form 4 Judgment filed April 1, 2016. (Exhibit "F"). In this Motion, Plaintiff requested that the court reconsider and vacate the Form 4 Judgment arguing that he did not attend the damages hearing because "he understood that he was not required to attend the hearing." This motion was denied by Order filed June 13, 2016. (Exhibit "G").

The formal order entitled Default Judgment *Against Plaintiff Alexander Pastene* was filed June 13, 2016. (Exhibit "H").

The Plaintiff did not appeal the Order denying the Motion to Vacate the Form 4 Judgment and it is the law of the case. Plaintiff did not appeal the Order for Default Judgment and it is the law of the case. Plaintiff's arguments in opposition to the finding of default are barred as a matter of law. The relief he seeks now by way of the Motion for Relief from Judgment has already been denied by this court several times and not appealed.

Even if these issues are not barred by *res judicata* or collateral estoppel, Plaintiff still cannot prevail.

The only issue arguably before the court is whether Plaintiff should be relieved from the Default Judgment pursuant to Rule 60(b)(1) or (3).<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, the issue is whether the judgment was obtained through mistake, inadvertence, surprise, excusable neglect, fraud, misrepresentation or other misconduct of an adverse party.

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<sup>3</sup> Plaintiff does not allege that the judgment is void or that it is no longer equitable that the judgment should have prospective application pursuant to Rule 60(b)(4) and (5). Although Plaintiff cites Rule 60(b)(2) as a basis for his motion, he does not set forth any newly discovered evidence which by due diligence could not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b).

The Plaintiff simply failed to show up for the damages hearing despite being notified of same. His failure to attend does not create grounds for relief from a judgment pursuant to Rule 60(b)(1).

Plaintiff claims he did not attend the April 12, 2016 damages hearing because he received a copy of Order Denying his Motion to Reconsider the Order of Default Judgment before the hearing scheduled for April 12, 2016 and he interpreted the order to mean that he did not have to appear for the hearing. The Motion to Reconsider was not scheduled to be heard on April 12, 2016. The court heard this motion seven months earlier on September 16, 2015. The only hearing scheduled for April 12, 2016 was the damages hearing.

Plaintiff had notice of the damages hearing and simply did not show up. His neglect was the cause of the problem and it was not excusable or reasonable. See Paul Davis Systems v. Deepwater of Hilton Head, 362 S.C. 220, 607 S.E.2d 358 (Ct. App. 2004); Goodson v. American Bankers Ins. Co., 295 S.C. 440, 402, 368 S.E.2d 687, 689 (Ct. App. 1988)("party has the duty to monitor progress of his case. Lack of familiarity with proceedings is unacceptable and the court will not hold a layman to any lesser standard that is applied to an attorney").

Additionally, there are no allegations of fraud, misrepresentation or other misconduct on the part of the Defendants *in connection with the damages hearing*.<sup>4</sup> See Mr. G. v. Mrs. G., 320 S.C. 305, 311, 465 S.E.2d 101, 103 (Ct. App. 2005)(there is no fraud sufficient to set aside a judgment if party given notice of action and had opportunity to present evidence but neglected to do so). Plaintiff had notice of the hearing and neglected to appear. Defendants did nothing to induce Plaintiff not to appear.

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<sup>4</sup> Plaintiff's complaints about Defendants and their attorney involve allegations of events occurring long before the damages hearing or the filing of the Default Judgment *Against Plaintiff Alexander Pastene*.

Based upon the foregoing, the Defendants respectfully request that this court deny Plaintiff's Motion Relief from Judgment Under Rules 60 SCRPC & 55 SCRPC.

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Attorney for Defendants

Greenville, South Carolina  
December 8, 2016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF OCONEE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Case No.: 2012-CP-37-00902

Alexander Pastene,

Plaintiff,

v.

Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine  
Center, P.A.,

Defendants.

**ORDER FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT**

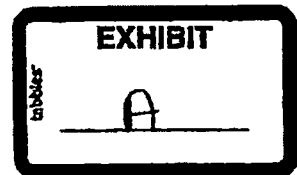
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It appearing to me that the Summons and Notice, Answer and Counterclaim in the above entitled action have been served by regular mail on the Plaintiff Alexander Pastene on September 6, 2012 and that no notice of appearance, Answer or other responsive pleading has been served or received in response thereto from the Plaintiff.

