# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02290-DLF

SOLOMON v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 08/30/2021

Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/30/2021 Date Terminated: 12/20/2021

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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08/30/2021	1	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Fee Status:Filing Fee Waived) filed by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 08/30/2021)
08/30/2021		NOTICE OF ERROR re 1 Complaint; emailed to bdellarocca@compass—law.com, cc'd 0 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Noncompliance with LCvR 5.1(c). Please file an errata correcting the initiating pleading to include the name & full residence address of each party using the event Errata., 2. Missing/incorrect summonses. Please submit using the event Request for Summons to issue., 3. <b>COMPLIANCE DEADLINE is by close of business today. This case will not proceed any further until all errors are satisfied.</b> (zsb, ) (Entered: 08/30/2021)
08/31/2021	2	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name—Celia H. O'Leary, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC—8701193. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Declaration of C. O'Leary, # 2 Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
08/31/2021	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name—Kimberly S. Hermann, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–8701242. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Declaration of K. Hermann, # 2 Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
08/31/2021	4	ENTERED IN ERRORREQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE filed by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # 1 Summons, # 2 Summons)(Della Rocca, Brian) Modified on 9/1/2021 (zsb). (Entered: 08/31/2021)
08/31/2021	<u>5</u>	ERRATA <i>corrected complaint</i> by JOHN SOLOMON re <u>1</u> Complaint filed by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Errata)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 08/31/2021)
09/01/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zsb) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re <u>4</u> Request for Summons to Issue was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading. (zsb) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>4</u> Request for Summons to Issue; emailed to bdellarocca@compass—law.com, cc'd 0 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Missing/incorrect summonses. Please submit using the event Request for Summons to issue., 2. Please use the FOIA summons at https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/Summons—FOIA_2013_FILL.pdf (zsb, ) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting the plaintiff's 2 Motion for Admission of Attorney Celia H. O'Leary Pro Hac Vice. Counsel should register for e–filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). For instructions visit: https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/NextGEN_Tutorial_for_Registering_for_E–filing.pdf. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 1, 2021. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting the plaintiff's <u>3</u> Motion for Admission of Attorney Kimberly S. Hermann Pro Hac Vice. Counsel should register for e–filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). For instructions visit: https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/NextGEN_Tutorial_for_Registering_for_E–filing.pdf. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 1, 2021. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021	<u>6</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 1, 2021. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021	7	ENTERED IN ERRORREQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE filed by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # 1 Summons, # 2 Summons)(Della Rocca, Brian) Modified on 9/1/2021 (zjf). (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re 7 Request for Summons to Issue was entered in error at the request of counsel and will be refiled.(zjf) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021	8	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE filed by JOHN SOLOMON. (Attachments: # 1 Summons, # 2 Summons)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/07/2021	9	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 09/07/2021)
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09/21/2021	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kimberly S. Hermann on behalf of JOHN SOLOMON (Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 09/21/2021)
09/27/2021	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Celia Howard O'Leary on behalf of JOHN SOLOMON (O'Leary, Celia) (Entered: 09/27/2021)
09/28/2021	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 09/20/2021., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/27/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/27/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Exhibit, # 3 Exhibit)(Hermann, Kimberly) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
10/27/2021	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 10/27/2021)
10/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The status report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before November 18, 2021. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 28, 2021. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 10/28/2021)
11/18/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
11/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 20, 2021. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 18, 2021. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 11/18/2021)
12/20/2021	<u>15</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
12/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER dismissing this case with prejudice in light of the parties' <u>15</u> Stipulation of Dismissal. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a). The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 20, 2021. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 12/20/2021)