

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

January 28, 2025

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| RAVI SHARMA, |) | |
| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | 8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding |
| |) | OCAHO Case No. 2022B00023 |
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| NVIDIA CORP., |) | |
| Respondent. |) | |
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Appearances: Ravi Sharma, pro se Complainant
Patrick Shen, Esq., K. Edward Raleigh, Esq., and Samantha Caesar, Esq.,
for Respondent

ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL TO SETTLEMENT OFFICER PROGRAM

On January 24, 2025, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation to Participate in Settlement Officer Program and to Stay Deadlines. The parties “request[ed] that the ALJ refer” the case “to a Settlement Officer” and “stay all procedural deadlines . . . for sixty days[.]” Joint Stip. 1.

The Court now refers this case to the Settlement Officer Program for a period of sixty days, beginning on February 5, 2025. While in the Program, parties should continue to comply with any applicable regulations at 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2024). Should the parties not reach an out-of-court resolution by the end of their time in the Program, they can anticipate revised case deadlines. OCAHO shall distribute copies of the Settlement Officer Program’s rules to the parties with this Order. As a point of clarification, the Court is in receipt of Complainant’s Motion for Production of Documents from Respondent for Hearing filed on January 27, 2025. Respondent shall be provided the full response time at the conclusion of the Settlement Officer Program should the case return to active litigation (i.e. Respondent need not file a response to preserve their right to be heard on that filing).

The Court designates the Honorable John A. Henderson, Administrative Law Judge, as the Settlement Officer for this case. Should the parties reach a settlement, they shall inform the Court of such settlement and provide the appropriate filing. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 68.14.¹ “[W]ith the consent

¹ OCAHO Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2023).

of the parties, the settlement officer may . . . seek an additional thirty (30) days” to the referral period. OCAHO Practice Manual Ch. 4.7 (Mar. 13, 2023).

All case deadlines are STAYED until further notice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on January 28, 2025.

Honorable Andrea R. Carroll-Tipton
Administrative Law Judge