

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	8 U.S.C. § 1324a Proceeding
)	OCAHO Case No. 2024A00027
)	
A & D MAINTENANCE LEASING &)	
REPAIRS, INC.,)	
Respondent.)	
)	

Appearances: John G. Poppe, Esq., for Complainant
Saul D. Zabell, Esq., for Respondent

ORDER SUMMARIZING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND STAYING PROCEEDINGS

I. BACKGROUND

This case arises under the employer sanctions provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a. On September 4, 2024, the Court issued an Order Setting Prehearing Conference and General Litigation Order.

II. PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On October 9, 2024, the Court held a telephonic prehearing conference with the parties. Attorney John G. Poppe, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Complainant, Attorney Saul Zabell, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Respondent. During the conference, the Court explained OCAHO's E-Filing program. Both parties indicated their interest in participating in the program. The Court thereafter instructed the parties to submit their respective e-filing registration forms with the Court.

The Court then discussed the status of any ongoing settlement discussions. The parties indicated they were in the process of negotiating a settlement agreement; Complainant's counsel requested that the Court issue a brief stay of the case deadlines to advance those discussions and potentially finalize a settlement. Respondent's counsel agreed to the request. The Court informed the parties of its intention to grant the request and issue a stay.

III. STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

The Court ORDERS that these proceedings are STAYED until November 19, 2024.

The Court will meet with the parties on November 19, 2024, at 2:00 pm ET to discuss the status of this case. Should the parties reach a settlement before the date of the scheduled conference, they shall inform the Court of such agreement pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 68.14.¹ However, if the parties are not in agreement as to the terms of settlement by November 15, 2024, they shall by that date submit to the Court their proposed limits on discovery and any information they believe to be germane to a discovery and scheduling order which the Court shall issue.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on October 29, 2024.

Honorable John A. Henderson
Administrative Law Judge

¹ OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2024).