

**Chubb Natl. Ins. Co. v SBP N.Y. LLC**

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Supreme Court, New York County

Docket Number: Index No. 155690/2019

Judge: Sabrina Kraus

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

**PRESENT: HON. SABRINA KRAUS**

**PART**

**57TR**

*Justice*

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CHUBB NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY AS  
SUBROGEE OF SANDIS HOLDINGS LLC, PACIFIC  
EMPLOYERS INSURANCE COMPANY AS SUBROGEE  
OF REHAN AND JAHANAZ JAFFER, EXECUTIVE RISK  
INDEMNITY INC. AS SUBROGEE OF ALEXANDER  
ROEPERS,

Plaintiff,

- v -

SBP NEW YORK LLC, S.T.H. PAINTING INC., RAEL  
AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER COMPANY, INC., REN  
INTERIORS, LLC,

Defendant.

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S.T.H. PAINTING INC.

Plaintiff,

-against-

FRESCO DECORATIVE PAINTING, INC.

Defendant.

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S.T.H. PAINTING INC.

Plaintiff,

-against-

TRZASKA CONSTRUCTION CORP.

Defendant.

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SBP NEW YORK LLC

Plaintiff,

-against-

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MOTION DATE 05/04/2023

MOTION SEQ. NO. 005

**DECISION + ORDER ON  
MOTION**

Third-Party  
Index No. 595339/2021

Second Third-Party  
Index No. 595907/2022

Third Third-Party  
Index No. 595356/2023

I.J. PEISER'S SONS, INC.

Defendant.

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The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 005) 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99

were read on this motion to/for

JUDGMENT - DEFAULT

Plaintiff commenced this action seeking reimbursement for sums paid out to Plaintiff's subrogors as the result of a fire which occurred on April 1, 2018, in the Penthouse of 432 Park Avenue, New York, NY.

Defendant/Second Third – Party Plaintiff STH Painting, Inc., filed a Second Third Party action as against Trzaska Construction Corp on November 14, 2022, alleging that Trzaska, its employees and/or agents, were performing work, in the Penthouse prior to April 1, 2018, and were responsible for trash removal in the Penthouse prior to April 1, 2018. Defendant/Second Third-Party Plaintiff, STH, asserts if it is held liable to Plaintiff, in any respect, such liability will be due solely to the negligence and general failure of Trzaska in not removing trash or improperly directing, controlling, and supervising the ongoing work in the Penthouse prior to April 1, 2018.

The affidavit of service indicates service on the Secretary of State of the state of New York on January 4, 2023.

Trzaska has failed to appear or file an answer and the time in which to do so has not been extended.

On April 28, 2023, Defendant/Second Third-Party Plaintiff S.T.H. Painting, Inc. moved for a default judgment pursuant to C.P.L.R. § 3215(a), as against Trzaska. Trzaska has failed to appear or submit opposition.

CPLR § 3215(a) provides, in pertinent part, that “[w]hen a defendant has failed to appear, plead or proceed to trial... the plaintiff may seek a default judgment against [it].” “On a motion for leave to enter a default judgment pursuant to CPLR §3215, the movant is required to submit proof of service of the summons and complaint, proof of the facts constituting the claim, and proof of the defaulting party's default in answering or appearing.” *Atlantic Cas. Ins. Co. v RJNJ Servs. Inc.*, 89 AD3d 649, 651 (2d Dept 2011).

In support of the motion, Defendant/Second Third-Party Plaintiff submits the affirmation of Stephanie B. Gitnik, Esq.; a copy of the initial summons and complaint; answer by Defendant/Second Third-Party Plaintiff; amended complaint and amended answer; affidavit of Jovanny Narvaez, owner of STH Painting Inc; copy of the Second Third Party summons and complain and affidavit of service of the same; and a good faith letter to Trzaska.

Plaintiff has established *prima facie* entitlement to a default judgment as to Trzaska Construction Corp Wherefore, it is hereby

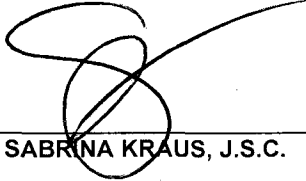
ORDERED that plaintiffs motion seeking a default judgment against Trzaska Construction Corp is granted; and it is further

ORDERED damages are to be determined at trial; and it is further

ORDERED that, within 20 days from entry of this order, movant shall serve a copy of this order with notice of entry on all parties and the Clerk of the General Clerk's Office (60 Centre Street, Room 119); and it is further

ORDERED that such service upon the Clerk 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)).

This constitutes the decision and order of the court.

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| <u>5/5/2023</u><br>DATE |                                     |                            | <br>_____<br>SABRINA KRAUS, J.S.C. |                       |
| CHECK ONE:              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | CASE DISPOSED              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | NON-FINAL DISPOSITION |
|                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | GRANTED                    | <input type="checkbox"/>  | DENIED                |
| APPLICATION:            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | SETTLE ORDER               | <input type="checkbox"/>  | GRANTED IN PART       |
| CHECK IF APPROPRIATE:   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | INCLUDES TRANSFER/REASSIGN | <input type="checkbox"/>  | SUBMIT ORDER          |
|                         |                                     |                            | <input type="checkbox"/>  | FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENT |
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