

**OPINION SUMMARY  
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT  
DIVISION FOUR**

BARBARA A. SASTRY,	)	No. ED92824
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Respondent,	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
	)	St. Charles County
	)	
vs.	)	Honorable Frederick L. Westhoff
	)	
	)	Cause No. 0911-FC00156
MELISSA C. SASTRY,	)	
	)	
Appellant.	)	Filed: January 26, 2010
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Melissa Sastry (hereinafter, “Melissa”) appeals from the trial court’s judgment denying her motion to set aside the default judgment entered in favor of Barbara Sastry (hereinafter, “Barbara”) on Barbara’s petition for an order of protection. Melissa raises one point on appeal, arguing the trial court erred in denying her motion to set aside the default judgment granting a full order of protection against her because she had a meritorious defense and could demonstrate good cause shown for why she did not appear at the hearing.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

Division IV Holds: Melissa carried her burden of proving she had a meritorious defense and good cause for failing to appear at the hearing on Barbara’s ex parte order in that she was under the mistaken belief Barbara was dismissing her cause of action prior to the hearing.

Opinion by: George W. Draper III, J.

Kurt S. Odenwald, P.J., and  
Gary M. Gaertner, Jr., J.

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