

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

MAURICIO MARTINEZ ORTIZ,

Petitioner,

v.

No. 26-cv-00287-KG-JFR

GEORGE DEDOS, Torrence County Processing Center,
MARY DE ANDA-YBARRA, Field Officer Director of
Enforcement and Removal Operations, El Paso
Field Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
TODD LYONS, Acting Director of the U.S. Immigration
and Customs Enforcement; KRISTI NOEM, Secretary,
U.S. Department Of Homeland Security; and
PAMELA BONDI, U.S. Attorney General,

Respondents.

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Michael R. Pahl, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, hereby
enters appearance on behalf of the federal¹ respondents in the above-captioned cause of action.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Michael R. Pahl filed 2/17/2026

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¹ The undersigned does not represent the warden of the detention facility, as it is a private facility, and the warden is not a federal employee. However, all arguments made on behalf of the remaining respondents apply equally to the warden.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on February 17, 2026, I filed the foregoing pleading electronically through the CM/ECF system, which caused all parties and counsel of record to be served, as more fully reflected on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

/s/ Michael R. Pahl filed 2/17/2026

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