

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
San Antonio Division

Cesar Janicso Mejia-Acosta
Petitioner,

v.

No. 5:25-CV-00432-XR

Pam Bondi,
Attorney General of the United States,
et al,
Respondents.

Federal¹ Respondents' Unopposed Motion to Transfer Venue

Federal Respondents' respectfully move to transfer venue in this case, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), to the Southern District of Texas, for the convenience of the parties and in the interest of justice. Federal Respondents conferred with Petitioner's counsel, and she has no opposition to a venue transfer. There is no dispute that Petitioner is currently detained in immigration custody at El Valle Detention Center in Raymondville, Texas, not the South Texas ICE Processing Center in Pearsall, Texas. ICE transferred Petitioner to El Valle the day before this habeas petition was filed. El Valle is in the Southern District of Texas, so the proper venue for this habeas petition is in the Southern District of Texas.

Further, this is no dispute that Petitioner is in removal proceedings and that he is scheduled to appear before an Immigration Judge for a final hearing in July 2025, in Los Fresnos, Texas, in support of his application(s) for relief from removal. The parties are coordinating through counsel

¹ The United States Attorneys' Office represents only the federal Respondents (the United States and/or its agencies) in this action. Neither the warden, Bobby Thompson, nor his employer, GEO Group, is herein represented. This Court independently served the warden in this case, but no attorney has entered an appearance on his behalf. ECF No. 3. In any event, Federal Respondents make the custodial decisions regarding aliens detained in immigration custody under Title 8 of the United States Code.

to avoid any unnecessary delay that might have otherwise resulted in transferring the case to another district. Petitioner's counsel will either seek *pro hac vice* status or coordinate with local counsel once the case is transferred.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Conference

I certify that on June 16, 2025, I conferred by email with Petitioner's counsel, Jacqueline L. Watson, and she graciously stated no opposition to this motion.

/s/ Lacy L. McAndrew
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Certificate of Service

I certify that on June 16, 2025, I mailed a courtesy copy of this motion to the non-federal respondent at:

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Order

The Court has considered Federal Respondents' Unopposed Motion to Transfer Venue and finds it to be meritorious. The motion is accordingly **GRANTED**.

The Court **GRANTS** the Motion and **TRANSFERS** the case to the Southern District of Texas.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed and entered this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Xavier Rodriguez
United States District Judge