

ZAJI OBATALA ZAJRADHARA,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	8 U.S.C. § 1324b Proceeding
v.	)	OCAHO Case No. 2024B00064
	)	
TAGA INC., D/B/A EZ OUTLET,	)	
Respondent.	)	
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## NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO ELECTRONIC FILING

On October 22, 2024, the undersigned entered default judgment against Respondent after it failed to file an answer to the complaint or respond to the Court’s orders, thereby finding it liable for citizenship status discrimination in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324b(a)(1)(B). *Zajradhara v. Taga Inc.*, 19 OCAHO no. 1577b, 2–3 (2024).<sup>1</sup> The Court dismissed the national origin discrimination claim for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and failure to state a claim, and the retaliation claim for failure to state a claim. *Id.* at 3–5.

<sup>1</sup> Citations to OCAHO precedents in bound volumes one through eight include the volume and case number of the particular decision followed by the specific page in the bound volume where the decision begins; the pinpoint citations which follow are to the pages, seriatim, of the specific entire volume. Pinpoint citations to OCAHO precedents after volume eight, 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 through the Westlaw database “FIM OCAHO,” the LexisNexis database “OCAHO,” and on the United States Department of Justice’s website: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/office-of-the-chief-administrative-hearing-officer-decisions>.

On January 28, 2025, the Court received by mail an Entry of Appearance from attorney Stephen J. Nutting, as well as Respondent's Response to Complainant's Request for Award of Backpay and Declaration of Sung AE Hwang. The Court did not receive Complainant's Request for Award of Backpay until January 29, 2025, however, which Complainant filed electronically despite this case not being approved for electronic filing. Nevertheless, the Court exercises its discretion and accepts Complainant's Request for Award of Backpay. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 68.28(a) (providing that the undersigned "shall have all appropriate powers necessary to conduct fair and impartial hearings").<sup>2</sup>

This Court typically only enrolls cases in OCAHO's Electronic Filing Pilot Program when both parties have consented to the program by filing registration forms. *See* EOIR Policy Manual, Part IV, Chapter 3.7(c).<sup>3</sup> However, this case is based out of Saipan, while OCAHO's offices are in Virginia. Given the significant delays inherent with mail filing for both the parties and for the Court, the Court now puts the parties on notice that it will convert the case to electronic filing unless one or both parties object in a written filing to the Court. The Court will utilize ##### as Complainant's email address. If Complainant would prefer a different email be utilized, he may so indicate in a filing to the Court.

The parties have thirty (30) days from the date of this order to file any objections to the conversion. The Court issues this order both by mail and electronically, to ensure that the parties are in receipt of the Court's order and may object as they deem appropriate.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on January 29, 2025.

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Honorable Jean C. King  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> OCAHO's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2025).

<sup>3</sup> Find the EOIR Policy Manual online at: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/media/1386531/dl?inline=>.