

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

Jacqueline Chatman v. Mario Julien, et al.

Chatman · No. 1:25-cv-643-GHW · Decided January 15, 2026

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOC #:
_____ SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK DATE FILED: 1/15/2026 -----
----- X JACQUELINE CHATMAN,; Plaintiff,; 1:25-
cv-643-GHW -against-: ORDER MARIO JULIEN, et al.,; Defendants.: -----
----- X GREGORY H. WOODS, United States District Judge: Plaintiff
commenced this action pro se on January 22, 2025, alleging among other things that Defendants
subjected her to “harassment and discrimination,” created a “hostile environment,” “defamed [her]
character,” and violated her “FMLA [rights].” Compl. at 1, 5.

Because Plaintiff and Defendants Mario Julien, Suan Johnson, and Margrett Thompson all reside
in Queens, New York, and because it appears the underlying actions at issue in this case occurred
in the same location, not this District, the Court issued an order to show cause as to why this case
should not be transferred to the Eastern District of New York on January 30, 2025.

Dkt. No. 4. In that order, the Court noted that the complaint “does not expressly allege that venue
is proper in this district.” Id. at 1. The Court also noted that “the Court is inclined to transfer this
case to the Eastern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).” Id. Finally, the order
gave Plaintiff until no later than February 14, 2025 to show cause as to why the case should not be
transferred to the Eastern District of New York (or to consent to transfer).

Id. at 2; see 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). Plaintiff has not responded to the order to show cause. Because
venue does not lie in this district, and the interest of justice weighs in favor of transferring the case
to the district that encompasses the court identified as the proper venue, this case is hereby
transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a) to the Eastern District of New York.

The Court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that any appeal from this order would not
be taken in good faith, and therefore in forma pauperis status is denied for the purpose of an
appeal. See *Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444-45 (1962).

The Clerk of Court is directed to transfer this case to the Eastern District of New York without
delay. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff. SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 15, 2026 New York, New York _____

GREGORY H. WOODS United States District Judge

