## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

CASE NO.: 8:14-CV-2089-T-30TBM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
Plaintiff, v.	) ) )
MICHAEL RUSH,	) ) DEFAULT FINAL HIDOMENIT
Defendant.	) <u>DEFAULT FINAL JUDGMENT</u> )

This matter having come before the Court upon Plaintiff, United States of America's Motion for Entry of Default Final Judgment against Defendant, Michael Rush, (Dkt. #8) and the Court having reviewed the pleadings submitted on behalf of the Plaintiff, and having further noted the entry of default as to the Defendant for failure to answer or otherwise plead to the Summons and Complaint served by the Plaintiff, and for good cause shown, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that judgment is hereby entered in favor of Plaintiff, the United States of America, and against Defendant, Michael Rush, upon the Complaint herein, and it is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Plaintiff recover of the Defendant, Michael Rush, the sum of \$15,809.20 consisting of \$5,944.50 unpaid principal, plus \$8,964.70 in interest at

the rate of 8.00% for Account No. 2011A33959 through October 7, 2014 in accordance with the supporting documentation attached as Exhibit "B" to Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Default Final Judgment, per annum to the date of this judgment, together with a Fee for Service and Travel, per 28 U.S.C § 1921 of \$40.00, plus attorney's fees of \$860.00.

The Government is entitled to attorney's fees under the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C §1087a *et seq.*, (the "Act"). The Act provides that in addition to the terms of any promissory note, "a borrower who has defaulted on a [student] loan shall be required to pay. . . reasonable collection costs." 20 U.S.C. § 1091a(b)(1); *United States v. Vilus*, 419 F. Supp. 2d 293, 296-97(E.D.N.Y. 2005). One of the statute's implementing regulations specifies that "[i]f a borrower defaults...the Secretary [i.e., the Government] assesses collection costs on the basis of 34 C.F.R 30.60." 34 C.F.R. § 685.202(e)(2). In turn, 34 C.F.R. § 3060 provides that the Government "may charge a debtor for the costs associated with the collection of a particular debt [i.e., a defaulted student loan]. These costs include...[c]ourt costs and attorney fees." 34 C.F.R § 30.60(a)(8) for all of which sums let execution issue. It is further

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this judgment shall bear interest at the rate as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1961, and shall be enforceable as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 2001, *et seq.*, 28 U.S.C. § 3001-3307, and Rule 69(a), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff's address is: Becker & Poliakoff P.A., 121 Alhambra Plaza 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Defendant's address is: Michael Rush at 10539 Lucaya Drive, Tampa, FL 33647.

The Clerk is directed to close this case and deny any pending motions as moot.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers Tampa, Florida on October 10, 2014.

JAMES S. MOODY, JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

<u>Copies furnished to:</u> Counsel/Parties of Record

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