

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

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| 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

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## 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)

