

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

July 14, 2025

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
	)	8 U.S.C. § 1324a Proceeding
v.	)	OCAHO Case No. 2024A00108
	)	
	)	
JIN’S FARM, LLC,	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

Appearances: Spencer D. Taylor, Esq., for Complainant  
D. Benjamin Lee, Esq., for Respondent

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE – FAILURE TO APPEAR AT PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On May 19, 2025, the Court set a pre-hearing conference with the parties to set a revised case schedule following the parties’ participation in OCAHO’s Settlement Officer Program. *United States v. Jin’s Farm, LLC*, 21 OCAHO no. 1623a (2025).<sup>1</sup> The prehearing conference was set for July 14, 2025, via an Order which informed the parties they “shall attend” the conference. July 14, 2025 Order Scheduling Prehr’g Conf. 1.

No one attended the prehearing conference, except for the Court.

“OCAHO’s rules provide that ‘[a]ll persons appearing in proceedings before an [ALJ] are expected to act with integrity, and in an ethical manner.’ 28 C.F.R. § 68.35(a).”<sup>2</sup> *United States v. Koy Chinese & Sushi Rest.*, 16 OCAHO no. 1416e, 7 (2023). Parties should be aware that: “Although OCAHO adjudicators may not impose monetary sanctions on attorneys or representatives for misconduct in OCAHO proceedings, *see Santiglia v. Sun Microsystems, Inc.*, 9 OCAHO no. 1104, 2 (2004), they may publicly reprimand counsel for unethical, unprofessional, or otherwise objectionable conduct, *see, e.g., Hsieh v. PMC-Sierra Inc.*, 9 OCAHO no. 1100, 41 (2003).” *Id.*

<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>.

<sup>2</sup> OCAHO’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 28 C.F.R. pt. 68 (2024).

**Attorney Spencer Taylor, who represents the interests of the United States, failed to appear at the prehearing conference.**

He is ORDERED to submit a written filing demonstrating good cause for his absence. Attorney Spencer Taylor is also placed on notice that: “A complaint . . . may be dismissed upon its abandonment by the party who filed it, [and] a party shall be deemed to have abandoned a complaint . . . if [that] party or his or her representative fails to respond to orders issued by the Administrative Law Judge.” 28 C.F.R. § 68.37(b)(1).

**Attorney D. Benjamin Lee, who represents the interests of Respondent, Jin’s Farm, LLC, failed to appear at the prehearing conference.**

He is ORDERED to submit a written filing demonstrating good cause for his absence. Attorney D. Benjamin Lee is also placed on notice that: “A request for hearing . . . may be dismissed upon its abandonment by the party who filed it, [and] a party shall be deemed to have abandoned a request for hearing . . . if [that] party or his or her representative fails to respond to orders issued by the Administrative Law Judge.” 28 C.F.R. § 68.37(b)(1).

Both submissions are due by July 28, 2025.

SO ORDERED.

Dated and entered on July 14, 2025.

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Honorable Andrea R. Carroll-Tipton  
Administrative Law Judge