

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Luis Alberto Paladino Jarquin v. Donald J. Trump, et al.

No. CV-26-00186-PHX-RM (MTM) (D. Ariz. Apr. 2, 2026) · No. No. CV-26-00186-PHX-RM (MTM) ·
Decided April 2, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Arizona granted Luis Alberto Paladino Jarquin’s motion for attorney fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act following the grant of his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition challenging immigration detention. The court awarded \$7,606.64 in attorney’s fees, expenses, and costs and ordered the Government to pay the award to Petitioner’s attorney.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Rosemary Márquez
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
DECIDED	April 2, 2026
DOCKET	No. CV-26-00186-PHX-RM (MTM)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought attorney fees, expenses, and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act after prevailing on a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition challenging immigration detention.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The Court applied the Equal Access to Justice Act prevailing-party and substantial-justification standards and treated Respondents' failure to respond under Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2(l) as permitting summary disposition.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential district court order
PARTIES	Luis Alberto Paladino Jarquin v. Donald J. Trump, et al.

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Jarquin was entitled to attorney fees, expenses, and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act after prevailing on his habeas petition.
2. Whether the United States' position was substantially justified or whether special circumstances made an award unjust.
3. Whether the unopposed motion could be summarily granted under the District of Arizona's local rules.

HOLDINGS

1. Jarquin, as the prevailing party, was entitled to an award of attorney fees, expenses, and costs because the Government's position was not substantially justified and no special circumstances made an award unjust.
2. The Court could summarily grant the unopposed motion under Local Rule of Civil Procedure 7.2(l).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“In addition, the Court shall award to the prevailing party fees and other expenses “unless the court finds that the position of the United States was substantially justified or that special circumstances make an award unjust.”” (at 1)

“Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner’s Motion for Attorney Fees (Doc. 11) is granted.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Jarquin was detained in an immigration matter and filed a petition for habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The Court granted the petition and entered final judgment in his favor. He sought \$7,606.64 in attorney fees, expenses, and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act, and Respondents did not challenge the request.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Jarquin filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging his immigration detention. The Court granted the petition, and the Clerk entered final judgment for Jarquin. Jarquin then timely moved for an award of \$7,606.64 under the Equal Access to Justice Act. Respondents did not oppose the motion.

DISPOSITION

other