

Feifei Gu v Uber Tech. Inc.

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Judge: Debra A. James

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

PRESENT: HON. DEBRA A. JAMES

PART 59

Justice

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FEIFEI GU,

Plaintiff,

- v -

UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC.,

Defendant.

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MOTION DATE 04/25/2025

MOTION SEQ. NO. 004

**DECISION + ORDER ON
MOTION**

The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 004) 62, 63, 64
were read on this motion to/for JUDGMENT - DEFAULT.

ORDER

Upon the foregoing documents, it is

ORDERED that the motion, pursuant to Judiciary Law § 756
and CPLR § 3126(3), of plaintiff to hold defendant in contempt
and for a default judgment is denied; and it is further

ORDERED that, upon exhaustion of any deadlines set forth in
any discovery conference order, plaintiff pro se has leave to
move by show cause order for contempt, in which OSC the court
shall set the requisite dates for service and hearing, as
required by Judiciary Law § 756; and it is further

ORDERED any such OSC must seek a contempt order against the
alleged contemnor, who must be an officer or agent of the
corporate defendant, who acts for such corporate defendant, and
upon whom the signed show cause order and papers must be served

personally by a process server or any other person plaintiff chooses, as plaintiff may not serve process herself; and it is further

ORDERED that the motion of plaintiff for a default judgment is denied as no preliminary conference order has ever been issued by the court, as required by 22 NYCRR 202.8(f); and it is further

ORDERED that, except as exhibits to motions or for demands for bills of particulars and responses thereto (as latter constitute an amplification of the pleadings), counsel and pro se plaintiff shall refrain from posting on NYSCEF discovery demands or responses thereto, as same unnecessarily and improperly clutter the docket, and should be exchanged among the parties only, see In Re Westchester Rockland Newspapers, Inc., 66 AD2d 335, 338 (2nd Dept 1979); and it is further

ORDERED that pro se plaintiff and defense counsel shall post on NYSCEF a proposed preliminary discovery order or dueling proposed preliminary discovery conference orders (i.e. each party shall complete and upload the fillable form provided by the court on NYSCER) at least two days before June 26, 2025, on which date pro se plaintiff and defense counsel shall appear in courtroom 331 of New York State Supreme Court, 60 Centre Street, New York, New York for a preliminary discovery conference.

DECISION

In her notice of motion, plaintiff pro se sets the date of the hearing for her application to hold the corporate defendant in contempt at more than thirty days after she served electronically upon defendant such notice of motion on March 19, 2025, in contravention of Judiciary Law § 756. As plaintiff has not served defendant in accordance with Judiciary Law § 756, this court has no jurisdiction to hold such defendant in contempt. See Michael N.G. v Elsa R., 233 AD2d 264, 266 (1st Dept 1996).

Should plaintiff pro se seek to renew her application for an order of contempt in the future, such application must be by order to show cause, which show cause order shall name, as alleged contemnor, the individual officer(s) or agent(s) who allegedly, acted on behalf of the corporate defendant, in disobeying a clear mandate of the court. In such instance, plaintiff shall serve such officer(s) or agent(s) personally by causing a process server or other person she designates to serve such papers personally upon such individual, in accordance with Judiciary Law § 761 and CPLR 308. See Long Is Trust Co v

Rosenberg, 82 AD2d 591 (2d Dept 1981). Under no circumstances, shall plaintiff seek such extraordinary contempt relief unless all deadlines set forth in any discovery conference orders have been exhausted.

Debra A. James

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DEBRA A. JAMES, 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