

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

EVERLAKE ASSURANCE
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

V.

GERIKA D. TAYLOR, *et al.*,

Defendants.

NO. CIV-25-0359-HE

FINAL JUDGMENT
AND ORDER OF INTERPLEADER DISBURSEMENT

On the Amended Motion for Entry of Final Judgment and Order of Interpleader Disbursement filed by Defendant Gerika Taylor (“Gerika”), as Parent and Next Friend of M.T. and M.T., minor children, the Court finds, adjudges, and orders as follows:

1. On March 28, 2025, Everlake Assurance Company (“Everlake”) initiated this interpleader suit (ECF No. 1) concerning a dispute over the death benefit of a life insurance policy insuring the life of Jason Wayne Taylor, who passed away on June 7, 2024.

2. On April 21, 2025, Gerika filed her Answer (ECF No. 7) to the interpleader suit and asserted a claim to the death benefit on behalf of her minor children.

3. On June 2, 2025, the Clerk of Court entered default (ECF No. 16) against Defendant Teresa Taylor.

4. On June 6, 2025, the Clerk of Court filed proof of the receipt (ECF No. 17) of the disputed life insurance death benefit from Everlake in the amount of \$607,191.00.

5. On July 8, 2025, the Court granted Everlake interpleader relief, and it was discharged from this case with prejudice. *See* ECF No. 24.

6. On July 8, 2025, the Court granted Gerika's Motion for Default Judgment against Defendant Teresa Taylor. *See* ECF No. 23.

7. Because the ultimate beneficiaries of the death benefit, M.T. and M.T., are minor children, Gerika also seeks permission to deposit the funds into a trust established for their benefit until the funds can be distributed outright to them upon their attaining the age of majority.

Therefore, based on the record in this matter and for good cause shown:

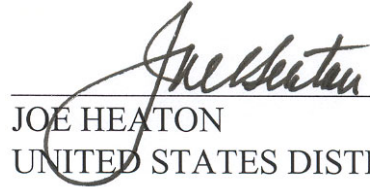
IT IS ORDERED that Gerika Taylor, as Trustee of the Taylor Children's Trust established exclusively for the benefit of M.T. and M.T., is entitled to receive, and the Clerk of Court is authorized and directed to draw a check on the funds on deposit in the registry of this Court in the principal amount of Six Hundred Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$607,191.00), plus all interest earned less the assessment fee for the administration of funds, payable to: "The Taylor Children's Trust" and mailed to: Michael Hoover, Interpleader Law, LLC, 9015 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Upon receipt, such funds shall be administered on the terms of the Taylor Children's Trust as set forth in the Exhibit A attached to Gerika's motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter is hereby dismissed with prejudice, with each party bearing its own costs.

There is no just reason to delay the entry of this Judgment as a final judgment in this action. Accordingly, the Clerk of Court is expressly directed to immediately enter this Final Judgment in this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2025.



JOE HEATON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE