

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH**

Family Court
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LUTHER SURGICK,

Plaintiff,

v.

TIKIRA SYLVESTER,

Defendant.

APR 15 2025

Superior Court
of the District of Columbia
Washington, D.C.

Case No. 2024 DRB 3680

Presiding Judge:

K.A. HIGASHI

Calendar Judge:

M.J. DEMEO

ORDER ENTERING DEFAULT

This matter came before the Court on April 15, 2025, for a Further Initial Hearing upon the plaintiff's Complaint for Absolute Divorce. It is this 15th day of April 2025, hereby,

ORDERED, that the Court is entering a **DEFAULT** against Defendant for that party's failure to appear. Based upon the record, the pleadings, and the representations made during the hearing, the Court finds that service has been achieved. The party against whom a default has been entered may file a motion to set aside this default within 14 days of this notice, showing good cause why the default should not be entered. If the party against whom a default has been entered fails to file a motion to set aside, the Court may enter a default judgment that addresses the issues in this case. It is further,


ORDERED that Plaintiff complete and file the **Affidavit in Support of Default and Compliance with Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003** within two weeks of the issuance of this Order. It is further,

ORDERED that if either party needs assistance with this matter, they may go to the Family Court's Self-Help Center in Room 1195 on the first floor of the Courthouse, or available at (202) 879-

1212; or the Family Law Assistance Network ("FLAN") at (202) 844-5428 or flan@dcbar.org or go online to www.lawhelp.org/dc for legal information and resources. It is further,

ORDERED that the parties shall appear for a **DEFAULT *EX PARTE*** Hearing in this matter on **April 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 101 of the Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. **The hearing will be held in person.** Failure to appear may result in a default judgment, sanctions, or dismissal.

SO ORDERED.



**K.A. HIGASHI
PRESIDING JUDGE**

Copies To:

Luther Surgick
By hand
Plaintiff

Tikira Sylvester
606 62nd Pl
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
Via USPS
Defendant

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR DEFAULT/EX PARTE HEARING ON DIVORCE

Tikira Sylvester, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a Default for Plaintiff's Complaint for Divorce has been entered in the above-captioned matter.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS COMPLAINT, you must file a written objection with the Court by April 29, 2025. The Hearing is scheduled for April 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 101. Your objection should be directed to the Domestic Relations Branch Clerk, Family Court, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS COMPLAINT, you may consent to the relief sought prior to the next hearing. For more information on how to file a Consent Answer or Objection, please contact the Self-Help Center, (202) 879-0096, located at JM-570, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

FAILURE TO RESPOND IN THIS MATTER MAY RESULT IN THE ENTRY OF A JUDGMENT OF DEFAULT WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION.