

CIT Bank, N.A. v Crawford

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Supreme Court, New York County

Docket Number: 850206/2017

Judge: Arlene P. Bluth

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK COUNTY

PRESENT: HON. ARLENE P. BLUTH PART IAS MOTION 32

Justice

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CIT BANK, N.A., MOTION DATE 07/05/2019

Plaintiff, MOTION SEQ. NO. 002

- v -

GEORGE CRAWFORD, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, JOHN DOE #1 through JOHN DOE #12, DECISION + ORDER ON MOTION, ORDER OF REFERENCE

Defendants.

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The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 002) 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57

were read on this motion to/for JUDGMENT - SUMMARY

Upon the foregoing documents, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion by plaintiff for a default judgment against the non-appearing defendants and for summary judgment against defendant George Crawford is granted without opposition and his answer and affirmative defenses are severed and dismissed, and it is further

ORDERED that Ron Zezima, Esq. with an address of 271 North Ave Suite 908 New Rochelle Ny 10801 914-653-5600 is hereby appointed Referee in

accordance with RPAPL § 1321 to compute the amount due to Plaintiff and to examine whether the tax parcel can be sold in parcels; and it is further

ORDERED that the Referee may take testimony pursuant to RPAPL § 1321; and it is further

ORDERED that by accepting this appointment the Referee certifies that he is in compliance with Part 36 of the Rules of the Chief Judge (22 NYCRR Part 36), including, but not

limited to §36.2 (c) (“Disqualifications from appointment”), and §36.2 (d) (“Limitations on appointments based upon compensation”), and, if the Referee is disqualified from receiving an appointment pursuant to the provisions of that Rule, the Referee shall immediately notify the Appointing Judge; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to CPLR 8003(a), and in the discretion of the court, a fee of \$350 shall be paid to the Referee for the computation of the amount due and upon the filing of his report and the Referee shall not request or accept additional compensation for the computation unless it has been fixed by the court in accordance with CPLR 8003(b); and it is further;

ORDERED that the Referee is prohibited from accepting or retaining any funds for himself or paying funds to himself without compliance with Part 36 of the Rules of the Chief Administrative Judge; and it is further

ORDERED that plaintiff shall forward all necessary documents to the Referee within 30 days of the date of this order and shall *promptly* respond to every inquiry made by the referee (promptly means within two business days); and it is further

ORDERED that plaintiff must bring a motion for a judgment of foreclosure and sale within 30 days of receipt of the referee’s report; and it is further

ORDERED that if plaintiff fails to meet these deadlines, then the Court may *sua sponte* vacate this order and direct plaintiff to move again for an order of reference and the Court may *sua sponte* toll interest depending on whether the delays are due to plaintiff’s failure to move this litigation forward; and it further

ORDERED that Joanne Crawford shall be substituted and John Doe #1 through John Doe #12 are removed as party defendants and the caption shall read as follows:

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v.

GEORGE CRAWFORD, CRIMINAL
COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
JOANNE CRAWFORD

Defendant(s).
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and it is further

ORDERED that counsel for plaintiff shall serve a copy of this order with notice of entry upon the County Clerk (60 Centre Street, Room 141B) and the General Clerk's Office (60 Centre Street, Room 119), who are directed to mark the court's records to reflect the parties being removed and substituted pursuant hereto; and it is further

ORDERED that such service upon the County Clerk 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/suptctmanh)); and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this Order with notice of entry on all parties and persons entitled to notice, including the Referee appointed herein.

Next Conference: January 28, 2020 @ 2:15 p.m. If a motion for judgment of foreclosure and sale has been filed, plaintiff may seek an adjournment of the conference. Please consult this

part's rules for information on how to obtain an adjournment. If a motion has been made, then a conference is required to explore the reasons for the delay.

9.5.19

DATE

ARLENE P. BLUTH, J.S.C.
HON. ARLENE P. BLUTH

CHECK ONE:

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