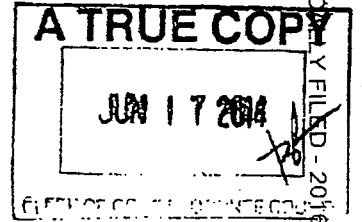
It further appearing from the Counterclaim that the damages sought therein are not liquidated.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the Affidavit of Default filed by David A. Wilson, attorney for the Defendant, and the Motion for Default Judgment, the Plaintiff Alexander Pastene is held to be in default.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Defendants herein has judgment against the Plaintiff Alexander Pastene in an amount to be determined by the court at a damages hearing to be scheduled.



AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



*[Handwritten signature]*

Presiding Judge  
Tenth Judicial Circuit

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FORM 4

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 COUNTY OF OCONEE  
 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2012 CP-37-00902

Alexander Pastene

Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine  
 Center, P.A.

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: David A. Wilson

Attorney for :  Plaintiff  Defendant  
 or  
 Self-Represented Litigant

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 CLERK OF COURT

DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT. This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT. This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):  Rule 12(b), SCRPC;  Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);  Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);  Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):  Rule 40(j), SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  Other
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:  See attached order (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order  ends  does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk : Order of Default Judgment-amount to be determined at damages hearing

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX		
Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.		
Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A.	Alexander Pastene	\$To Be Determined
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If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:		

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest

or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

*[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_ 2131 \_\_\_\_\_ 6/13/14  
Circuit Court Judge Judge Code Date

**For Clerk of Court Office Use Only**

This judgment was entered on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 20 14 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 20 14 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

**A TRUE COPY**  
**JUN 17 2014**  
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Hilton Head, SC 29925  
ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

David A. Wilson (mail)  
200 Whitsett Street, Suite B  
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ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)  
Beverly H. Whitfield  
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Versus

Marion R. McMillan and Synergy  
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Defendants.

) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
) CASE NUMBER 2012-CP-37=00902  
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) MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION  
) ORDER CLOCKED JUNE 17, 2014  
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CLERK OF COURT

Comes now, the Plaintiff, Alexander Pastene, and moves this Honorable Court to reconsider its Order of Default dated 6-13-2014, clocked copy of which was notified to the Plaintiff by the Clerk of Court on June 17, 2014, which notification was received by the Plaintiff on or around Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

That, the Plaintiff timely responded to defendants' Summons & Notice, Answer and Counterclaim on September 6, 2012 (under Magistrate Court No. 2012-CV-3710-100244). Also see, Plaintiff's letter to Judge MacAulay dated 11-21-12, and See Plaintiff's letter to Clerk of Court dated 2-2-2013.

That, it may have been improper for the defendants to remove the case from Magistrate Court to Court of Common Pleas seemingly because they did not like the way their case was developing in Magistrate Court (see Court's denials) for the purpose of delaying and complicating a simple case of unpaid debt.

That, the defendants' Summons and Notice and Answer and Counterclaim was filed on 8-29-12, out of time. See Plaintiff's Response to Defendants Summons and Notice, Answer and Counterclaim dated 9-12-12. Also see, Plaintiff's Response to Notice of Transfer of case to Common Pleas.

That, any act of defamation or other offense against the defendants by the plaintiff is denied and never existed.


That, the attorney for the defendants used a confusing, evasive and false address in his stationary, to which the Plaintiff responded on time, but he claimed he never received. See still sealed envelope sent to defendants submitted to this honorable court.



That, a hearing before Judge Maddox he determined that he was taking the case "on advice" and the Plaintiff is still to receive a response from Judge Maddox. Additionally, the Plaintiff has been patiently awaiting for his jury trial that was first set for the week of December 2, 2013, before Judge Maculay, at 9:30am, but never materialized.

Wherefore, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that, the defendant's Motion for Default is denied, that the Order for Default is found to be in error, and that a trial date to ascertain the facts and merits of the case at bar is set at the earliest.

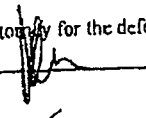
Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING:**

I certify that the Plaintiff, Alexander Pastene, mailed copies of his Motion to Reconsider to the attorney for the defendants David A. Wilson to their last known addresses, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014. Signed: Alexander Pastene, Signed: 

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COUNTY OF OCONEE )  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
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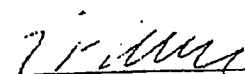
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ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

This matter came before the Court through the Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.  
After careful consideration and review, the Court finds that Plaintiff's Motion for  
Reconsideration should be denied.

