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State Of Louisiana

22nd Judicial District Court

VS 202115144 Division D

Parish of St. Tammany

Joiner's Tree Service L.L.C.
And Jeffery D. Joiner

State of Louisiana

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT

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By order of the Honorable Judges of said Court, this

24th day of September, 2025

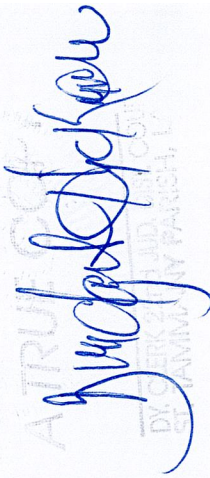
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vs.

JOINER'S TREE SERVICE, L.L.C. AND
JEFFERY D. JOINER

Docket No. 2021-15144

Division: D

FINAL JUDGMENT

THIS MATTER came to this Court pursuant to regular assignment on the 9th day of September 2025 for bench trial on the State of Louisiana's Petition for Injunctive Relief, Civil Penalties, and Other Relief pursuant to Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, La. R.S. 51:1401, *et seq.*, and Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (Price Gouging Law), La. R.S. 29:732, *et seq.*

Present in court were Assistant Attorneys General Hanna W. Thomas, Ryan McNeil, and Chief Deputy Attorney General Lawrence "Larry" Frieman for the State of Louisiana, Office of the Attorney General. Defendants Joiner's Tree Service, L.L.C. and Jeffery D. Joiner were served but failed to appear. The Court, after considering the evidence submitted, the law and arguments of counsel, and for the Court's oral reasons finds: Defendants Joiner's Tree Service, L.L.C.'s and Jeffery D. Joiner's acts, business practices, and omissions while conducting Defendants' tree removal business in the state of Louisiana violated Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, La. R.S. 51:1401, *et seq.* The Court further finds that Defendants' invoices issued to Louisiana consumers through their insurers for Defendants' tree removal services performed from August 30, 2021 to September 2, 2021, during the declared state of emergency for Hurricane Ida, exceeded the market rate for tree removal services in this state in violation of the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (Price Gouging Law), La. R.S. 29:732, *et seq.*

THEREFORE, the Court grants the State of Louisiana's request for a permanent injunction pursuant to the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, La. R.S. 51:1407 and Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (Price Gouging Law), La. R.S. 29:734 against Defendants Joiner's Tree Service, L.L.C. and Jeffery D. Joiner as follows:

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants Joiner's Tree Service, L.L.C. and Jeffery D. Joiner are permanently enjoined and prohibited from conducting, advertising, contracting, and soliciting any business to perform tree services or arborist services including but not limited to tree trimming, tree cutting and removal, stump removal and grinding, tree management, and tree risk assessment services, at any time within the state of Louisiana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants Joiner's Tree Service, L.L.C. and Jeffery D. Joiner are permanently enjoined and prohibited from demanding, collecting, or pursuing any action to collect on any of the remaining unpaid invoices

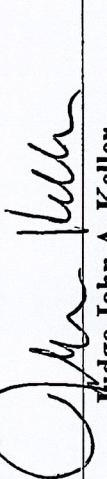
derived from Defendants' unfair and deceptive acts and from Defendants' excessive invoices during their contracting, conducting, advertisement, and solicitation of tree removal services within the state of Louisiana from any Louisiana consumer or their insurers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that pursuant to La. R.S. 51:1407 and La. R.S. 29:734, Defendants Joiner's Tree Service, L.L.C. and Jeffery D. Joiner shall pay, in solido, civil penalties in the amount of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** to the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General for their violations of the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, La. R.S. 51:1401, *et seq.*, and Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (Price Gouging Law), La. R.S. 29:732, *et seq.*

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants Joiner's Tree Service, L.L.C. and Jeffery D. Joiner are assessed with all costs of these proceedings. However, the Court defers ruling on the costs of the State's expert witness fees until such time the State files its motion to set costs.

JUDGMENT RENDERED in open court on September 9, 2025.

JUDGMENT READ AND SIGNED in Coevington, Louisiana, this 24 day of September, 2025.

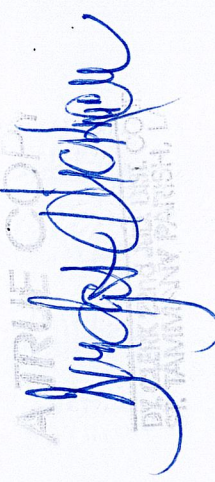

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