

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

In the Matter of:

LAURA AKAHOSHI, former Chief Compliance Officer
Equal Access to Justice Applicant

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ORDER GRANTING REVIEW OF EAJA APPLICATION

On April 2, 2025 Laura Akahoshi (“Akahoshi”) filed a request to supplement her Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”) application with fees and costs incurred after May 5, 2023. Enforcement Counsel filed a response on April 10, 2025. Both parties have also requested that the Comptroller review Administrative Law Judge Whang’s order denying Akahoshi’s EAJA application. The Comptroller hereby grants review of Judge Whang’s order. In addition, the parties are directed to provide the following submissions to the Comptroller: (1) within 14 days of this Order, Akahoshi may supplement her application for fees and costs incurred after May 5, 2023 and explain why fees related to her appeal should be considered permissible under EAJA’s statutory framework given that her appeal was unsuccessful; and (2) within 14 days of Akahoshi’s submission, Enforcement Counsel may submit a response. Neither submission shall exceed 10 pages, excluding attachments. Upon Enforcement Counsel’s submission (or expiration of the time to provide one), the Comptroller shall take up for review Akahoshi’s EAJA case, including Judge Whang’s order, and shall issue a final decision within 90 days.

SO ORDERED.

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Rodney E. Hood
Acting Comptroller of the Currency