

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF  
FLORIDA, ORLANDO DIVISION

Ilya Averkiev v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
et al.

Averkiev · No. 6:25-cv-2359-JSS-LHP · Decided December 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida grants Plaintiff Ilya Averkiev’s motion to receive electronic filing notices as a pro se litigant. The Clerk is directed to add Plaintiff’s email address to CM/ECF, and Plaintiff will no longer receive court documents by U.S. mail.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division                                                                                                                                                                  |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Leslie Hoffman Price                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| JURISDICTION          | United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division                                                                                                                                                                  |
| DECIDED               | December 17, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| DOCKET                | 6:25-cv-2359-JSS-LHP                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| DISPOSITION           | other                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Plaintiff, proceeding pro se, moved for permission to receive notices of electronic filing.                                                                                                                                                        |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | The court exercises discretion in deciding whether to permit a pro se party to receive electronic notifications.                                                                                                                                   |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | unpublished district court order                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PARTIES               | Ilya Averkiev v. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Attorney General of the United States, Director of USCIS, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida |

TOPICS

- civil procedure
- immigration

## PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

immigration

administrative law

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should exercise its discretion to permit a pro se litigant to receive notices of electronic filing by email.

## HOLDINGS

1. A court may, in its discretion, permit a pro se party to receive electronic notifications, and the court granted Averkiev's motion for that relief.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“[T]he Court in its discretion may grant a pro se party permission to receive electronic notifications.”*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Ilya Averkiev was proceeding pro se in an action against immigration-related federal defendants. He requested permission to receive notices of electronic filing by email. The court granted the request, directed the Clerk to add his email address to CM/ECF, and stated that he would no longer receive copies of court documents by U.S. mail.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was pending in the Middle District of Florida when Plaintiff filed a motion requesting permission to receive electronic filing notices. The court granted the motion and directed the Clerk to add Plaintiff's email address to CM/ECF.

## DISPOSITION

other

## CASES CITED

- Moore v. Adventist Health Sys. Sunbelt Healthcare Corp., No. 6:23-cv-1163-PGB-DCI, 2023 WL 4947933, at \*1 (M.D. Fla. Aug. 3, 2023)
- Cromity v. City of Orlando, No. 6:24-cv-1688-CEM-DCI, 2025 WL 435901, at \*1 (M.D. Fla. Jan. 29, 2025)
- Wilkins v. RCI, LLC, No. 6:23-cv-849-PGB-EJK, 2023 WL 3453560, at \*1 (M.D. Fla. May 15, 2023)

## OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ORLANDO DIVISION ILYA AVERKIEV, Plaintiff, v. Case No: 6:25-cv-2359-JSS-LHP UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS), ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, DIRECTOR OF USCIS, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

HOMELAND SECURITY and US ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, Defendants ORDER Before the Court is a Motion for Pro Se Litigant to Receive Notices of Electronic Filing.

Doc. No. 3. “[T]he Court in its discretion may grant a pro se party permission to receive electronic notifications.” *Moore v. Adventist Health Sys. Sunbelt Healthcare Corp.*, No. 6:23-cv-1163-PGB-DCI, 2023 WL 4947933, at \*1 (M.D. Fla. Aug. 3, 2023); see also *Cromity v. City of Orlando*, No. 6:24-cv-1688-CEM-DCI, 2025 WL 435901, at \*1 (M.D. Fla. Jan. 29, 2025) (allowing service of court documents on pro se party by email); *Wilkins v. RCI, LLC*, No. 6:23-cv-849-PGB-EJK, 2023 WL 3453560, at \*1 (M.D.

Fla. May 15, 2023) (same). Accordingly, the motion (Doc. No. 3) is GRANTED, and the Clerk of Court is directed to add Plaintiff's email address, [averkiev@me.com](mailto:averkiev@me.com), to CM/ECF and ensure that Plaintiff receives Notices of Electronic Filings.' Plaintiff will no longer receive copies of Court documents by U.S. mail. DONE and ORDERED in Orlando, Florida on December 17, 2025.

LESLIE 3 AN PRICE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE Copies furnished to: Counsel of Record Unrepresented Parties 1 Plaintiff does not request access to filing documents via CM/ECF, nor does this Order permit it.