

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Jonathan Prieto et al. v. Amazon.com, Inc. et al.

Prieto v. Amazon.com · No. CV 25-5485 FMO (MBKx) · Decided January 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Central District of California issued an order to show cause regarding the parties’ failure to comply with a prior order requiring completion of a settlement conference and filing of a settlement notice or status report. The court directed the parties to explain by January 27, 2026, why sanctions should not be imposed, warning that nonresponse could result in sanctions or dismissal for lack of prosecution.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Fernando M. Olguin
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Central District of California
DECIDED	January 20, 2026
DOCKET	CV 25-5485 FMO (MBKx)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court issued an order to show cause concerning the parties' failure to comply with a prior order requiring completion of a settlement conference and filing of a settlement notice or status report.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential

TOPICS

- sanctions
- civil procedure
- mediation
- default

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- sanctions
- dismissal for failure to prosecute
- mediation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties should be required to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for failing to comply with the court's settlement-conference and reporting order.

2. Whether failure to respond to the order to show cause could warrant sanctions or dismissal for lack of prosecution.

HOLDINGS

1. The parties were ordered to show cause in writing by January 27, 2026 why sanctions should not be imposed for failing to comply with the court's July 14, 2025 order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Failure to submit a response to this Order by the deadline set forth above may result in the imposition of sanctions and/or dismissal of this action for lack of prosecution.” (unpaginated)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The parties were subject to a court order requiring them to participate in a private mediation or settlement conference by January 13, 2026. The court's order also required a notice of settlement or a settlement status report to be filed within specified deadlines. As of January 20, 2026, neither filing had been submitted.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court's July 14, 2025 order required the parties to complete a settlement conference by January 13, 2026. If the case settled, they had to file a notice of settlement within 24 hours; otherwise, they had to file a settlement status report within 48 hours after the conference. Neither filing had been made, so the court ordered the parties to show cause by January 27, 2026 why sanctions should not be imposed and warned that nonresponse could result in sanctions or dismissal for lack of prosecution.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 629-30, 82 S. Ct. 1386, 1388 (1962)
- Pagtalunan v. Galaza, 291 F.3d 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002)
- Pagtalunan v. Galaza, 538 U.S. 909 (2003) (cert. denied)