

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

**MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a
Washington Corporation,**

Plaintiff,

v.

DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION FILE

NO. 1:25-CV-2695-MHC

ORDER

This case comes before the Court on Plaintiff Microsoft Corporation's Request for Entry of Clerk's Default Pursuant to Rule 55(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure [Doc. 43].

On May 13, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Complaint against a group of persons, identified as DOEs 1-10, who were engaged in a scheme to distribute malware targeting Plaintiff's customers and, in doing so, violated a number of federal laws, including the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030, the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114 et seq., and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1962. Compl. [Doc. 1]. This Court has issued injunctive relief in an effort to enable Plaintiff to

take certain actions to rectify the effects of the malware. Temporary Restraining Order [Doc. 15]; Preliminary Injunction Order [Doc. 37].

The Court also granted Plaintiff's Motion for Issuance of Summons and to Serve Process on Defendants by Electronic Means under Rule 4(f)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, given that Defendants transact their business exclusively by electronic means and have no ascertainable physical addresses. [Doc. 17]. Plaintiff served Defendants on May 21, 2026, in accordance with the manner authorized by this Court [Doc. 42] and no responses were filed by the deadline imposed under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See also Aff. of Robert L. Uriarte (Nov 18, 2025) [Doc. 43-1].

Accordingly, the Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to **GRANT** Plaintiff's Request for Entry of Clerk's Default Pursuant to Rule 55(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure [Doc. 43]. The Court also **DIRECTS** Plaintiff's counsel to provide case authority at the time of the filing of any motion for default judgment which would permit this Court to grant such motion against "John Doe" defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 4th day of September, 2026.



MARK H. COHEN
United States District Judge