

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

December 17, 2024

ZAJI OBATALA ZAJRADHARA,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding
)	OCAHO Case No. 2024B00011
)	
COSTA WORLD CORPORATION,)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

Appearances: Zaji Obatala Zajradhara, pro se Complainant
Costa World Corporation, pro Respondent

NOTICE - COMPLAINANT MAY E-FILE HIS AMENDED COMPLAINT

This case arises under the employment discrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324b.

On December 12, 2024, the Court issued an Order Granting Complainant Leave to Amend His Complaint & Dismissing Retaliation Claim. *Zajradhara v. Costa World Corp.*, 19 OCAHO no. 1546b (2024).¹

On December 14, 2024, Complainant informed Court staff he was experiencing financial difficulty, which could impact his ability to mail a filing, which the Court construes as providing notice of indigency (Complainant should endeavor, in the future, to ensure he informs opposing party of such status/ issues with a Certificate of Service demonstrating such notice).

¹ Citations to OCAHO precedents reprinted in bound Volumes 1 through 8 reflect the volume number and the case number of the particular decision, followed by the specific page in that volume where the decision begins; the pinpoint citations which follow are thus to the pages, seriatim, of the specific entire volume. Pinpoint citations to OCAHO precedents subsequent to Volume 8, where the decision has not yet been reprinted in a bound volume, are to pages within the original issuances; the beginning page number of an unbound case will always be 1, and is accordingly omitted from the citation. Published decisions may be accessed in the Westlaw database “FIMOCAHO,” or in the LexisNexis database “OCAHO,” or on the website at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-the-chief-administrative-hearing-officer-decisions>.

Under OCAHO's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2024),² the presiding Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) "shall have all appropriate powers to conduct fair and impartial hearings." 28 C.F.R. § 68.28(a); *see also Hsieh v. PMC – Sierra, Inc.*, 9 OCAHO no. 1091, 5 (noting that 28 C.F.R. § 68.28 provides an ALJ with the ability to exercise powers necessary to regulate the proceeding).

The Court now provides this Notice to Complainant he may file an amended complaint electronically based on the hardship caused by the cost of mailing the filing. He must still serve Respondent in a manner consistent with the regulations, and must annotate that service with a Certificate of Service, which he must attach to both the served copy (on Respondent) and the copy electronically filed with the Court. If Complainant has any questions about e-filing, he may email Court staff.

The deadline for submitting the Amended Complaint remains February 14, 2025.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on December 17, 2024.

Honorable Andrea R. Carroll-Tipton
Administrative Law Judge

² OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2024). The rules are also available through OCAHO's webpage on the United States Department of Justice's website. See <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-the-chief-administrative-hearing-officer-regulations>.