

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

Francine Steineman,

Plaintiff,

v.

Eric Steineman, Sarah Smith, and Charles Griffin,

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Civil Action No.: 2020-CP-46-02219

ORDER OF DEFAULT AS TO  
DEFENDANTS SMITH AND GRIFFIN

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THIS MATTER comes before me on Plaintiff's Motion for Default. As evidenced in the Affidavit of Default filed by counsel for Plaintiff in this action and Exhibits A, B, C, and D attached to this Order, and to which reference is craved:

1. On December 5, 2020, as required by Rule 4, SCRPC, Defendant Smith was personally served with the Amended Summons and Complaint. Defendant Smith has not filed a responsive pleading or in any way answered the Amended Complaint served upon her.

2. On December 29, 2020, as required by Rule 4, SCRPC, Defendant Griffin was personally served with the Amended Summons and Complaint. Defendant Griffin has not filed a responsive pleading or in any way answered the Amended Complaint served upon him.

3. On December 16, 2020, as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 38-5-70 and § 38-77-150, Plaintiff's UM insurer Meridian Security Insurance Company (Meridian) was served through the South Carolina Department of Insurance. Meridian has not in any way made an appearance in this matter.

4. On December 4, 2020, as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 38-5-70 and § 38-77-160, Plaintiff's UIM insurer Meridian Security Insurance Company (Meridian) was served through the South Carolina Department of Insurance. Meridian has not in any way made an appearance in this matter.

I find that Rule 12(a), SCRPC requires a Defendant answer or otherwise respond to a Complaint within thirty days after service of such Complaint and that no such answer or response has been made by or on behalf of either Defendant Smith or Defendant Griffin in this action. Additionally, I find S.C. Code Ann. §§ 38-77-150 and 160 require a UM or UIM carrier to appear withing thirty days after service of process is served upon it and that Meridian has not in any way made an appearance in this matter. Accordingly, as authorized by Rule 55, SCRPC, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed that both Defendant Smith and Defendant Griffin is in default.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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Chief Administrative Judge, York County

\_\_\_\_\_, 2021



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So Ordered

s/Daniel D. Hall 2753