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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Complainant,)
	8 U.S.C. § 1324a Proceeding
V.) OCAHO Case No. 2024A00112
)
MAYA DEL SOL, LLC	
D/B/A MAYA DEL SOL,	
Respondent.)
)

Appearances: Elizabeth Earleywine, Esq. and Justin M. Burrows, Esq., for Complainant Amy L. Peck, Esq., Sarah J. Millsap, Esq., and David A. Calles Smith, Esq., for Respondent

ORDER GRANTING EMERGENCY MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DISCOVERY & ORDER SUMMARIZING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

This case arises under the employer sanctions provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 4, 2024, the Court received by fax Complainant's Motion to Substitute Counsel. Through the Motion, Complainant requested that Elizabeth Earleywine replace Ellen Krupp as counsel in this matter. Mot. Subst. 1. On December 5, 2024, the Court received by fax Complainant's Motion to Withdraw Ellen Krupp as counsel. And on December 9, 2024, Complainant filed by fax a Notice of Appearance for Elizabeth Earleywine.

On December 11, 2024, the Court issued an Order Granting Motion for Leave to File Amended Answer and Affirmative Defenses. <u>United States v. Maya del Sol, LLC</u>, 20 OCAHO no. 1607a (2024). Through the Order, the Court found good cause for the substitution and granted Complainant's Motion to Substitute Counsel. <u>Id.</u> at 1 n.1.

On December 20, 2024, Complainant, the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, filed an Emergency Motion for Extension of Time on Discovery (Motion for Extension). As the basis for the requested extension, Complainant cites its recent substitution of the counsel of record in this matter, which occurred shortly before the

discovery period was set to expire, on December 12, 2024. Mot. Extension 2. Complainant requests an extension of the discovery period until January 31, 2025. <u>Id.</u> at 3.

On December 20, 2024, the Court notified the parties of its intent to resolve the motion by way of a telephonic prehearing conference, to be held on December 23, 2024.

II. PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On December 23, 2024, the Court held a prehearing conference with the parties. The Court allowed for counsel to articulate their respective positions on the Motion for Extension, ultimately finding good cause exists for the extension notwithstanding the prejudice to the Respondent due to the additional delay. Accordingly, Complainant's Motion for Extension is hereby GRANTED. The Court notes, however, that it is disinclined to grant any further extensions for either party, absent good cause, as the Court seeks an expeditious resolution of this matter.

The Court now revises the case schedule in this matter as follows:

Close of discovery:

Dispositive motions deadline:

Responses to dispositive motions:

Replies in support of dispositive motions:

Final prehearing statements due:

Final prehearing conference (telephonic):

January 31, 2025

March 14, 2025

April 14, 2025

April 28, 2025

June 30, 2025

July 7, 2025 at 3pm ET/2pm CT

Hearing: July 22–23, 2025

The Court also reminds the parties of its electronic filing program, which would allow the parties to send and receive documents via electronic mail. Before this case may be enrolled in the program, however, both parties must consent by submitting their respective registration forms.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on January 8, 2025.

Honorable John A. Henderson Administrative Law Judge