

**Laureano v Rand**

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Supreme Court, New York County

Docket Number: 155793/2018

Judge: Adam Silvera

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
NEW YORK COUNTY**

**PRESENT: HON. ADAM SILVERA** PART IAS MOTION 22

*Justice*

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INDEX NO. 155793/2018

PEDRO LAUREANO

MOTION DATE 01/03/2019

Plaintiff,

MOTION SEQ. NO. 001

- v -

MIMI RAND,

Defendant.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 001) 7, 8 were read on this motion to/for CONSOLIDATE/JOIN FOR TRIAL

Upon the foregoing documents, it is ordered that defendant Mimi Rand's motion to consolidate is granted. Defendant moves to consolidate this personal injury action with another action currently pending in the Supreme Court, Bronx County (Evette Rolack v Mimi Rand, DJ Ambulette Service, Inc., and Pedro Laureano Jr., index no. 22333/18), 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".

It is undisputed that the actions arise out of the same motor vehicle accident and involve many of the same parties. The two actions clearly have common questions of law, namely which party or parties are liable for the injuries of plaintiffs in both actions. Here, there is a risk of inconsistent verdicts if the two actions are not consolidated. Thus, defendant Rand's 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.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the motion is granted and the action Evette Rolack v Mimi Rand, DJ Ambulette Service, Inc., and Pedro Laureano Jr., index no. 22333/18, pending in the Supreme Court, Bronx County, shall be consolidated in this Court with Pedro Laureano v Mimi Rand, Index No. 155793/18, New York County; and it is further

ORDERED that a separate index number be given to the action Evette Rolack v Mimi Rand, DJ Ambulette Service, Inc., and Pedro Laureano Jr., being transferred from the Supreme Court, Bronx County, to this Court upon payment of the appropriate fees, if any, and it is further

ORDERED that, within 30 days from entry of this order, counsel for the movant shall serve a certified copy of this order upon the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Bronx County, and shall pay the appropriate fee, if any, for such transfer and shall contact the staff of said Clerk to arrange for the effectuation of the transfer in an efficient manner; and it is further

ORDERED that service upon the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Bronx County shall be made in accordance with any applicable protocol or other procedures of said county; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Bronx County, shall transfer the documents on file under Index No. 22333/18 to the Clerk of this Court for the purpose of consolidation; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Bronx County 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 such documents, including with regard to any documents that may be in digital format; 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, within 30 days from entry of this order, movant shall serve a copy of this order with notice of entry on the Clerk of the Court (60 Centre Street, Room 141 B), who shall consolidate the documents in the actions hereby consolidated and shall mark his records to reflect the consolidation for joint discovery and trial; and it is further

ORDERED that such service upon the Clerk of the Court shall be made in hard-copy format if the case pending in this county is a hard-copy case or, if this case is an e-filed one, 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 this court's website at the address [www.nycourts.gov/suptmanh](http://www.nycourts.gov/suptmanh)); and it is further

ORDERED that, as applicable and insofar as is practical, the Clerk of this Court shall file the documents transferred from the Supreme Court, Bronx County in the consolidated case file under the New York County Index Number of the consolidated action in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System or make appropriate notations of such 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, movant shall serve a copy of this order with notice of entry upon the Clerk of the General Clerk's Office (60 Centre Street, Room 119), who is hereby directed to reflect the consolidation by appropriately marking the court's records; and it is further

ORDERED that discovery shall proceed expeditiously; and it is further

ORDERED that all counsel are directed to appear for a previously scheduled compliance conference on January 30, 2019 at 9:30am, in room 103 of 80 Centre Street, New York, NY.

This constitutes the Decision/Order of the Court.

1/14/2019

DATE

ADAM SILVERA, J.S.C.

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CASE DISPOSED

NON-FINAL DISPOSITION

GRANTED

DENIED

GRANTED IN PART

OTHER

APPLICATION:

SETTLE ORDER

SUBMIT ORDER

CHECK IF APPROPRIATE:

INCLUDES TRANSFER/REASSIGN

FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENT

REFERENCE