

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02580-RC

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/15/2020
Date Terminated: 12/09/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/15/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7590851) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/15/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/15/2020)

09/15/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zsb) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/15/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (zsb) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/21/2020	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration and Exhibits, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/29/2020	<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 9/25/2020. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/25/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/21/2020., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. POSTAL SERVICE served on 9/21/2020 (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/29/2020)
09/30/2020	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher D. Dodge on behalf of All Defendants (Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
09/30/2020	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>4</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
09/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendants shall have up to and including October 25, 2020 to respond to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/30/2020. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
10/01/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/25/2020. (tj) (Entered: 10/01/2020)
10/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 10/25/2020. (tj) (Entered: 10/06/2020)
10/23/2020	<u>8</u>	Joint MOTION to Hold in Abeyance by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 10/23/2020)
10/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER: granting <u>8</u> Joint Motion to Hold Deadline in Abeyance. It is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant's deadline to respond to the complaint and to file an opposition to Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment is held in abeyance, and it is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before November 20, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/23/2020. (lcrc2) (Entered: 10/23/2020)
10/26/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/20/2020 (tj) (Entered: 10/26/2020)
11/20/2020	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 11/20/2020)
11/20/2020	<u>10</u>	MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before December 18, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/20/2020. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/20/2020)
11/22/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/18/2020. (zgdf) (Entered: 11/22/2020)
12/18/2020	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 12/18/2020)
12/18/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern summary judgment briefing: Defendant's Answer and Motion for Summary Judgment shall be filed on or before January 18, 2021, Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition shall be filed on or before February 15, 2021, Defendant's Opposition and Reply shall be filed on or before March 15, 2021, and Plaintiff's Reply shall be filed on or before April 5, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/18/2020. (lcrc2) (Entered: 12/18/2020)

12/21/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 1/18/2021, Cross Motions due by 2/15/2021. Response to Cross Motions due by 3/15/2021. Reply to Cross Motions due by 4/5/2021. Summary Judgment motions due by 1/18/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 2/15/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/15/2021. (tj) (Entered: 12/21/2020)
12/31/2020		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties representations in their status reports and this Court's adoption of a new summary judgment briefing schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that <u>4</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED AS MOOT. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/31/2020. (lcrc2) (Entered: 12/31/2020)
01/12/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint MOTION to Modify <i>Schedule for Summary Briefing</i> by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 01/12/2021)
01/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER: granting <u>12</u> Joint Motion to Modify Schedule for Summary Judgment Briefing. It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern summary judgment briefing: Defendant's Answer and Motion for Summary Judgment shall be filed on or before January 19, 2021, Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition shall be filed on or before February 16, 2021, Defendant's Opposition and Reply shall be filed on or before March 16, 2021, and Plaintiff's Reply shall be filed on or before April 6, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/12/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/12/2021)
01/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 1/19/2021, Cross Motions due by 2/16/2021. Response to Cross Motions due by 3/16/2021. Reply to Cross Motions due by 4/6/2021. Summary Judgment motions due by 1/19/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 2/16/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/16/2021. (tj) (Entered: 01/13/2021)
01/19/2021	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.(Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 01/19/2021)
01/19/2021	<u>14</u>	Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Janine Castorina, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Kristin Seaver, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 01/19/2021)
01/26/2021	<u>15</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Schedule for Summary Judgment Briefing</i> by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 01/26/2021)
01/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER: granting <u>15</u> Plaintiff's Consent Motion to Modify the Schedule for Summary Judgment briefing. It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff's opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment shall be filed on or before February 26, 2021, Defendant's opposition and reply shall be filed on or before March 26, 2021, and Plaintiff's reply shall be filed on or before April 16, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/26/2020. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/26/2021)
01/26/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 2/26/2021. Response to Cross Motions due by 3/26/2021. Reply to Cross Motions due by 4/16/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 2/26/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/26/2021. (tj) (Entered: 01/26/2021)
02/24/2021	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christine H. Monahan on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Monahan, Christine) (Entered: 02/24/2021)
02/24/2021	<u>17</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Mehreen A Rasheed on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 02/24/2021)
02/26/2021	<u>18</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 02/26/2021)
02/26/2021	<u>19</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 02/26/2021)

03/18/2021	<u>20</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>the Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 03/18/2021)
03/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER: granting <u>20</u> Defendant's Consent Motion to Modify the Schedule for Summary Judgment Briefing. It is hereby ORDERED that the deadlines shall be modified as follows: Defendant's Opposition and Reply shall be filed on or before April 2, 2021, and Plaintiff's Reply shall be filed on or before April 23, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/18/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/18/2021)
03/18/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Reply to Cross Motions due by 4/2/2021. Responses due by 4/2/2021 Replies due by 4/23/2021. (tj) (Entered: 03/18/2021)
04/02/2021	<u>21</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>19</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 04/02/2021)
04/02/2021	<u>22</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>14</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 04/02/2021)
04/23/2021	<u>23</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>19</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 04/23/2021)
06/02/2021	<u>24</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Christine H. Monahan terminated. (Monahan, Christine) (Entered: 06/02/2021)
09/23/2021	<u>25</u>	ORDER denying <u>14</u> Defendant's Cross-Motion for Partial Summary Judgment; and granting in part and denying in part <u>19</u> Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/23/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/23/2021)
09/23/2021	<u>26</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION: denying <u>14</u> Defendant's Cross-Motion for Partial Summary Judgment; and granting in part and denying in part <u>19</u> Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/23/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/23/2021)
10/25/2021	<u>27</u>	Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Undisputed Material Facts, # <u>2</u> Second Declaration of Janine Castorina, # <u>3</u> Ex. A - Redacted Calendar, # <u>4</u> Ex. B - Vaughn Index, # <u>5</u> Notice of Submission for In Camera Review, # <u>6</u> Proposed Order)(Dodge, Christopher) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
11/12/2021	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
11/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before December 7, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/17/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
11/17/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/7/2021 (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
12/07/2021	<u>29</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 12/07/2021)