

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Maklani v. Amazon.com, Inc.

Maklani · No. 1:25-cv-01027-BAM · Decided August 26, 2025

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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10 11 YASMEEN MAKLANI, as successor in Case No. 1:25-cv-01027-BAM interest of her
mother, NORMA KASSIM, 12 deceased, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ADAM J.

KRESS'S PRO HAC VICE STATUS

13 Plaintiff, SHOULD NOT BE DENIED 14 v. (Doc. 4)

15 AMAZON.COM, INC., FOURTEEN (14) DAY DEADLINE

16 Defendant. 17

18 Plaintiff Yasmeen Maklani, as successor in interest of her mother, Norma Kassim, 19 deceased,
initiated this wrongful death and survival action based on negligence and strict products 20
liability on August 14, 2025. (Doc. 1.) On August 25, 2025, Adam J. Kress filed an application 21
to appear and participate pro hac vice in this action on behalf of Plaintiff Maklani. (Doc. 4.) 22
Local Rule 180 governs the admission of attorneys to practice pro hac vice in this Court. 23
Pursuant to Local Rule 180(b)(2), 24 Unless authorized by the Constitution of the United States or
an Act of Congress, an attorney is not eligible to practice [pro hac vice] if any one or more of the
25 following apply: (i) the attorney resides in California, (ii) the attorney is regularly employed in
California, or (iii) the attorney is regularly engaged in professional 26 activities in California. 27
L.R. 180(b)(2). 28 1 According to the application and Court records, Mr. Kress recently has made
pro hac vice 2 applications to this Court in the following matters, which have been granted: (1)
Lee v. Igloo 3 Products, Corp., 2:25-cv-01526-JAM-CSK; and (2) Jerry v. Sunbeam Products,
Inc., et al., 2:25- 4 cv-01536-TLN-JDP. (Doc. 4 at 1.) Frequent applications for admission pro hac
vice may 5 indicate that an attorney is regularly engaged in professional activities in California in
violation of 6 Local Rule 180(b)(2). See, e.g., Guguni v. Chertoff, 2008 WL 2080788, at *1 (N.D.
Cal. May 14, 7 2008); Mendoza v. Golden West Sav. Ass'n Services Co., 2009 WL 2050486, at
*1-2 (C.D. Cal.

8 July 7, 2009); Ang v. Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc., 2015 WL 1474866, at *2-3 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 14,
9 2015). 10 Accordingly, Adam J. Kress is HEREBY ORDERED to SHOW CAUSE why his 11

admission pro hac vice should not be denied on the basis that he is regularly engaged in 12 professional activities in California. Mr. Kress shall file a written response to this order to show 13 cause within fourteen (14) days of service of this order. 14 Failure to respond to this order to show cause may result in the imposition of 15 sanctions, including denial of the pro hac vice application. 16 IT IS SO ORDERED. 17 18 Dated: August 26, 2025 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe _
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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