

District Judge Robert S. Lasnik

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

Leobardo MORENO GALVEZ, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

Ur JADDOU, Director, U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration Services, et al.

Defendants.

Case No. 2:19-cv-00321-RSL

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT
MOTION FOR FINAL
APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the above-captioned matter is pending before this Court as a certified class action (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, the Parties made an application, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), for an order: (i) preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement dated May 17, 2024, setting forth the terms and conditions for the settlement of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act, ECF No. 100 (“Motion”); (ii) approving the form of Class Notice; and (iii) scheduling a date for the Fairness Hearing for the Court to consider and determine whether to approve the terms of the Settlement Agreement as fair, reasonable, and adequate; and

1 WHEREAS, this Court issued a Preliminary Approval Order, approved the form of Class
2 Notice (with modifications), and held a Fairness Hearing on September 5, 2024, *see* Dkt. 120;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, this Court has duly considered the arguments in favor of the Settlement
5 Agreement; and

6 WHEREAS, no objection has been submitted in opposition to the Settlement Agreement;
7 The Court hereby finds the Settlement Agreement to be fair, reasonable, and adequate, because:

- 8 1. Class Members were adequately represented by class representatives and Plaintiffs'
9 counsel;
- 10 2. The Settlement Agreement was the product of arm's length negotiations;
- 11 3. The Settlement Agreement provides Class Members with adequate relief; and
- 12 4. The Settlement Agreement treats Class Members equitably.

13 THEREFORE, the settlement of the Motion pursuant to the terms and conditions of the
14 Settlement Agreement is hereby approved pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e) and
15 shall be binding on all parties to the Settlement Agreement: the Named Plaintiffs, Class Members,
16 Ur M. Jaddou, Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS),
17 Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS),
18 and Terri A. Robinson, Director of the National Benefits Center.

19 The Court further provides as follows:

- 20 1. The Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference in this Order, and all terms or phrases
21 used in this Order shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

2. The Agreement provides that Defendants shall pay Plaintiffs the amount of \$400,000 in attorneys' fees and costs. The Court finds that the provisions for payment of attorneys' fees and costs are reasonable.

3. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes between and among the Parties arising out of the Agreement, including but not limited to interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the Agreement, except as provided in the Agreement and pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2024.



The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Respectfully submitted this 29th of August, 2024.

/s/ Matt Adams

Matt Adams, WSBA No. 28287
matt@nwirp.org

/s/ Aaron Korthuis

Aaron Korthuis, WSBA No. 53974
aaron@nwirp.org

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
615 Second Ave., Suite 400
Seattle, WA 98104
Tel: (206) 957-8611

Attorneys for Plaintiffs

BRIAN M. BOYNTON

Principle Deputy Assistant Attorney General

WILLIAM C. PEACHEY

Director, District Court Section

Office of Immigration Litigation

JESSICA D'ARRIGO

Senior Litigation Counsel

ALEXA WHITE

Trial Attorney

/s/ Katelyn Masetta-Alvarez

KATELYN MASETTA-ALVAREZ, OH Bar
97857

Trial Attorney

Office of Immigration Litigation

District Court Section

P.O. Box 868, Ben Franklin Station

Washington, D.C. 20044

Tel: (202) 514-0120

Email: Katelyn.masetta.alvarez@usdoj.gov

Attorneys for Defendants