

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Tivon Humphries v. Commissioner of Social Security Administration

Humphries · No. CV-25-02507-PHX-SPL · Decided April 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Arizona reviewed objections to a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation in a Social Security disability benefits case. The court conducted de novo review, adopted the Report and Recommendation, overruled the objections, affirmed the Commissioner's decision, and directed entry of judgment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Arizona
DECIDED	April 10, 2026
DOCKET	CV-25-02507-PHX-SPL
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiff sought judicial review of the denial of disability insurance benefits. After a magistrate judge recommended affirming the Administrative Law Judge's decision, Plaintiff filed objections and the Commissioner responded.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b), the district judge reviews de novo those portions of a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation to which specific written objections are properly made. Portions without specific objections need not be reviewed, and consideration of evidence or arguments raised for the first time in an objection is discretionary.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status is unknown.
PARTIES	Tivon Humphries v. Commissioner of Social Security Administration

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation after reviewing Plaintiff's specific objections de novo.
2. Whether the ALJ committed reversible error in determining Plaintiff's capability of making a successful adjustment to other work and in considering vocational expert testimony.

HOLDINGS

1. When a party timely files specific written objections to a Report and Recommendation, the district judge reviews de novo the properly objected-to portions; portions lacking specific objections need not be reviewed, and arguments or evidence raised for the first time in an objection need not receive de novo review because consideration of them is discretionary.
2. The ALJ's decision contained no reversible error regarding Plaintiff's capability of making a successful adjustment to other work or the consideration of vocational expert testimony; the Commissioner's final decision was therefore affirmed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"A proper objection requires specific written objections to the findings and recommendations in the R&R."
(at 1)

"After conducting a de novo review of the issues and objections, the Court reaches the same conclusions reached by the Magistrate Judge." (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiff sought disability insurance benefits from the Social Security Administration, but the benefits claim was denied. The ALJ addressed Plaintiff's capability of making a successful adjustment to other work and considered vocational expert testimony. The magistrate judge found no reversible error in the ALJ's decision, and the district court reached the same conclusion after reviewing the record and Plaintiff's objections.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a complaint challenging the denial of disability insurance benefits. Magistrate Judge Deborah M. Fine issued a Report and Recommendation recommending affirmance of the ALJ's decision. Plaintiff objected, and the district court conducted de novo review of the properly objected-to portions, adopted the R&R in full, overruled the objections, affirmed the Commissioner's final decision, and directed entry of judgment.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- United States v. Reyna-Tapia, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003)
- Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985)
- United States v. Howell, 231 F.3d 615, 621-622 (9th Cir. 2000)

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