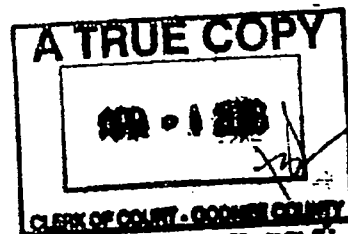
It is hereby ordered that Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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The Honorable J. Cordell Maddox, Jr.  
South Carolina Tenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge

Anderson, South Carolina

3/24, 2016



NOTICE OF MOTION SCHEDULE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

March 10, 2016



Motion "MOFREE - Damages Hearing" for Case: 2012CP3700902 - Alexander Pastene VS Marian R McMillan, defendant, et al has been added to the following Motions Roster:

50 - Non-Jury Motions Roster Week of April 11, 2016

This hearing of this motion has been scheduled for 4/12/2016 at 2:00 PM.

The cases referenced in this email are scheduled on the Non-Jury Motions Roster for the week of April 11, 2016. PLEASE NOTE ALL HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY APR 12.

The Docket is available at http://publicindex.sccourt.org/oconee/courtrosters/. ALL cases on this Roster are scheduled for hearings. The presiding judge will be the Honorable J. Cordell Maddox, Jr.

Any request for continuance/rescheduling is considered a motion and requires a \$25 filing fee, which must be paid at the time of the request. Forms are available on the online roster page under: Foster News. Requests may be submitted to this office. If your Motion has been resolved, settled or needs to be withdrawn, please notify us in writing via fax (864-638-4282) or email (thightower@oconeesc.com).

Mail Notice To: Alexander Pastene, P O Box 22298, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925

County Info: Common Pleas, 205 W. Main Street, Walhalla, SC 29691-9691

If you have any questions regarding the scheduling of this motion, please contact the courts at:

(864)638-4280

Respectfully,

Beverly H. Whitfield, Clerk of Court



U.S. Postal Service CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT. Includes fields for Postage, Restricted Delivery Fee, and recipient address: Alexander Pastene, P O Box 22298, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925.

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This judgment was entered on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

Alexander Pastene, pro se

David A. Wilson

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

Beverly H. Whitfield  
CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter: Vivian H. Cross

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.**

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.

[Lined area for additional information regarding the decision]



3. That, added to the confusion of having, indeed, "heard from the court," and thus, understood that he was NOT to attend the hearing of 4-12-16, he received ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION, whereby the Plaintiff became increasingly confused because Judge Maddox had signed an Order denying the "DEFENDANTS" their Motion for Reconsideration. The Plaintiff could not find any Motions for Reconsideration by the Defendants, despite the body of the Order of 4-1-16, mentioning that "this matter came before the Court through the Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration...seemingly a contradiction.

4. That, the Plaintiff, Alexander Pastene, is now anxiously awaiting the Transcript from Court Recorder, Ms. Cross, who had been traveling out of town, copies which he had requested on April 14, and again on April 23, 2016, to show this Honorable Court that, indeed, at the September 16, 2015, hearing in Anderson, S.C., Judge Maddox ordered a trial to take place on January 2016, which made moot both the defendants' Motion for Damages and the plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider. Actually, Attorney Wilson did understand and conceded that both litigants' motions had become moot. The Plaintiff will submit asap, copy of the September 16, 2015, Transcript of Hearing, held at the Anderson Courthouse, S.C. and additional documents.

5. That, the Plaintiff believes that Judge Maddox's Order dated April 1, 2016, may have been issued in error; that, Attorney Wilson may have noticed the error, especially, if he received a copy of the Transcript from Ms. Cross quite some time ago, and did not report it up to the Court or the Plaintiff; that, as of today's date Attorney Wilson did not share the Transcript with the Plaintiff, despite his request.

Wherefore, bearing in mind that the Plaintiff has been patiently waiting for a trial before a jury to secure some relief from this Honorable Court and payment of debt by defendant McMillan since 2012 —almost four (4) years— the Plaintiff respectfully pleads with this Honorable Court that, it vacates its Order of April 1, 2016; that, it reiterates its denials to the parties' motions in accordance to this Honorable Court's decision made during the Anderson Hearing of September 16, 2016; that it dismisses the

defendant's countersuit for being completely groundless, devoid of any evidence whatsoever, except defendant's hearsay, and that, it sets a date for trial before jury.

