

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01924-CJN**

CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER v. DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/16/2021  
Date Terminated: 11/15/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/16/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8605893) filed by CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>8</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>9</u> Summons U.S.

		Department of Commerce, # <u>10</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for D.C.)(Graham, Richard) (Attachment 7 replaced on 7/16/2021) (adh, ). (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER (Graham, Richard) (Main Document 2 replaced on 7/16/2021) (adh, ). (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (adh, ) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
08/02/2021	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Erin R Chlopak on behalf of CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER (Chlopak, Erin) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/02/2021	<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 7/27/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/26/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1: Proof of service for U.S. Attorney for District of Columbia)(Graham, Richard) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/02/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/27/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1: Proof of service for U.S. Attorney General)(Graham, Richard) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/02/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE served on 7/26/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1: Proof of Service for Department of Commerce)(Graham, Richard) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/12/2021	<u>8</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 12, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/12/2021)
08/24/2021	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kathleene A. Molen on behalf of All Defendants (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 08/24/2021)
08/26/2021	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.(Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 08/26/2021)
08/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. According to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before September 17, 2021. The Joint Status Report shall address: (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) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's request[s] and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's request[s] can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 26, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/26/2021)
08/26/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/17/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 08/27/2021)
09/17/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
09/27/2021		MINUTE ORDER. After review of the Parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an updated Joint Status Report on or before October 18, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 27, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 09/27/2021)
09/27/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/18/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 09/28/2021)

10/18/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Plaintiff's Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order Defendant's Proposed Order)(Molen, Kathleene) (Entered: 10/18/2021)
10/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before November 19, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 22, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/25/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/19/2021. (zkh) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
11/04/2021	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brenda A. Gonzalez-Horowitz on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Substituting for attorney Kathleene Molen (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 11/04/2021)
11/15/2021	<u>14</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>and Proposed Order</i> by CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER. (Chlopak, Erin) (Entered: 11/15/2021)