

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BY: S. Smallwood

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
25CV004886-910

COUNTY OF WAKE

NORTH CAROLINA LANDSCAPE)

CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

CAROLINA-METRO LANDSCAPE, INC.,)

Defendant.)

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

The North Carolina Landscape Contractors' Licensing Board's ("Plaintiff") Motion for Default Judgment was heard on January 28, 2026, before the undersigned presiding judge. The Court having reviewed the pleadings, makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Plaintiff, the North Carolina Landscape Contractors' Licensing Board (hereinafter "Plaintiff Board"), is an agency of the State of North Carolina created under the authority of Chapter 89D of the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Defendant Carolina-Metro Landscape, Inc. ("Defendant") is an unlicensed corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina with its principal place of business located at 1213 W. Morehead St., 5th Floor, Suite 296, Charlotte, North Carolina. Tracy Blackwell is the Registered Agent and President of Defendant.
3. Defendant is not now and never has been licensed by Plaintiff Board as a "Landscape Contractor," as that term is defined by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 89D-11(3).
4. By entering into contracts for landscaping services in excess of \$30,000.00 during a 12-month period without first obtaining a requisite license from Plaintiff Board or qualifying

for any of the licensure exemptions set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 89D-13, Defendant has engaged in the unlicensed practice of landscape construction and contracting.

5. Defendant has been duly served with the Summons and Complaint and Application for Injunctive Relief.
6. Entry of Default was entered against Defendant on November 19, 2025.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Plaintiff is authorized to bring this suit and to obtain injunctive relief under the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 89D-24(a).
2. Defendant has violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 89D-12(a).
3. Plaintiff is entitled to judgment by default.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

- I. Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment is hereby granted;
- II. Defendant is hereby permanently enjoined from the practice of landscape construction and contracting in the State of North Carolina, until such time as it is licensed by the Board;
and
- III. That costs of this action be taxed against Defendant.

SO ORDERED: 2/18/2026 11:28:41 AM


Honorable S. Thomas Currin II
Superior Court Judge, Presiding