

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Yara F. Abdulla Buker v. Kristi Noem, et al.

Buker · No. 2:25-cv-02215-LK · Decided December 19, 2025

OPINION

Buker

PER CURIAM.

1 The Honorable Lauren King 2 3 4 5 6

7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

8 AT SEATTLE

9 YARA F. ABDULLA BUKER, Case No. 2:25-cv-02215-LK 10 Plaintiff, STIPULATED
MOTION TO HOLD

11 CASE IN ABEYANCE AND

v.

[PROPOSED] ORDER

12 KRISTI NOEM, et al., Noted for Consideration:

13 December 18, 2025.

Defendants. 14 15 Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to
Federal Rule 16 of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly
stipulate and move to 17 stay these proceedings until May 28, 2026. Plaintiff brought this
litigation pursuant to the 18 Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, inter alia,
to compel U.S. Citizenship 19 and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to schedule an interview and
adjudicate her asylum 20 application. Defendants’ response to the Complaint is currently due on
January 23, 2026. The 21 parties are currently working towards a resolution to this litigation. For
good cause, the parties 22 request that the Court hold the case in abeyance until May 28, 2026. 23
Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 24 (1997).
“[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to 1 control the
disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for 2 counsel,
and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); see also *Fed. R. Civ. 3 P.1. 4*
With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial 5 intervention.
USCIS will complete Plaintiff’s asylum interview on January 28, 2026. USCIS 6 agrees to
diligently work towards completing the adjudication of her application within 120 days, 7 absent
unforeseen or exceptional circumstances that would require additional time for 8 adjudication. If
the adjudication is not completed within that time, USCIS will provide a status 9 report to the

Court. 10 Once the application is adjudicated, Plaintiff will dismiss the case with each party to bear 11 their own litigation costs and attorneys' fees. Accordingly, the parties request an abeyance until 12 120 days from Plaintiff's interview date, to allow USCIS to process her asylum application. 13 // 14 // 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 1 DATED this 18th day of December, 2025.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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memorandum contains 294 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules. 12 13 14 s/Kelly
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1 fPROPOSEDTL ORDER

2 The case is held in abeyance until May 28, 2026. The parties shall submit a status update 4 It is
so ORDERED. 1962) favor a stay, and therefore GRANTS the stipulated motion. 5 6 DATED this
19th day of December , 2025. 7 Joannier?

9 LAUREN KING

United States District Judge 10 1] 12 13 14 15 16 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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