

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
GEORGIA, MACON DIVISION

Jaiminkumar Patel v. United States Citizenship and Immigration
Services

Patel · No. 5:25-cv-292 (MTT) · Decided February 13, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia grants USCIS's motion to dismiss a complaint seeking bona fide determinations on U-visa petitions and work authorization applications. The court dismisses the case as moot because USCIS issued favorable determinations and work authorization to the plaintiff and his two family members.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Macon Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Marc T. Treadwell
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Macon Division
DECIDED	February 13, 2026
DOCKET	5:25-cv-292 (MTT)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought an order compelling USCIS to issue bona fide determinations on his U-visa petition and derivative petitions. USCIS moved to dismiss for mootness.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A case is moot when subsequent events deprive the court of the ability to provide meaningful relief; a moot case must be dismissed.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

- immigration
- administrative law
- civil procedure
- remedies

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the action seeking to compel USCIS to issue bona fide determinations and work authorization became moot after USCIS provided the requested relief.

HOLDINGS

1. The action was moot because USCIS issued favorable bona fide determinations and work authorization to Plaintiff and his two family members, leaving no meaningful relief for the court to provide.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“If events that occur subsequent to the filing of a lawsuit or an appeal deprive the court of the ability to give the plaintiff or appellant meaningful relief, then the case is moot and must be dismissed.”

“Because the issues presented are no longer live and the Court cannot afford Plaintiff any meaningful relief, the Court GRANTS Defendant’s motion (ECF 10). This case is DISMISSED as moot.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Patel and two family members filed U-visa-related petitions and Form I-765 applications for work authorization. After the complaint was filed, USCIS issued favorable bona fide determinations and work authorization to Patel and his family members.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Patel filed a complaint seeking to compel USCIS to issue bona fide determinations on his Form I-918 U-visa petition and two derivative petitions, along with work authorization applications. USCIS subsequently issued favorable bona fide determinations and work authorization to Patel and his two family members, and moved to dismiss. Patel did not respond. The court granted the motion and dismissed the case as moot.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Al Najjar v. Ashcroft, 273 F.3d 1330, 1335–36 (11th Cir. 2001)

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