

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

Armando Arias Maldonado v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
Services, et al.

Arias Maldonado · No. 2:25-cv-02145-JHC · Decided December 30, 2025

SUMMARY

The parties jointly moved to hold an immigration-related federal case in abeyance while USCIS processed the plaintiff’s adjustment-of-status application. The court granted the stipulated motion and ordered the case held in abeyance until March 6, 2026, with a status update due on or before that date.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	John H. Chun
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
DECIDED	December 30, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-02145-JHC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff and Defendants jointly stipulated and moved to hold the action in abeyance while USCIS processed Plaintiff's adjustment-of-status application.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The Court stated that courts have broad discretion to stay proceedings and manage the disposition of cases on their dockets.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order holding case in abeyance
PARTIES	Armando Arias Maldonado v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, et al.

TOPICS

- mandamus immigration
- immigration
- civil procedure
- administrative procedure act
- judicial review of agency action

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Court should grant the parties' stipulated request to hold the action in abeyance while USCIS processed Plaintiff's adjustment-of-status application.

HOLDINGS

1. The Court granted the stipulated request and held the case in abeyance until March 6, 2026, requiring the parties to submit a status update on or before that date.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings.” (1)

“ “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants.” ” (1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Armando Arias Maldonado sought adjudication of an application for adjustment of status from USCIS. USCIS was processing the application but requested additional time, including because of short staffing during the holiday season. The parties anticipated that adjudication could resolve the litigation and jointly requested that the case be held in abeyance.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed an action under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Mandamus Act seeking, among other relief, an order compelling USCIS to adjudicate his adjustment-of-status application. Before Defendants responded to the Complaint, the parties jointly requested a stay through March 6, 2026, and the Court granted the request.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Clinton v. Jones, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997)
- Landis v. N. Am. Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936)