

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Joseph Anthony Reyna, et al. v. 23andMe, Inc., et al.

Reyna · No. 26-cv-00464-EMC · Decided March 11, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California orders the sua sponte transfer of Joseph Anthony Reyna's case to the Eastern District of Missouri. The transfer is intended to facilitate referral to the bankruptcy court overseeing 23andMe's bankruptcy proceedings, after which the Northern District of California will administratively close the case.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Edward W. Chen
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
DECIDED	March 11, 2026
DOCKET	26-cv-00464-EMC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court previously dismissed Plaintiff C.R.'s claims without prejudice and granted Joseph Anthony Reyna leave to proceed in forma pauperis, staying the required 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e) review because 23andMe was involved in bankruptcy proceedings. The court then ordered, sua sponte, transfer of the action to the Eastern District of Missouri for referral to that district's bankruptcy court.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the discretionary transfer standard under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), considering the convenience of the parties and witnesses and the interests of justice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status not indicated.
PARTIES	Joseph Anthony Reyna, et al. v. 23andMe, Inc., et al.

TOPICS

- venue
- bankruptcy
- civil procedure
- automatic stay

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

bankruptcy

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should transfer the action sua sponte from the Northern District of California to the Eastern District of Missouri under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a).
2. Whether transfer was appropriate to facilitate referral of the action to the bankruptcy court handling 23andMe's bankruptcy proceedings in the Eastern District of Missouri.

HOLDINGS

1. The action should be transferred sua sponte to the Eastern District of Missouri because the interests of justice and convenience warranted having the case handled in the district where 23andMe's bankruptcy proceedings were pending.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“For the convenience of parties and witnesses, in the interest of justice, a district court may transfer any civil action to any other district or division where it might have been brought or to any district or division to which all parties have consented.” (at 1)

“Accordingly, the Court directs the Clerk of the Court to transfer this case to the Eastern District of Missouri in accordance with this order and then administratively close the file in this District.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs sued 23andMe, Inc. and other defendants in the Northern District of California. 23andMe was involved in bankruptcy proceedings pending in the Eastern District of Missouri under Bankruptcy Case Nos. 25-40976 and 25-40977. The court determined that the action should be transferred to Missouri so it could be referred to the bankruptcy court there.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was pending in the Northern District of California. After dismissing C.R.'s claims and staying review of Reyna's in forma pauperis complaint due to 23andMe's bankruptcy proceedings in the Eastern District of Missouri, the court transferred the case to that district and directed administrative closure in California.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Overland Direct, Inc. v. Aframian, No. 2:22-cv-05510-AB-PD, 2023 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 39172, at *15 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 7, 2023)
- Malek, 591 B.R. 420, 426 (N.D. Cal. Bankr. Ct. 2018)

- SEC v. Ross, 504 F.3d 1130, 1149 (9th Cir. 2007)
- Dow Chem. Co. v. Calderon, 422 F.3d 827, 834 (9th Cir. 2005)

Retrieved from lawtools.ai · <https://lawtools.ai/cases/federal/united-states-district-court-for-the-northern-district-of-ca/2026/joseph-anthony-reyna-et-al-v-23andme-inc-et-al-xgyjf2zd>