

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

Juweiya Abdiaziz ALI; A.F.A., a minor; Reema
Khaled DAHMAN; G.E., a minor; Ahmed
Mohammed Ahmed ALI; E.A., a minor; on
behalf of themselves as individuals and on
behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Donald TRUMP, President of the United States
of America; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE;
Tom SHANNON, Acting Secretary of State;
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY; John F. KELLY, Secretary of
Homeland Security; U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES; Lori
SCIALABBA, Acting Director of USCIS;
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL
INTELLIGENCE; Michael DEMPSEY, Acting
Director of National Intelligence,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:17-cv-00135-JLR

**DECLARATION OF ABDELRAZIQ
ADAM IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS**

1 I, Abdelraziq Adam, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

2 1. I am a United States (U.S.) citizen and I live in Burien, Washington State. I am a
3 University of Washington (UW) Alumni, and current UW student earning a Post Baccalaureate
4 in Accounting.

5 2. I was born in Sudan, and I came to the U.S. when I was about 20 years old. I became a
6 U.S. citizen in around 2012. When I moved to the U.S., I had no family, and my English skills
7 were very limited. I worked in warehouses and assembly production lines, and I was able to
8 attend Highline Community College in the evening. I did successfully complete my Associate of
9 Arts prerequisites and then transferred to UW. During my academic career, I did encounter many
10 hardships; my mother passed away, and two years later my father passed away. Yet, I have been
11 part of Washington State communities. I volunteered for middle schools for two quarters and
12 help students in various subjects. I also helped many high school students through UW Dream
13 Project; I recall helping students with their personal statement letters, scholarship applications
14 and the process of college admission. Moreover, I did take advantage of my Accounting skills
15 and helped low income communities to file their tax returns. Furthermore, I volunteered six
16 month for Washington State Attorney General's Office in the Consumer Protection Division.
17 These are few of the activities that I participated in during my academic career.

18 3. My wife's name is Alya Ahmed, and she is from Sudan. We have been married since
19 May 3, 2013. During our relationship, I did visit my wife three times, and the last time I visited
20 her was in March 2016.

21 4. In June 2014, I did submit form I-130 petition, and the United States Citizenship and
22 Immigration Services (USCIS) approved my wife's petition. I paid the required fees for my
23 wife's consular process on February 27, 2015.

24 5. My wife had an interview in November 2015, but the Consulate thought that we were
25 first cousins, and they returned to USCIS for review. However, the USCIS found no evidence
26 that we were first cousins. Therefore, the USCIS reaffirmed my wife's petition, and they
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1 forwarded to the National Visa Center (NVC).

2 6. On January 24, 2017, the NVC notified me by mail that they completed the review, and
3 they were forwarding my wife's case to the U.S. Consulate in Khartoum. The process of my
4 wife's case has taken over two years, and as a result of President Trump's executive order that
5 banned all Sudanese visas for at least 90 days, the U.S. Consulate in Sudan refuses to issue a visa
6 to my wife even though all the documents have been submitted, reviewed and approved. The
7 case status of my wife with the NVC now says it's under administrative processing, updated
8 January 30, 2017.
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10 7. I have not seen my wife since March 2016, and this executive order has at least two
11 irreparable impacts on our lives:

12 8. First, I am on my final quarter to graduate, and I cannot focus on my studies. I also have
13 trouble sleeping well because I worried what would happen to my wife. In addition, as a citizen,
14 I am concern about my constitutional rights because this executive order is discriminatory. My
15 wife lives alone in Sudan, and she does not know what would happen to her. Since my parents
16 passed away and had no chance to attend any of my graduations, I was hoping my wife could
17 attend this lifetime opportunity.

18 9. Second, I am financially responsible to pay a rent here and in Sudan and other living
19 expenses to wife, and I do budget about \$550 monthly to support her. The Consulate already
20 consumed one year suspecting that we were first cousins, and I did spend about \$7,000 during
21 that time supporting my wife. I also spent \$1,500 for airfares when I went to visit her in March
22 2016 after the Consulate returned her application to USCIS for review. Consequently, this
23 executive order is causing more trauma, anxiety and financial hardship to me and my wife.

24 10. I would like my wife to come to the U.S. because this is my home. We would like to
25 settle together and help each other as a family. Even though I did visit my wife three times
26 during our marriage, we have been a part for about three and half years because those visits were
27 for a short period of time; I had to return to U.S. to continue my studies. As I mentioned above,
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1 my parents passed away, and my wife is half and or part of my life. We did not marry to live
2 across continents and have a relationship from far distance. Therefore, I ask this court to issue
3 court order to allow U.S. Consulate in Khartoum, Sudan to resume issuance of my wife's visa
4 immediately. Thank you.
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6 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is
7 true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge or belief.
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9 Executed on this 2nd day of February, 2017, in Seattle, Washington State
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13 Abdelraziq Adam
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