

**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.

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION JAIMINKUMAR PATEL,)) Plaintiff,)) v.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:25-cv-
292 (MTT)) UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND) IMMIGRATION SERVICES,))
Defendant.)) ORDER Plaintiff, Jaiminkumar Patel, filed a complaint seeking an order
compelling the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to issue a bona
fide determination on his I-918 Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status (“U-visa”) and derivative
petitions filed for two family members.

ECF 1 at 1, ¶¶ 9–20. Plaintiff and his two family members also filed Form I-765 applications
seeking work authorization. Id. ¶¶ 13, 16. USCIS moves to dismiss the case as moot. ECF 10. “A
case is moot when the issues presented are no longer live or the parties lack a legally cognizable
interest in the outcome.” *Al Najjar v. Ashcroft*, 273 F.3d 1330, 1335–36 (11th Cir.

2001) (citation modified). “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.” Id. at 1336. Plaintiff has not responded to Defendant’s motion to
dismiss, and Defendant’s supporting exhibits show USCIS has issued favorable bona fide
determinations and work authorization to Plaintiff and his two family members.

See ECF 10-1; 10-2. 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. SO ORDERED, this 13th day of February, 2026. S/ Marc T. Treadwell
MARC T. TREADWELL, JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