Respectfully submitted,



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On Hilton Head Island, South Carolina,  
On this 28th day of April, 2016

cc. Oconee County Clerk of Court, Walhalla, SC  
Attorney David Wilson, Columbia, SC  
Honorable Judge Maddox-attn. Robert Lake, Anderson, SC.

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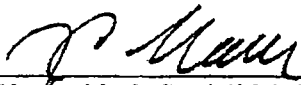
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ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION TO VACATE JUDGMENT

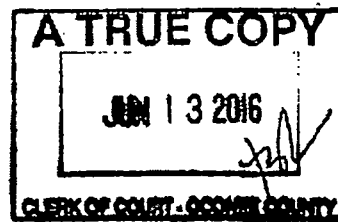
This matter came before the Court through Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate judgment as entered by This Court on April 12, 2016. This Court was set to hear Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider, however Plaintiff failed to appear and Plaintiff's motion was dismissed. This Court has held that trial judges possess the inherent power to dismiss actions sua sponte for a party's failure to prosecute the relevant claims. *Crestwood Golf Club, Inc. v. Potter*, 328 S.C. 201, 211, 493 S.E.2d 826, 832 (1997). Furthermore, Defendant's counterclaim against Plaintiff was granted. After careful consideration and review, the Court finds that Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate should be denied.

It is hereby ordered that Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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The Honorable J. Cordell Maddox, Jr.  
South Carolina Tenth Judicial Circuit Court Judge

Anderson, South Carolina  
June 3, 2016



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF OCONEE

Alexander Pastene,

Plaintiff,

v.

Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine  
Center, P.A.,

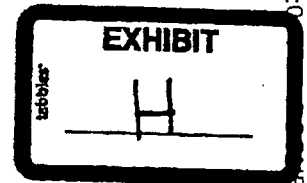
Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Case No.: 2012-CP-37-00902

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DEFAULT JUDGMENT  
AGAINST  
PLAINTIFF ALEXANDER PASTENE



This matter came before the court on April 12, 2016 for a damages hearing in connection with the counterclaims brought by Defendant Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A.

The Defendant Marion R. McMillan, individually and as sole owner of Defendant Synergy Spine Center, P.A. was present at the call of the case with his attorney David A. Wilson of The Law Offices of David A. Wilson, LLC. The Plaintiff Alexander Pastene was not present at the call of the case.

From review of the court's file, the Plaintiff was provided written notice of this hearing by the court on March 24, 2016. The Clerk of Court's office also confirmed via telephone that Plaintiff had notice of the hearing. The court waited approximately twenty minutes after the scheduled start of the hearing before proceeding. The Plaintiff did not show up before the conclusion of the hearing.

The Plaintiff initially filed this action in Magistrate's Court for breach of contract. The Defendants filed and served an Answer and Counterclaim alleging causes of action for intentional interference with prospective contractual relations and defamation. The Defendants requested actual and punitive damages in connection with their counterclaims.

On November 14, 2012, the Defendants filed an "Affidavit of Default as to Defendant's Counterclaims." By Order of Default Judgment filed June 17, 2014, this court held Plaintiff Alexander Pastene to be in default and ordered a damages hearing on the issues raised in the counterclaims. The Plaintiff filed a Motion for Reconsideration which was denied by Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration filed April 1, 2016.

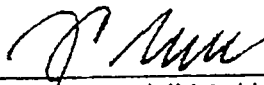
At the damages hearing, the Defendants established by testimony and documentary evidence actual damages in the amount of up to \$480,000.00. Based upon the evidence presented, including but not limited to, the Defendants' prior experience with direct patient marketing seminars, I find that the Defendants sustained \$100,000.00 in actual damages directly and proximately caused by the Plaintiff's conduct related to the cancellation of the direct patient marketing seminar scheduled to take place at Tide Pointe in Hilton Head, South Carolina as well as Plaintiff's actions related to filing a complaint against Defendant McMillan with the South Carolina Department of Labor. License and Regulation.

