

**IN THE COUNTY COURT  
IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

THE AFFILIATI NETWORKS, INC  
A Florida Corporation  
Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 2021-000089-CC-05  
DCA NO.: 3D23-0640

VS.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

DAWN E DUBOIS, individually, and  
DD BEAUTY & WELLNESS, INC.  
Defendant.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, Dawn E Dubois, Defendant/Appellant, appeals to the Circuit Court, the FINAL JUDGMENT AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS of this court rendered May 21, 2024 a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

Date: June 18, 2024

s/ *Dawn E. Dubois*

Dawn E Dubois  
Defendant Pro Se

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE 6-20 AD 20 24

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, Miami-Dade County

Deputy Clerk

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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# **EXHIBIT A**

**Final Judgment**  
**Awarding Attorneys' Fees and Costs**  
**being Appealed**

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: 2021-000089-CC-05  
SECTION: CC06  
JUDGE: Jeffrey Rosinek (Senior Judge)

**Affiliati Network, Inc The**

Plaintiff(s) / Petitioner(s)

vs.

**Dawn E. Dubois et al**

Defendant(s) / Respondent(s)

**FINAL JUDGMENT AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**

E-Filing Number: 194457975

Date Filed: 03/20/2024

Full Name of Motion: Plaintiff's Amended Motion to Determine the Amount of Reasonable  
Attorney's Fees and Costs

**THIS CAUSE** came before the Court on a special-set hearing held on May 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom on Plaintiff, The Affiliati Network, Inc.'s Amended Motion To Determine the Reasonable Amount of Attorneys' Fees and Costs (the "Motion"). Ruben E Socarras, Esq. appeared on behalf of Plaintiff and Nicole Wimmer, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Defendants, together with Dawn Dubois and David Gallant. Stephen Padula, Esq. also appeared as Plaintiff's fee expert witness and Warren Kwavnick, Esq. appeared as Plaintiff's appellate co-counsel. The Court, having reviewed the Motion, supporting affidavits, the evidence and testimony presented, together with the relevant portions of the court file, heard oral arguments from the parties' counsel and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, it is ORDERED as follows:

On March 8, 2023, the Court entered Final Judgment in favor of Plaintiff, The Affiliati Network, Inc., which is a claim carrying entitlement to attorneys' fee and costs to the prevailing

party pursuant to the parties' written contract. As the prevailing party in this litigation, and pursuant to Sections 4, 19 and 22 of the parties' written contract, Plaintiff is entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees necessarily expended in successfully enforcing its contract and obtaining the judgments. *Moritz v. Hoyt Enterprises, Inc.*, 604 So. 2d 807, 810 (Fla. 1992).

Accordingly, the Court finds that:

- a. The reasonable rates to be allowed for Ruben E. Socarras, Esq. are \$350.00 and \$375.00 per hour;
- b. The reasonable number of hours to be expended by Ruben E. Socarras, Esq. are 44.6 hours;
- c. Therefore, the Lodestar fee awarded for the work of Ruben E. Socarras, Esq. is \$16,557.50 (based upon reasonable hours multiplied by the reasonable rate);
- d. The reasonable rates to be allowed for Jafar Abuyounis, Esq. are \$325.00, \$335.00, and \$350.00 per hour;
- e. The reasonable number of hours to be expended by Jafar Abuyounis, Esq. are 125.6 hours;
- f. Therefore, the Lodestar fee awarded for the work of Jafar Abuyounis, Esq. is \$41,540.50 (based upon reasonable hours multiplied by the reasonable rate);
- g. The reasonable rate to be allowed for Warren Kwavnick, Esq. is \$400.00 per hour;
- h. The reasonable number of hours to be expended by Warren Kwavnick, Esq. are 22.3 hours;
- a. Therefore, the Lodestar fee awarded for the work of Warren Kwavnick, Esq. is \$8,920.00 (based upon reasonable hours multiplied by the reasonable rate);
- j. The reasonable rate to be allowed for Joey Lewin, Florida Registered Paralegal is \$150.00 per hour;
- k. The reasonable number for hours to be expended by Joey Lewin, Florida Registered

Paralegal are 18.2 hours;

ax. Therefore, the Lodestar fee awarded for the work of Joey Lewin, Florida Registered Paralegal is \$2,730.00 (based upon reasonable hours multiplied by the reasonable rate).

all. The reasonable rate to be allowed for Elizabeth Caruso, Florida Registered Paralegal is \$150.00 per hour;

n. The reasonable number for hours to be expended by Elizabeth Caruso, Florida Registered Paralegal are 17.5 hours;

o. Therefore, the Lodestar fee awarded for the work of Elizabeth Caruso, Florida Registered Paralegal is \$2,625.00 (based upon reasonable hours multiplied by the reasonable rate).

p. The reasonable rate to be allowed for Natasha Davila, Paralegal is \$150.00 per hour;

q. The reasonable number for hours to be expended by Natasha Davila, Paralegal are 1.6 hours; and

r. Therefore, the Lodestar fee awarded for the work of Natasha Davila, Paralegal is \$240.00 (based upon reasonable hours multiplied by the reasonable rate).

s. Plaintiff is also entitled to taxable costs of \$1,984.07 (which was reduced to eliminate the Mediation Fee of \$712.50), pursuant to the Statewide Uniform Guideline for Taxation of Costs in Civil Actions.

t. Plaintiff shall also be awarded \$2,000.00, for Plaintiff's fee expert, Stephen Padula, Esq.'s time of 4 hours, at \$500.00, incurred in connection with this matter.

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor, The Affiliati Network, Inc., 1621 Alton Road, Suite 160, Miami Beach, FL 33139, shall recover the total sum of \$76,597.57<sup>[1]</sup> for its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs from Defendants/Judgment Debtors, Dawn Dubois, and DD Beauty & Wellness, Inc., 12807 24<sup>th</sup> St. Cir. E, Parrish, FL 34219, jointly and severally, which

pursuant to Fla. Stat. §55.03, shall bear interest at the statutory rate of interest (currently 9.34%), until paid in full, and for which let execution issue forthwith.

This Court retains jurisdiction to enter such further orders as may be proper.

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[1] At the hearing, the total was miscalculated, leaving out the taxable costs in the total referenced at the conclusion of the hearing, but this sum is the correct amount sought in the Motion and supporting affidavits.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers at Miami-Dade County, Florida on this 21st day of May, 2024.

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Hon. Jeffrey Rosinek (Senior Judge)

**COUNTY COURT JUDGE**

Electronically Signed

Final Order as to All Parties SRS #: 12 (Other)

THE COURT DISMISSES THIS CASE AGAINST ANY PARTY NOT LISTED IN THIS FINAL ORDER OR PREVIOUS ORDER(S). THIS CASE IS CLOSED AS TO ALL PARTIES.

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