

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL MINUTES - GENERAL

Case No.: 5:26-cv-00021-SB-AS

Date: February 13, 2026

Title: Thai Quoc Truong v. Todd M. Lyons et al

Present: The Honorable **STANLEY BLUMENFELD, JR., U.S. District Judge**

Lynnie Fahey
Deputy Clerk

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Attorney(s) Present for Plaintiff(s):

Attorney(s) Present for Defendant(s):

Steven Kyle Ridgill

No appearance

Proceedings: (Minutes of) Status Conference (Held and completed)

The Court heard from Petitioner’s counsel about the status of the case. Petitioner’s counsel is admonished to appear on time for Court proceedings and to disclose this admonishment in the event of a future failure to appear on time before this Court.

The government failed to file a brief, as ordered, addressing whether this habeas petition should be dismissed in light of the Court denying Petitioner’s application for a temporary restraining order (TRO). Dkt. No. 13–14. The government also failed to appear at the status conference, after previously failing to appear at the TRO hearing. The Court ordered the government to file a declaration by today, February 13, addressing its prior failure to appear. Although that declaration is not yet overdue, the Court has serious concerns about the government’s repeated failures to abide by Court orders in this case.

Accordingly, the government is ordered to show cause (OSC), at a hearing on February 20, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom 6C, why sanctions—including finding the government in default—should not be imposed. The government is ordered to file a response to the OSC by 5:00 p.m. on February 17; its failure to timely file a written response will result in the government being found in default

and will be construed as consent to granting Petitioner's immediate release, as requested in his habeas petition. Both parties shall appear on February 20.

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