I also find, upon review of the factors set forth in Gamble v. Stevenson, 305 S.C. 104, 406 S.E.2d 350 (1991), that the Defendants are entitled to an award of \$200,000.00 as punitive damages against the Plaintiff. Punitive damages in this case serve as a vindication of private rights as it has been shown that Plaintiff Pastene wantonly, willfully and maliciously violated the rights of the Defendants in this case. The Plaintiff was aware of his conduct and that it was improper. The record in this case establishes the need to deter the Plaintiff and others from like conduct. I find that a punitive damages award of \$200,000.00 is reasonably related to the harm likely to result from such conduct. I find that a punitive damages award of \$200,000.00 in connection with the actual damages of \$100,000.00 not to be grossly disproportionate to the severity of the offense. I find that punitive damages are allowed in the interest of society in the nature of punishment and as

a warning and example to deter the wrongdoer and others from committing like offenses in the future.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that judgement be entered against Plaintiff Alexander Pastene in favor of the Defendants Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A. in the amount of \$100,000.00 for actual damages and \$200,000.00 for punitive damages resulting in a total judgment of \$300,000.00.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Honorable Cordell Maddox  
Tenth Judicial Circuit

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Alexander Pastene

Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A.

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PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: David A. Wilson	Attorney for: <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant or <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Represented Litigant
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**DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)**

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.  See Page 2 for additional information.
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- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 40(j), SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  Other
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:  See attached order (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court:

**ORDER INFORMATION**

This order  ends  does not end the case.  
 Additional Information for the Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX		
Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.		
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This judgment was entered on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016 and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016 to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

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ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)  
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CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.

See attached Default Judgment Against Plaintiff Alexander Pastene

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CASE NO.: 2012-CP-37-00902  
APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-000294

Alexander Pastene.....Appellant,

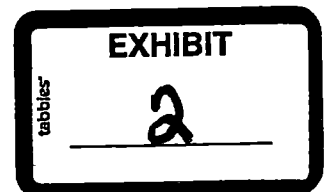
v.

Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A.....Respondents.

RESPONDENTS'  
DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED  
IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL

Respondents, Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A., propose the following to be included in the Record on Appeal in support of Initial Brief of Respondents:

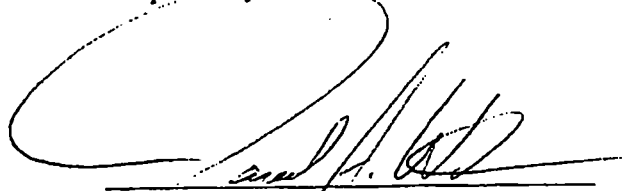
1. Complaint filed June 21, 2012
2. Order of Magistrate dated August 16, 2012 denying Respondents' Motion to Dismiss
3. Answer and Counterclaim dated August 29, 2012
4. Order of Magistrate dated September 18, 2012
5. Notice of Transfer of Case to Court of Common Pleas filed October 12, 2012
6. Affidavit of Default filed November 14, 2012
7. Motion for Default Judgment filed April 22, 2013
8. Order for Default Judgment filed June 17, 2014
9. Motion for Reconsideration Order Clocked June 17, 2014 filed August 11, 2014
10. Order Denying Defendant's (sic) Motion for Reconsideration
11. Notice of Motion Scheduling dated March 10, 2016
12. Return Receipt signed by Appellant on March 18, 2016
13. Form 4 Judgment filed April 19, 2016



14. Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Judge Maddox Order 4-1-16 Reconsider, and Set Date for Trial by Jury filed April 29, 2016
15. Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate Judgment filed June 13, 2016
16. Default Judgment *Against Plaintiff Alexander Pastene* filed on June 13, 2016
17. Plaintiff's Motion for Relief from Judgment under Rules 60 SCRPC & 55 SCRPC dated June 28, 2016
18. Defendant's Return to Plaintiff's Motion Relief from Judgment under Rules 60 SCRPC & 55 SCRPC filed December 8, 2016
19. Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Relief from Judgment filed January 17, 2017
20. April 12, 2016 Transcript pp. 1-25
21. December 12, 2016 Transcript pp. 1-28
22. September 16, 2015 Transcript pp. 1-20

I certify that this designation contains no matter which is irrelevant to this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENTS

January 16, 2018



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May 30, 2018

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**AND REGULAR U.S. MAIL**

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**RE: Alexander Pastene v. Marion R. McMillan and Synergy Spine Center, P.A.**  
**Case No.: 2012-CP-23-00902**

Dear Mr. Pastene:

In reviewing the Amended Record on Appeal, I noticed that you did not include the Exhibits attached to and incorporated into Defendant's Return to "Plaintiff's Motion Relief from Judgment under Rules 60 SCRPC & 55 SCRPC." Attached is the complete copy of the Defendant's Return with the Exhibits. Please let me know if you will prepare a supplemental record on appeal by consent or whether I need to file a motion with the Court of Appeals.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me in writing.

