

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Mubashar Hassan v. Pamela Bondi, et al.

Hassan · No. C25-2559-JHC-MLP · Decided December 15, 2025

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE 7 8 MUBASHAR HASSAN, 9 Petitioner, Case No. C25-2559-JHC-MLP 10 v.
ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL 11 PAMELA BONDI, et al., 12 Respondents. 13 14 This is a
federal habeas action filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

The Federal Public 15 Defender's Office, on behalf of Petitioner Mubashar Hassan, has filed a
proposed petition for 16 writ of habeas corpus, an application to proceed in forma pauperis
("IFP"), and a motion seeking 17 appointment of counsel in this matter.1 (Dkt. ## 1-3.)

The Court, having considered Petitioner's 18 motion, his financial eligibility, and the balance of
the record, finds and ORDERS as follows: 19 (1) The petition indicates that this case falls within
the class of cases potentially 20 governed by *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). (See dkt. #
1.)

Because of the complex 21 issues involved in this case, the interests of justice require that counsel
be appointed for 22 Petitioner. See 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). As required by statute, Petitioner
has demonstrated, 23 1 Petitioner's application to proceed IFP will be addressed by separate order.
1 by means of his IFP application, financial eligibility for such appointment.

(See dkt. # 1.) 2 Accordingly, Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel (dkt. # 3) is
GRANTED. The Court 3 appoints the Federal Public Defender to represent Petitioner in these
proceedings. 4 (2) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to Petitioner, to the Federal 5
Public Defender, to counsel for Respondent, and to the Honorable John H. Chun.

6 Dated this 15th day of December, 2025. 7 A 8 MICHELLE L. PETERSON United States
Magistrate Judge 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23