

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00610-KBJ**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN
WASHINGTON v. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
et al
Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/08/2021
Date Terminated: 07/30/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY
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TERMINATED: 04/15/2021

V.

Defendant

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Defendant

**INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

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Defendant

**PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION**

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03/08/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8285441) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons DOT OIG, # <u>3</u> Summons USAO, # <u>4</u> Summons AG, # <u>5</u> Summons DOT, # <u>6</u> Summons PHMSA)(Beckerman, Laura) (Attachment 1 replaced on 3/8/2021) (adh,). (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/08/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (adh,) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/08/2021	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (5) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 03/08/2021)
03/09/2021	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Beckerman, Laura) (Main Document 3 replaced on 3/9/2021) (zjf). (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/10/2021	<u>4</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for briefing motions and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 3/10/2021. (jag) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
04/07/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/15/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/14/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION served on 3/12/2021; PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION served on 3/12/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/15/21. (Beckerman, Laura) (Entered: 04/07/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Amber Richer on behalf of All Defendants (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/15/2021	<u>8</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Anne L. Weismann on behalf of CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON Substituting for attorney Laura C. Beckerman (Weismann, Anne) Modified on 4/15/2021 (zjf). (Entered: 04/15/2021)
04/15/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>8</u> Substitution of Counsel was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading in a proper pleading format. Clerk's Office does not have a form for Notice of Substitution of Counsel. (zjf) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
04/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for disclosure or briefing motions for summary judgment, on or before 4/29/2021. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 4/15/2021. (jag) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
04/16/2021	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Anne L. Weismann on behalf of CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 04/16/2021)
04/23/2021	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

		TRANSPORTATION served on 4/12/2021 (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 04/23/2021)
04/29/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Joint Proposed Schedule</i> by DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
04/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 6/21/2021, the parties shall file further joint status report, which shall contain a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 4/29/2021. (jag) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
06/21/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
06/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 9, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/22/2021. (lrcr1) (Entered: 06/22/2021)
06/22/2021		Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has been elevated to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She is therefore no longer assigned to this case, and this matter has been reassigned to the Calendar Committee, which will oversee it until it is assigned to another district judge. Any questions should be directed to Judge Jackson's former deputy clerk, Gwendolyn Franklin, at 202-354-3145 or gwen_franklin@dcd.uscourts.gov. (rj) (Entered: 06/22/2021)
06/22/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/9/2021. (zgdf) (Entered: 06/23/2021)
07/09/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSPECTOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 07/09/2021)
07/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 30, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/12/2021. (lrcr1) (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/30/2021. (zgdf) (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/30/2021	<u>14</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 07/30/2021)