

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

ST. LOUIS-KANSAS CITY CARPENTERS	)	
REGIONAL COUNCIL, et al,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	Case No. 4:21-cv-00213 HEA
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
UNIFIED CONTRACTING SERVICES, LLC,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**OPINION, MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This is an action pursuant to Section 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §185, and pursuant to Section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §1132. Plaintiffs seek an order compelling defendant to submit to a payroll audit and, thereafter, a judgment for contributions and damages owed.

Defendant was served with the summons and complaint on February 22, 2021 and has not filed an answer or otherwise entered an appearance.

Pursuant to Rule 55(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, plaintiffs have moved this Court for an order compelling defendant to submit to an audit so that plaintiffs can determine the amounts allegedly owed.

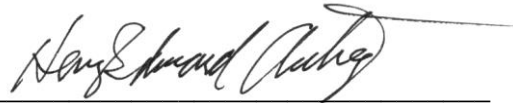
Plaintiffs have established that defendant is party to a collective bargaining agreement with the St. Louis – Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council. The agreement requires defendant to submit contributions to the Carpenters employee benefit funds and authorizes plaintiffs to examine the financial records of defendant to ascertain whether the required contributions were made. The only way in which plaintiffs can determine the amount owed is through such financial examination.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that defendant shall provide to plaintiffs, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, the payroll registers and other documents needed to perform an audit for the period of January 1, 2018 to the present.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court reserves jurisdiction to make such further orders and grant such additional relief, including but not limited to the entry of partial and final judgments, as it deems appropriate.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Edward Autrey", written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

HENRY EDWARD AUTREY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE