SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIVIL DIVISION

METROPOLITAN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

Plaintiff,

v.

PROUD BOYS INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C., JLVD HOLDINGS L.L.C.; THE VAN DYKE ORGANIZATION; and MAD ASTER LTD CO.

Defendants.

No. 2024-CAB-004147

Judge Tanya M. Jones Bosier

Closed Case

ORDER AND DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST PROUD BOYS INTERNATIONAL, LLC

Upon consideration of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church's ("Metropolitan

AME") Motion for Default Judgment and Injunctive Relief Against Defendant Proud Boys

International, L.L.C. ("PBI"), filed December 10, 2024, and after considering the arguments,

authorities, testimony, supporting documents, and the record herein, the Court finds as follows:

- 1. Metropolitan AME brought this action to enforce a default judgment of approximately \$2.8 million against PBI entered by this Court on June 30, 2023, in *Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church v. Proud Boys International, LLC, et al.*, Civil Case No. 2021-CA-000004-B.
- 2. PBI was served with the Complaint on July 19, 2024, (i) at the place of employment of PBI's last registered agent, Jason Van Dyke, on July 19, 2024; (ii) at the residential address of PBI's last known chairman, Enrique Tarrio, on July 29, 2024; (iii) through the Texas Secretary of State on July 26, 2024; and (iv) by personal service on Tarrio at Manchester Federal Correctional Institution, where he was then incarcerated, by the Kentucky sheriff's office, on July 31, 2024, and the Court finds that such service was sufficient pursuant to D.C. Superior Court Rule 4(c).
- 3. PBI has not answered or responded to the Complaint within the 21-day period prescribed by the D.C. Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a)(1)(A), sought an extension of that period, or otherwise appeared in this action.

- 4. On November 22, 2024, the Court entered default as to PBI pursuant to D.C. Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure 55.
- 5. Metropolitan AME has adequately pleaded its claims against PBI for declaratory and injunctive relief and imposition of a lien (Count I); actual fraudulent transfer in violation of D.C. Code § 21-3104 (Count II); constructive fraudulent transfer in violation of D.C. Code § 28-3105(a); and conspiracy to commit civil fraud (Count IV).
- 6. Metropolitan AME has established by competent evidence that it is entitled to all of PBI's interests in the Proud Boys Trademark, a lien on the Proud Boys Trademark, and injunctive relief enjoining PBI from any sale, transfer, disposition, or license of the Proud Boys Trademark without the consent of the Church or the approval of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

A. Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment and Injunctive Relief as to PBI is **GRANTED**, and a **JUDGMENT** is hereby entered in favor of Plaintiff Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church and against Defendant Proud Boys International, L.L.C.;

B. All of PBI's interests in the trademark "Proud Boys," formerly registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Serial No. 87561573, shall be, and the same hereby are, transferred to Plaintiff Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, in accordance with D.C. Code §§ 15-311, 16-542, and 16-544, and D.C. Super. Ct. Civ. R. 69 and 69-I;

C. A lien is hereby imposed on the trademark "Proud Boys," formerly registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Serial No. 87561573, in favor of Plaintiff Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 15-311, 16-542, and 16-544, D.C. Super. Ct. Civ. R. 69 and 69-I, and the common law; and

D. Defendant Proud Boys International, L.L.C. and its successors, assignees, representatives, and any other persons acting in concert or coordination with them, are permanently enjoined from selling, transferring, disposing of, or licensing the trademark "Proud Boys" without the consent of Plaintiff Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church or the approval of the Court, pursuant to D.C. Code §§ 16-550 and 28-3107.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: February 3, 2025

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Tanya M. Jones Bosier Associate Judge Superior Court of the District of Columbia