

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02999-EGS**

TADLI SOUABNI v. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/19/2020
Date Terminated: 10/04/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/19/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief against U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7730104) filed by EL HASSANE TADLI SOUABNI. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, Mr. Souabni's FOIA Request Dated Oct. 16, 2019, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, USCIS's Response to FOIA Request, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, Mr. Souabni's Administrative Appeal dated Feb. 26, 2020, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, USCIS's Response to Administrative Appeal, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>6</u> Summons for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, # <u>7</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General, # <u>8</u> Summons for the Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia)(Ragland, Thomas) (Entered: 10/19/2020)
10/20/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zsb) (Entered: 10/20/2020)

10/20/2020	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
10/22/2020	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/22/20. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 10/22/2020)
11/16/2020	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/16/2020. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/16/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/23/2020., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES served on 10/22/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of Service for Michael Sherwin, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Proof of Service for Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Proof of Service for USCIS)(Ragland, Thomas) (Entered: 11/16/2020)
01/06/2021	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.(Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 01/06/2021)
01/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than February 8, 2021. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s), if any, for release of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA request; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/7/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 01/07/2021)
01/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order due by 2/8/2021. (mac) (Entered: 01/08/2021)
02/08/2021	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES. (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 02/08/2021)
02/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by May 8, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/9/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 02/09/2021)
02/10/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/8/2021. (mac) (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/12/2021	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kenneth A. Adebonojo on behalf of U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
02/12/2021	<u>8</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kenneth A. Adebonojo on behalf of U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES Substituting for attorney Paul A. Mussenden (Adebonojo, Kenneth) (Entered: 02/12/2021)
05/10/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by EL HASSANE TADLI SOUABNI. (Ragland, Thomas) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/11/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another status report by no later than August 8, 2021. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 5/11/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/8/2021. (mac) (Entered: 05/12/2021)

08/06/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by EL HASSANE TADLI SOUABNI. (Ragland, Thomas) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/06/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than September 3, 2021, with a proposed schedule for further proceedings, if a stipulation of dismissal has not yet been filed by that date. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/6/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/3/2021 (mac) (Entered: 08/08/2021)
09/03/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by EL HASSANE TADLI SOUABNI. (Ragland, Thomas) (Entered: 09/03/2021)
09/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In view of <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file another joint status report by no later than October 4, 2021, advising the Court of the status of the parties' settlement discussion and proposing a schedule for further proceedings if a stipulation of dismissal has not yet been filed by that date. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 9/7/2021. (lcegs2) (Entered: 09/07/2021)
09/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/4/2021 (mac) (Entered: 09/08/2021)
10/04/2021	<u>12</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by EL HASSANE TADLI SOUABNI. (Ragland, Thomas) (Entered: 10/04/2021)