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| <b>Traore v Mette</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2018 NY Slip Op 31836(U)                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| August 1, 2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Supreme Court, New York County                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Docket Number: 153293/2017                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Judge: Adam Silvera                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
NEW YORK COUNTYPRESENT: HON. ADAM SILVERA

PART

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*Justice*

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INDEX NO. 153293/2017

FANTA TRAORE,

MOTION DATE 07/10/2018

Plaintiff,

MOTION SEQ. NO. 003

- V -

EXCENIA METTE, J.A. TAXI CORP., SUUMAHILA CISSE,

Defendant.

## DECISION AND ORDER

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The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 003) 28, 29, 30, 31, 32  
were read on this motion to/for CONSOLIDATE/JOIN FOR TRIAL

Upon the foregoing documents, it is ordered that this motion for consolidation, by defendants/ third-party plaintiffs J.A. Taxi Corp. and Suumahila Cisse is granted. Defendants move to consolidate this personal injury action with an action for property damages currently pending in the Civil Court, Queens County, (State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. a/s/o Excenia J. Mette v JA Taxi Corp. and Suumahila Cisse, index no. 248/15), arguing that the two actions arise out of the same accident and have common parties. CPLR §602(a) states that “[w]hen actions involving a common question of law or fact are pending before a court, the court, upon motion ... may order the actions consolidated”. No opposition has been filed. It is undisputed that the actions arise out of the same motor vehicle accident and involve many of the same parties. Thus, defendants’ motion to consolidate is granted to the extent that these actions are joined for discovery and trial. Each action shall maintain separate pleadings, captions, and index numbers, with separate certificates of readiness and notes of issue.

It appearing to this court that the Civil Court of the City of New York, County of Queens, does not have jurisdiction to grant the full relief to which the parties are entitled in the case of

State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. a/s/o Excenia J. Mette v JA Taxi Corp. and Suumahila Cisse, index no. 248/15, pending in that court, it is

ORDERED that the motion of defendants herein to remove said action to this court pursuant to CPLR 325(b) and to consolidate that action with this one is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that, within 30 days from entry of this order, counsel for movant shall serve a certified copy of this order upon the Clerk of the Civil Court, Queens County and shall contact the Clerk to arrange for the effectuation of this transfer in an efficient manner; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Civil Court, Queens County shall, upon such service and the payment of the appropriate fee, if any, transfer to this court all of the papers heretofore filed in said action in that Court; and it is further

ORDERED that said Civil Court action shall be consolidated with this action as indicated above, and the County Clerk to issue a separate index number to the Civil Court action, upon service and the payment of any fees; and it is further

ORDERED that the caption of the consolidated action shall be the following:

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FANTA TRAORE,

Plaintiff,

Action No. 1

-against-

Index No. 153293/17

EXCENIA J. METTE, J.A. TAXI CORP.  
and SUUMAHILA CISSE,

Defendants.

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J.A. TAXI CORP. and SUUMAHILA  
CISSE,

Plaintiffs,

Third-Party

-against-

Index No.

ALKA PRO MARKETING, LLC and  
FLOYD HALEEM,

Defendants.

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY a/s/o EXCENIA  
METTE,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Action No. 2

Index No.

JA TAXI CORP. and SUUMAHILA  
CISSE,

Defendants.

and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall consolidate the documents transferred under the index number of the consolidated action; and it is further

ORDERED that the pleadings in the actions hereby consolidated shall stand as the pleadings in the consolidated action; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Civil Court and the Clerk of this Court shall coordinate the transfer of the documents being transferred so as to ensure an efficient transfer and to minimize insofar as practical the reproduction of documents, including with regard to documents in digital format; and it is further

ORDERED that, as applicable and insofar as practical, the Clerk of this Court shall file the documents transferred from the Civil Court in the consolidated case file under the New York County Index Number thereof in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System or make appropriate notations with regard to said documents in the e-filing records of the court so as to ensure access to the documents in the consolidated action; and it is further

ORDERED that, within 30 days from entry of this order, counsel for movant shall serve a copy of this order with notice of entry upon the Clerk of this Court (60 Centre Street, Room 141B) and the Clerk of the General Clerk's Office (60 Centre Street, Room 119), who shall mark their records to reflect this consolidation; and it is further

ORDERED that such service upon the Clerk of this Court and the Clerk of the General Clerk's Office shall be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the *Protocol on Courthouse and County Clerk Procedures for Electronically Filed Cases* (accessible at the "E-Filing" page on the court's website at the address [www.nycourts.gov/supctmanh](http://www.nycourts.gov/supctmanh)); and it is further

ORDERED that discovery in this action is to proceed expeditiously; and it is further

ORDERED that all counsel are directed to appear for a preliminary conference on October 12, 2018 at 9:30am, in room 103 of 80 Centre Street, New York, NY.

This constitutes the Decision/Order of the Court.

8/1/2018

DATE

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CASE DISPOSED

GRANTED

☐ DENIED

SETTLE ORDER

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NON-FINAL DISPOSITION

GRANTED IN PART

SUBMIT ORDER

FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENT

☐ OTHER

☐ REFERENCE

ADAM SILVERA, J.S.C.