

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Baggett v. Atascadero State Hospital

Baggett · No. 2:24-cv-02206-EFB (PC) · Decided May 7, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered that the plaintiff's action be transferred to the Central District of California. The court concluded that the claim arose in San Luis Obispo County and that venue was therefore proper in the Central District under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and 1406(a).

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 ALBERT ANTHONY BAGGETT, No. 2:24-cv-02206-EFB (PC) 12
Plaintiff, 13 v. ORDER 14 ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL, 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff,
incarcerated at Atascadero State Hospital at the time of filing of the complaint, 18 proceeds
without counsel. Plaintiff has filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant 19 to 28
U.S.C. § 1915.

20 The federal venue statute provides that a civil action “may be brought in (1) a judicial 21
district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the 22
district is located, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions 23
giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action
24 is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided
in 25 this action, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal 26
jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

27 In this case, the claim arose in San Luis Obispo County, which is in the Central District of 28
California. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should have been filed in the United States District Court 1
| for the Central District of California.

In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a 2 || complaint filed in the wrong district to
the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. 3 || McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir.
1974). 4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United 5 ||
States District Court for the Central District of California.

6 7 | Dated: May 7, 2025 i Braden ‘ SEZ, ☐☐☐ 8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 9 10
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