

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Arthur Antonio Ochoa v. Ryan Thornell, et al.

Ochoa v. Thornell · No. CV-25-01975-PHX-ROS (DMF) · Decided December 8, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Arizona adopted a magistrate judge’s recommendation to grant Petitioner Arthur Antonio Ochoa’s motion to stay and abey his federal habeas petition. The action was stayed pending completion of his state post-conviction proceedings, and Respondents were ordered to provide periodic status reports.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
DECIDED	December 8, 2025
DOCKET	CV-25-01975-PHX-ROS (DMF)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought federal habeas corpus relief and moved to stay and hold his petition in abeyance pending resolution of ongoing state post-conviction relief proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Arthur Antonio Ochoa v. Ryan Thornell, et al.

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- state post-conviction relief
- post-conviction relief
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Federal habeas corpus
- State post-conviction relief

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the federal habeas action should be stayed and the petition held in abeyance pending conclusion of the petitioner's state post-conviction relief proceedings.

HOLDINGS

1. The action should be stayed and the federal habeas petition held in abeyance until the conclusion of the petitioner's state post-conviction relief proceedings.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“this action is STAYED and the petition (Doc. 1) will be held in abeyance until the conclusion of Petitioner’s post-conviction relief proceedings in the state courts.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Arthur Antonio Ochoa had a federal habeas petition pending while his state post-conviction relief proceeding remained unresolved. He requested that the federal action be stayed and the petition held in abeyance until the state proceedings concluded. The State did not object to the requested stay.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Ochoa filed a federal habeas petition on June 6, 2025, and moved for a stay and abeyance on July 8, 2025. The State did not object. Magistrate Judge Deborah M. Fine recommended granting the motion under *Rhines v. Weber*, and the district court adopted the recommendation in full, stayed the action, and held the petition in abeyance.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Rhines v. Weber*, 544 U.S. 269 (2005)

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