

May 6, 2026

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court
By Deputy Clerk Monica Hallock

IN THE MATTER OF
SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS
VENUE TRANSFER

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2026-07

ORDER

The appropriate venue for an action seeking judicial review of any final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is “in the district court of the United States for the judicial district in which the plaintiff resides, or has his principal place of business[.]” 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). For the convenience of the parties and witnesses, and in the interest of justice, a district court may transfer any civil action to any other district or division where it might have been brought or to any district or division to which all parties have consented. 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the court may, after providing adequate notice to the parties, transfer any action seeking judicial review of any final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security in the Southern District of Texas to the district and division in which Plaintiff resides pursuant to this General Order. Unless the parties consent to the transfer, an order that transfers a case outside the Fifth Circuit is stayed for 21 days from the date the order is entered on the docket. *See* S.D. Tex. General Order 2024-2.

SIGNED this the 6th day of May, 2026.



RANDY CRANE
CHIEF JUDGE