

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Gamal Soloman v. Judge Barbara M. Scheper, et al.

No. 2:24-cv-3408 DJC AC, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (March 6, 2025)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered the transfer of Gamal Soloman’s action to the Central District of California under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a). The court concluded that the alleged events concerning the loss and sale of plaintiff’s Woodland Hills residence occurred in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, making the Central District the proper venue.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Allison Claire
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	March 6, 2025
DOCKET	2:24-cv-3408 DJC AC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff's action was removed from Sacramento County Superior Court and transferred sua sponte to the United States District Court for the Central District of California for improper venue.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court transfer order with no reporter citation.
PARTIES	Gamal Soloman v. Judge Barbara M. Scheper, et al.

TOPICS

- venue
- civil procedure
- section 1983
- title disputes
- real estate

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- civil rights
- real estate

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether venue was proper in the Eastern District of California.

2. Whether the action should be transferred to the Central District of California under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a) because the action was filed in the wrong federal district.

HOLDINGS

1. Venue was improper in the Eastern District of California because the material events and property giving rise to the action were located in Los Angeles County and Orange County, which fall within the Central District of California.
2. A federal court may transfer an action filed in the wrong district to the proper district in the interest of justice, and this action was transferred to the Central District of California.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The action concerns the alleged loss or court-ordered sale of plaintiff's former residence in Woodland Hills, California. The complaint appears to challenge actions or rulings by state and federal judicial actors and related entities. The relevant events and property were located in Los Angeles County and/or Orange County, and plaintiff's listed residence was also in Los Angeles County.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Soloman filed a 294-page complaint in Sacramento County Superior Court, and the action was removed to the Eastern District of California on December 6, 2024. The court determined that the allegations concerned events and property located in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, making the Central District of California the proper federal venue. The court transferred the action under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

DISPOSITION

other

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The matter was transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

CASES CITED

- Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974)
- Soloman v. Villanueva, et al., 2022 WL 17078652 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 2, 2022)
- Soloman v. Villanueva, et al., 2024 WL 3949074 (9th Cir. Aug. 20, 2024)