

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

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

MEAZA TEKALEGU LIDETU,

Plaintiff,

v.

UR M. JADDOU, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-05241-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:
May 31, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendant, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings until November 7, 2024. Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate her Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. Defendant’s response to the Complaint is currently due on June 10, 2024. The parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until November 7, 2024.

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1 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
2 (1997). “[T]he powers to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
3 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for
4 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R.
5 Civ. P. 1.

6 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
7 intervention. USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff’s asylum interview for July 10, 2024. USCIS
8 agrees to diligently work towards completing the adjudication within 120 days of the interview,
9 absent unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for
10 adjudication. If the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status
11 report to the Court. Plaintiff will submit all supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to
12 USCIS seven to ten days prior to the interview date. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to submit
13 documents prior to the interview may require the interview to be rescheduled and the
14 adjudication delayed. If needed, Plaintiff will bring an interpreter to the interview, otherwise
15 the interview will need to be rescheduled and the adjudication delayed. If USCIS needs to
16 reschedule Plaintiff’s interview, USCIS will make its best efforts to do so within four weeks of
17 the initial appointment and as interview appointment availability allows. After the interview,
18 USCIS will need time to adjudicate Plaintiff’s asylum application. Once the application is
19 adjudicated, Plaintiff will dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation costs and
20 attorneys’ fees. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to conduct
21 Plaintiff’s asylum interview and then process his asylum application.

22 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court hold
23 the case in abeyance until November 7, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or
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1 before November 7, 2024. The parties further request that the Order Regarding Initial
2 Disclosures, Joint Status Report, and Early Settlement (Dkt. No. 8) be vacated.

3 DATED this 31st day of May, 2024.

4 Respectfully submitted,

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13 ***I certify that this memorandum contains 462***
14 ***words, in compliance with the Local Civil***
15 ***Rules.***

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1 **~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER**

2 The case is held in abeyance until November 7, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint
3 status report on or before November 7, 2024. The Order Regarding Initial Disclosures, Joint
4 Status Report, and Early Settlement (Dkt. No. 8) is vacated. It is so **ORDERED**.

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6 DATED this 3rd day of June, 2024.

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10 MARSHA J. PECHMAN
United States Senior District Judge