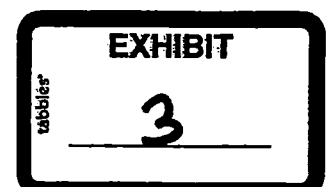
Sincerely,



David A. Wilson

DAW/ccb  
Enclosures

Cc: Dr. Marion McMillan  
Honorable Jenny Kitchings, Clerk of Court, Court of Appeals



THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Cordell Maddox, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2017-000294

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Alexander Pastene

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v.

Marion R. McMillan and  
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Respondents.

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APPELLANT'S ANSWER to RESPONDENT'S LETTER OF 05/30/18,  
ON MISSING ATTACHMENTS TO HIS RETURN OF 12/8/16. in the ROA, AND,  
ANSWER TO RESPONDENT'S FINAL BRIEF RECEIVED JUNE 7TH, 2018.

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Comes Now, the Appellant, Alexander Pastene, on this June 8th, 2018, and answers the Respondent's letter dated May 30, 2018, in reference to missing exhibits to Respondent's Return to Plaintiff's Motion dated December 8, 2016, whereby, although all of the attachments already are in the case at bar, the Appellant acquiesces to the Respondent's request and reproduced the exhibits from the Respondents' copies, and is submitting them by consent as a supplement to his amended ROA.

Notwithstanding, it is puzzling that someone who owes money to another can avoid paying his debt simply by hiring an attorney to countersue under an unsupported claim, using procedure to prolong the case, and hoping that the creditor will give up and abandon his claim. Wouldn't such a system boycott justice?

Albeit, the Appellant notices the Respondent's concern for procedural fault and




detail, while consistently failed to ignore factual evidence and the merits of the case at bar, *inter alia*:

- He evaded arguing the merits of the case (payment of a debt) by removing the case from Magistrate Court to Common Pleas, and countersuing on unsupported claims;
- Falsely accused the Appellant of not Answering his unsupported Counterclaim;
- Failed to remove, cross out, or post notice, about the invalidity of his address printed in his official stationary, inducing the Appellant to respond to that address;
- Missed to apprise the Easley Postal Service that he was moving out of Easley, and did not leave a forwarding address;
- Had the Respondent left a forwarding address with the Easley Post Office he would've received the Appellant's Answer on time a long time ago;
- The Appellant submitted the sealed envelope, returned by the Post Office, to the lower court showing that he had timely answered the Respondent's counterclaim.

Wherefore, the Appellant argues that all proceedings and orders that followed his timely Answer to the Respondent's Counterclaim *ab initio* are moot, and the case should be allowed to take its course and resolved on the merits, i.e., payment of a debt, before a judge or jury, so, that justice can be done between the parties.

Respectfully Submitted,



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APPELLANT'S RESPONSE TO HONORABLE CLERK  
JENNY A. KITCHINGS DATED JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> 2018.

Comes Now, the Appellant, Alexander Pastene, on this June 21, 2018, in response to Honorable Clerk Kitchings communication of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, regarding a possible supplemental record on appeal, and requires no further action from this court.

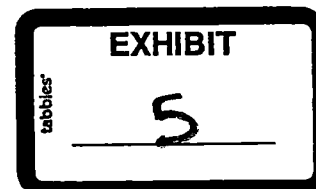
At this time, and in the name of economy of justice, and having already acquiesced to the Respondent's demands in every possible way, the Appellant hereby passes up further relief in accordance to Rule 240 SCACR, regarding the exhibits attached by the Respondent to his Defendant's Return to Plaintiff's Motion Relief, for, these have already been incorporated in the case at bar, which could be redundant, so, he leaves it up to the Respondent's discretion to file a motion if he so desires.

Respectfully Submitted,



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