

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Abramian v. Taylor

Abramian · No. 1:24-cv-01207-SAB-HC · Decided May 7, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California orders that Respondent’s request to seal and Exhibit 1 to the notice of filing removal order be sealed until further order. The court limits electronic access to the sealed documents, finds that sealing serves a compelling interest, and directs Respondent to comply with Local Rule 141(e)(2)(i) within two days of service.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Stanley A. Boone
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	May 7, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-01207-SAB-HC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Order resolving Respondent's request to seal documents filed in a federal habeas proceeding.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished, nonprecedential district court order
PARTIES	Arno Abramian v. Taylor, et al.

TOPICS

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure habeas corpus

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Respondent's request to seal and Exhibit 1 should be sealed under the applicable local rule and the standards governing closure of court records.

HOLDINGS

1. The court ordered Respondent's request to seal and Exhibit 1 sealed until further order because sealing served a compelling interest, disclosure would harm that interest, and no adequate alternative to sealing existed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Court finds that, for the reasons stated in Respondent’s Request, sealing Respondent’s Request and Exhibit 1 serves a compelling interest.” (at 1)

“The Court further finds that, in the absence of closure, the compelling interests identified by Respondent would be harmed.” (at 1-2)

“there are no additional alternatives to sealing Respondent’s Request and Exhibit 1 that would adequately protect the compelling interests identified by the Government.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Respondent sought to seal the request to seal and Exhibit 1 to the notice of filing a removal order. The court relied on the representations in the request and found that the materials implicated compelling interests that would be harmed absent sealing. Because the notice to seal had been publicly filed, the court found no adequate alternative to sealing.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Respondent filed a notice of filing a removal order, a request to seal, and an exhibit concerning Arno Abramian. The court granted sealing of the request and Exhibit 1, limited electronic access to Respondent and counsel for Petitioner, and directed Respondent to comply with Local Rule 141(e)(2)(i) within two days of service.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Oregonian Publishing Co. v. U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, 920 F.2d 1462 (9th Cir. 1990)