

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

Seeloff v. Commissioner of Social Security

Seeloff · No. 1:25-CV-1261 (BKS/CBF) · Decided April 13, 2026

SUMMARY

This is a United States District Court judgment in Doris E. Seeloff v. Commissioner of Social Security, Case No. 1:25-CV-1261 (BKS/CBF), dated April 13, 2026. The court reverses the Commissioner's final decision, remands the matter for further administrative action, and dismisses the matter pursuant to Melkonyan v. Sullivan and a consent order; the document also includes Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 4(a) guidance on civil appeals.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
DECIDED	April 13, 2026
DOCKET	1:25-CV-1261 (BKS/CBF)
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Civil action seeking review of the Commissioner's final decision. After a hearing, the district court reversed the Commissioner's decision and remanded the matter for further administrative action, then dismissed the matter consistent with Melkonyan v. Sullivan and a consent order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown

TOPICS

- judicial review of agency action
- administrative law
- administrative procedure act
- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Social Security
- administrative law
- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Commissioner's final decision should be reversed and the matter remanded for further administrative action.

2. Whether the action should be dismissed consistent with *Melkonyan v. Sullivan* and the consent order dated April 13, 2026.

HOLDINGS

1. The Commissioner's final decision is reversed, and the matter is remanded to the Commissioner for further administrative action.
2. The matter is dismissed in accordance with *Melkonyan v. Sullivan* and the consent order of Chief Judge Brenda K. Sannes dated April 13, 2026.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the final decision of the Commissioner be and hereby is REVERSED, and the matter is REMANDED to the Defendant for further administrative action."

"It is further ORDERED that the matter, be and hereby is, DISMISSED in accord with the decision in Melkonyan v. Sullivan, 501 U.S. 89 (1991), consistent with the consent order of Chief Judge Brenda K. Sannes, dated April 13, 2026."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiff sought judicial review of a final decision by the Commissioner of Social Security. The court heard the issues and determined that the Commissioner's final decision should be reversed. The matter was remanded for further administrative action and dismissed pursuant to *Melkonyan v. Sullivan* and the referenced consent order.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action came before the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York for a hearing concerning the Commissioner's final decision. The court reversed that decision and remanded the matter to the Commissioner for further administrative action. The court further ordered that the matter be dismissed in accordance with *Melkonyan v. Sullivan* and the consent order of Chief Judge Brenda K. Sannes dated April 13, 2026.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The matter is remanded to the Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative action. The matter is also ordered dismissed consistent with *Melkonyan v. Sullivan* and the consent order dated April 13, 2026.

CASES CITED

- *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991)

OPINION

Seeloff

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

DORIS E. SEELOFF,

Plaintiff,

VS. CASE NUMBER: 1:25-CV-1261 (BKS/CBF)

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant. Decision by Court. This action came to a hearing before the Court. The issues have been heard and a decision has been rendered. IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the final decision of the Commissioner be and hereby is REVERSED, and the matter is REMANDED to the Defendant for further administrative action. It is further ORDERED that the matter, be and hereby is, DISMISSED in accord with the decision in *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89 (1991), consistent with the consent order of Chief Judge Brenda K. Sannes, dated April 13, 2026. DATED: April 13, 2026 zs Crna Clerk of Court N. Eallonardo Deputy Clerk Rule 4. Appeal as of Right (a) Appeal in a Civil Case.

1. (1) Time for Filing a Notice of Appeal. of appeal—in compliance with Rule 3(c)—within the time prescribed

(A) In a civil case, except as provided in Rules 4(a)(1)(B), 4(a)(4), and by this Rule measured from the entry of the order disposing of the last 4(c), the notice of appeal required by Rule 3 must be filed with the such remaining motion. district clerk within 30 days after entry of the judgment or order (5) Motion for Extension of Time. appealed from. (A) The district court may extend the time to file a notice of appeal (B) The notice of appeal may be filed by any party within 60 days after if: entry of the judgment or order appealed from if one of the parties is: (i) a party so moves no later than 30 days after the time prescribed by (i) the United States; this Rule 4(a) expires; and (ii) a United States agency; (iii) a United States officer or employee sued in an official capacity; or (ii) regardless of whether its motion is filed before or during the 30 (iv) a current or former United States officer or employee sued in an days after the time prescribed by this Rule 4(a) expires, that party individual capacity for an act or omission occurring in connection with shows excusable neglect or good cause. duties performed on the United States' behalf — including all instances (B) A motion filed before the expiration of the time prescribed in in which the United States represents that person when the judgment Rule 4(a)(1) or (3) may be ex parte unless the court requires or order is entered or files the appeal for that person. otherwise. If the motion is filed after the expiration of the prescribed (C) An appeal from an order granting or denying an application for a time, notice must be given to the other parties in accordance with writ of error coram nobis is an appeal in a civil case for purposes of local rules. Rule 4(a). (C) No extension under this Rule 4(a)

(5) may exceed 30 days after

(2) Filing Before Entry of Judgment. A notice of appeal filed after the the prescribed time or 14 days after the date when the order granting

court announces a decision or order—but before the entry of the the motion is entered, whichever is later. judgment or order—is treated as filed on the date of and after the entry. (6) Reopening the Time to File an Appeal. The district court may

(3) Multiple Appeals. If one party timely files a notice of appeal, any reopen the time to file an appeal for a period of 14 days after the date

other party may file a notice of appeal within 14 days after the date when its order to reopen is entered, but only if all the following when the first notice was filed, or within the time otherwise prescribed conditions are satisfied: by this Rule 4(a), whichever period ends later. (A) the court finds that the moving party did not receive notice under

(4) Effect of a Motion on a Notice of Appeal. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 77 (d) of the entry of the judgment

or order sought to be appealed within 21 days after entry; (A) If a party timely files in the district court any of the following motions under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the time to file an

(B) the motion is filed within 180 days after the judgment or order is appeal runs for all parties from the entry of the order disposing of the entered or within 14 days after the moving party receives notice under last such remaining motion: Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 77 (d) of the entry, whichever is earlier; and (i) for judgment under Rule 50(b); (C) the court finds that no party would be prejudiced. (ii) to amend or make additional factual findings under Rule 52(b), whether or not granting the motion would alter the judgment; (7) Entry Defined. (iii) for attorney's fees

under Rule 54 if the district court extends the (A) A judgment or order is entered for purposes of this Rule 4(a): time to appeal under Rule 58; (i) if Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58 (a) does not require a (iv) to alter or amend the judgment under Rule 59; separate document, when the judgment or order is entered in the civil docket under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 79 (a); or

(v) for a new trial under Rule 59; or (ii) if Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58 (a) requires a separate (vi) for relief under Rule 60 if the motion is filed no later than 28 days document, when the judgment or order is entered in the civil docket after the judgment is entered. under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 79(a) and when the earlier of (B)(i) If a party files a notice of appeal after the court announces or these events occurs: enters a judgment—but before it disposes of any motion listed in Rule • the judgment or order is set forth on a separate document, or 4(a)(4)(A)—

the notice becomes effective to appeal a judgment or order, in whole or in part, when the order disposing of the last such • 150 days have run from entry of the judgment or order in the civil remaining motion is entered. docket under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 79 (a).