

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Mubashar Hassan v. Pamela Bondi

Hassan · No. C25-2559-JHC-MLP · Decided December 15, 2025

SUMMARY

This order directs service and establishes briefing deadlines for Mubashar Hassan’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition challenging detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It also addresses consent to magistrate judge jurisdiction and requires advance notice of any transfer or removal from the United States.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Michelle L. Peterson
DECIDED	December 15, 2025
DOCKET	C25-2559-JHC-MLP
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging his detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The court issued an order directing service, requiring Respondents to show cause and file a return, establishing a briefing schedule, and imposing advance-notice requirements concerning transfer or removal.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the § 2241 petition to establish an appropriate service and briefing schedule, exercising discretion based on the individual circumstances of the case.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential procedural order
PARTIES	Mubashar Hassan v. Pamela Bondi, et al.

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- immigration detention
- service of process
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What service, response, and briefing procedures should govern the § 2241 habeas petition?
2. What notice must Respondents provide before moving or transferring Petitioner from the Western District of Washington or removing him from the United States?

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Courts have discretion in setting the briefing schedule for a § 2241 habeas petition and consider the individual circumstances of each case when determining appropriate deadlines.” (1)

“Respondents shall provide Petitioner and Petitioner’s counsel in this habeas action at least 48 hours’ notice (or 72 hours’ notice if the period extends into a weekend, holiday, or date the Court is closed) prior to any action to move or transfer Petitioner from the Western District of Washington or to remove them from the United States.” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner Mubashar Hassan is detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Northwest ICE Processing Center. Through counsel, he filed a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 alleging that his current detention is unlawful. The court also addressed the possibility that Respondents might move or transfer him outside the Western District of Washington or remove him from the United States.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Mubashar Hassan filed a § 2241 petition challenging his current immigration detention at the Northwest ICE Processing Center. After reviewing the petition, the district court issued this order for service and return and referred the parties to the consent procedures for magistrate-judge jurisdiction.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Clutchette v. Rushen*, 770 F.2d 1469, 1474-75 (9th Cir. 1985)

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE 7 8 MUBASHAR HASSAN, 9 Petitioner, Case No. C25-2559-JHC-MLP 10 v.
ORDER FOR SERVICE AND RETURN, § 2241 PETITION 11 PAMELA BONDI, et al., 12
Respondents. 13 14 Petitioner, through counsel, has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under

28 U.S.C. 15 § 2241, challenging as unlawful his current detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs 16 Enforcement (“ICE”) at the Northwest ICE Processing Center (“NWIPC”).

(Dkt. # 2.) Courts 17 have discretion in setting the briefing schedule for a § 2241 habeas petition and consider the 18 individual circumstances of each case when determining appropriate deadlines. See *Clutchette v. 19 Rushen*, 770 F.2d 1469, 1474-75 (9th Cir. 1985).

Having reviewed the petition, the Court 20 ORDERS as follows: 21 (1) If not previously accomplished, electronic posting of this Order and Petitioner’s 22 § 2241 habeas petition shall effect service upon the United States Attorney of the petition and all 23 1 supporting documents. Service upon the United States Attorney is deemed to be service upon the 2 named Respondents.

3 (2) On or before December 29, 2025, Respondents shall show cause why a writ of 4 habeas corpus should not be granted by filing a return as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 2243. As a part 5 of such return, Respondents shall submit a memorandum of authorities in support of their 6 position, and should state whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary. Petitioner may file and 7 serve a response to the return no later than January 5, 2026.

Respondents may file and serve a 8 reply no later than January 9, 2026, and the Clerk shall note the matter as ready for the Court’s 9 consideration on January 9, 2026. 10 (3) The parties have a right to consent to have the case heard by the undersigned 11 Magistrate Judge. Consent is voluntary. Counsel for the parties are directed to indicate whether 12 they consent or decline consent by no later than December 29, 2025, by emailing Deputy Tim 13 Farrell at tim_farrell@wawd.uscourts.gov.

If the parties consent, the undersigned Magistrate 14 Judge will preside over the entire case through judgment. If the parties decline, the case will 15 remain assigned to the District Judge and referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge. 16 (4) Respondents shall provide Petitioner and Petitioner’s counsel in this habeas action 17 at least 48 hours’ notice (or 72 hours’ notice if the period extends into a weekend, holiday, or 18 date the Court is closed) prior to any action to move or transfer Petitioner from the Western 19 District of Washington or to remove them from the United States.

20 (5) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to Petitioner, to all counsel of 21 record, and to the Honorable John H. Chun. 22 // 23 // 1 Dated this 15th day of December, 2025. 2 A 3 MICHELLE L. PETERSON United States Magistrate Judge 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23