

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Fletcher Sherman Legardy v. Sunrise Mall Owner Group

No. 2:25-cv-2513 DJC AC PS · No. No. 2:25-cv-2513 DJC AC PS · Decided January 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California denied the self-represented plaintiff’s motion for an extension of time to prepare a letter concerning a request for return of the filing fee. The court stated that the case had already been closed and that filing fees are generally not refundable when a case is dismissed at an early stage.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Allison Claire
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	January 7, 2026
DOCKET	No. 2:25-cv-2513 DJC AC PS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff moved for an extension of time to prepare a letter concerning a request for return of his filing fee after the case had been closed. The court denied the motion.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order
PARTIES	Fletcher Sherman Legardy v. Sunrise Mall Owner Group

TOPICS

civil procedure costs

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure court administration filing fees

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the court should grant plaintiff an extension of time to prepare a filing concerning a request for return of the filing fee after the case had been closed.

2. Whether a filing-fee refund request was legally meritorious where the case was dismissed at an early stage.

HOLDINGS

1. Documents filed after the case's closing date will be disregarded, and the court will issue no orders in response to future filings.
2. The court denied the motion for an extension of time because the anticipated request for return of the filing fee was meritless; filing fees generally are not refundable when a case is dismissed at an early stage.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Given that the filing fee covers the opening of a case, parties are not entitled to refunds of those filing fees when the case is dismissed at an early stage.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff's case had been closed on December 8, 2025. After closure, plaintiff sought additional time to prepare a typed letter concerning a request that the court return his filing fee. The court concluded that the anticipated request was meritless because filing fees cover opening a case and generally are not refundable when a case is dismissed at an early stage.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff's case was closed on December 8, 2025. On January 5, 2026, plaintiff filed a motion for an extension of time to prepare a typed letter regarding a proposed request for return of the filing fee. The magistrate judge denied the motion because filings after closure would be disregarded and the anticipated fee-refund motion was meritless.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Edward Littlejohn v. Los Angeles County Superior Ct. et al., No. 2:24-CV-03840-JWH-BFM, 2025 WL 3691437, at *1, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 264102 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 6, 2025)

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