

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

McKinney v. Walker

McKinney · No. 2:25-cv-2842 CKD P · Decided October 7, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California orders the transfer of a state prisoner's 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus petition to the Central District of California. The court concludes that the Central District is the more appropriate forum because the petitioner was convicted in Los Angeles County and relevant witnesses and evidence are more readily available there.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 ALONZO MCKINNEY, No. 2:25-cv-2842 CKD P 12 Petitioner, 13 v.
ORDER 14 J. WALKER, 15 Respondent. 16 17 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has
filed an application for a writ of habeas 18 corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner is
presently incarcerated at R.J.

Donavan 19 Correctional Facility in San Diego County. He is serving a sentence for a conviction
from the 20 Los Angeles County Superior Court. The general rule regarding habeas applications is
that both 21 the United States District Court in the district where petitioner was convicted and the
District 22 Court where petitioner is incarcerated have jurisdiction over the claims.

See Braden v. 30th 23 Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484 (1973). Because any witnesses and
evidence necessary for 24 the resolution of petitioner's application are more readily available in
Los Angeles County, id. at 25 499 n.15; 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d), this action will be transferred to the
United States District Court 26 for the Central District of California.

27 ///// 28 /////] Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this
matter is 2 || transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. 3
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