

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Khalil Abdul-Aziz v. Enfin Corp., Hatch Bank, and Does 1–10

Abdul-Aziz · No. 25-cv-001745-JO-AHG · Decided October 23, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted Defendants’ motion to compel arbitration and stayed the proceedings. The court held that the parties clearly and unmistakably delegated the threshold question of arbitrability to the arbitrator and therefore declined to reach the parties’ remaining arguments.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Southern District of California
DECIDED	October 23, 2025
DOCKET	25-cv-001745-JO-AHG
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendants moved to compel arbitration and stay the federal action pending completion of arbitration.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown
PARTIES	Khalil Abdul-Aziz, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Enfin Corp., Hatch Bank, Does 1–10

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties clearly and unmistakably delegated the threshold question of arbitrability to the arbitrator.
- Whether the action should be stayed pending completion of arbitration.

HOLDINGS

- 1. The parties clearly and unmistakably delegated the threshold question of arbitrability to the arbitrator.
- 2. The court must stay the case while arbitration is pending.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff sued Enfin Corp., Hatch Bank, and Does 1–10 in a putative class action. The defendants sought to compel arbitration and stay the litigation. The court resolved the motion based on its finding that the parties clearly and unmistakably delegated the threshold question of arbitrability to the arbitrator.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff brought the action against Enfin Corp., Hatch Bank, and Does 1–10. The defendants moved to compel arbitration and stay the proceedings. After oral argument on October 23, 2025, the district court granted the motion and stayed the case pending arbitration.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Fli-Lo Falcon, LLC v. Amazon.com, Inc., 97 F.4th 1190, 1194 (9th Cir. 2024)
- Smith v. Spizzirri, 601 U.S. 472, 478 (2024)

OPINION

Abdul-Aziz

PER CURIAM.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 11 KHALIL ABDUL-AZIZ, individually and Case No.: 25-cv-001745-JO-AHG on behalf of
all others similarly situated, 12 Plaintiff,

13 ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS’

v. MOTION TO COMPEL

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ARBITRATION AND STAY

ENFIN CORP., HATCH BANK, and

15 PROCEEDINGS [DKT. 19]

DOES 1–10,

16 Defendants. 17

18 19 20 On October 23, 2025, the Court held oral argument on Defendants’ motion to compel 21

arbitration and stay proceedings pending the completion of arbitration. For the reasons 22 stated on the record, the Court finds that the parties clearly and unmistakably delegated the 23 threshold question of arbitrability to the arbitrator.¹ Therefore, the Court grants 24 25 26 1 Because the arbitrator is the one to decide this question, the Court declines to reach the parties' remaining arguments. See *Fli-Lo Falcon, LLC v. Amazon.com, Inc.*, 97 F.4th 1190, 1194 (9th Cir. 2024) 27 (if a court finds that the parties clearly and unmistakably delegated the issue of arbitrability, its inquiry ends). 28 | ||Defendants' motion to compel arbitration [Dkt. 19] and stays the case pending the 2 completion of arbitration. See *Smith v. Spizzirri*, 601 U.S. 472, 478 (2024) (court must stay 3 || case while arbitration is pending). 4 5 6 | IT IS SO ORDERED. 7 8 || Dated: October 23, 2025 9 10 Honorable Jinsook Ohta United States District Judge 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28