

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-00698-RCL**

BALDWIN v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE
Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/10/2020
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/10/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>for Injunctive Relief</i> against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6907117) filed by Douglas Baldwin. (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> Exhibit G, # <u>8</u> Exhibit H, # <u>9</u> Exhibit I, # <u>10</u> Exhibit J, # <u>11</u> Exhibit K, # <u>12</u> Exhibit L, # <u>13</u> Exhibit M, # <u>14</u> Exhibit N, # <u>15</u> Summons to Attorney for DC, # <u>16</u> Summons to US Attorney General, # <u>17</u> Certificate of Service, # <u>18</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Grif (Entered: 03/10/2020)
03/12/2020	<u>2</u>	ERRATA by DOUGLAS BALDWIN <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by DOUGLAS BALDWIN. (Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 03/12/2020)
03/12/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (adh,) (Entered: 03/12/2020)
03/12/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 03/12/2020)
03/23/2020	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Lawrence S. Lustberg, Esq., Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-6944797. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Lawrence S. Lustberg, Esq., # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 03/23/2020)
03/23/2020	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Charlotte M. Howells, Esq., Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-6944928. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Charlotte M. Howells, Esq., # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 03/23/2020)
03/25/2020	<u>6</u>	ORDER granting <u>4</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for in structions. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 03/23/2020. (lrcrl2) (Entered: 03/25/2020)
03/25/2020	<u>7</u>	ORDER granting <u>5</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for in structions. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 03/23/2020. (lrcrl2) (Entered: 03/25/2020)
03/31/2020	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lawrence S. Lustberg on behalf of DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Lustberg, Lawrence) (Entered: 03/31/2020)
03/31/2020	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Charlotte Howells on behalf of DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Howells, Charlotte) (Entered: 03/31/2020)
04/17/2020	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Filing Proof of Service by DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Charlotte M. Howells, Esq.)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 04/17/2020)
04/19/2020		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>10</u> Notice (Other); emailed to mgriffinger@gibbonslaw.com, cc'd 4 associated attorneys --- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect event used, 2. Please refile document, 3. Using the SERVICE OF PROCESS event (zjf,) (Entered: 04/19/2020)
04/20/2020	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/23/2020. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/22/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States

		Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General March 23, 2020., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/23/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Charlotte M. Howells, Esq.)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 04/20/2020)
04/22/2020	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Field, Brian) (Entered: 04/22/2020)
04/23/2020	<u>13</u>	ORDER: Vaughn Index and Supporting Dispositive Motion due no later than May 23, 2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 04/23/2020. (lcrc12) (Entered: 04/23/2020)
04/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Vaughn Index due by 5/23/2020 (lsj) (Entered: 04/24/2020)
05/22/2020	<u>14</u>	WITHDRAWN PURSUANT TO <u>19</u> NOTICE FILED 6/26/2020.....MOTION for Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration Kravitz Decl.)(Field, Brian) Modified on 6/30/2020 (zjf). Modified on 6/30/2020 (znmw). (Entered: 05/22/2020)
06/05/2020	<u>15</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DOUGLAS BALDWIN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Douglas Baldwin, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
06/05/2020	<u>16</u>	Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Douglas Baldwin, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 06/05/2020)
06/09/2020	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment , <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Field, Brian) (Entered: 06/09/2020)
06/09/2020	<u>18</u>	ORDER granting <u>17</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment , <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment ; Set/Reset Deadlines: Replies due by 6/26/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/09/2020. (lcmb) (Entered: 06/09/2020)
06/26/2020	<u>19</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and Motion to Stay Consideration of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Partial Summary Judgment</i> (Field, Brian) (Entered: 06/26/2020)
06/26/2020	<u>20</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>Consideration</i> re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (See Docket Entry <u>19</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/01/2020	<u>21</u>	RESPONSE re <u>20</u> MOTION to Stay re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by DOUGLAS BALDWIN. (Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/07/2020	<u>22</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION to Stay re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Field, Brian) (Entered: 07/07/2020)
07/07/2020	<u>23</u>	ORDER granting <u>22</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply re <u>20</u> MOTION to Stay re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment ; Set/Reset Deadlines: Replies due by 7/10/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/07/2020. (lcmb) (Entered: 07/07/2020)
07/10/2020	<u>24</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>20</u> MOTION to Stay re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 07/10/2020)
07/14/2020	<u>25</u>	MOTION for Leave To File Surreply by DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 07/14/2020)

07/22/2020	<u>26</u>	ORDER withdrawing <u>14</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, denying <u>16</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment; denying <u>20</u> Motion to Stay; Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/10/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/22/2020. (lcmb) (Entered: 07/22/2020)
07/22/2020	<u>27</u>	ORDER granting <u>25</u> Motion for Leave to File. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/22/2020. (lcmb) (Entered: 07/22/2020)
07/22/2020	<u>28</u>	MEMORANDUM. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/22/20. (lcmb) (Entered: 07/22/2020)
07/22/2020	<u>29</u>	SURREPLY re <u>20</u> MOTION to Stay re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by DOUGLAS BALDWIN. (zjf) (Entered: 07/27/2020)
08/10/2020	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 08/10/2020)
08/13/2020	<u>31</u>	ORDER Status Report due by 9/9/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/13/2020. (lcmb) (Entered: 08/13/2020)
08/24/2020	<u>32</u>	MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by DOUGLAS BALDWIN (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support of Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Lawrence S. Lustberg, Esq., # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 08/24/2020)
09/09/2020	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 09/09/2020)
09/11/2020		MINUTE ORDER Joint status Report due by 10/9/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/11/2020. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 09/11/2020)
09/21/2020	<u>34</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>32</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Field, Brian) (Entered: 09/21/2020)
09/23/2020	<u>35</u>	ORDER granting <u>34</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply re <u>32</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment ; Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 9/29/2020 Replies due by 10/20/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/23/2020. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 09/23/2020)
09/29/2020	<u>36</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>32</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration 2d Kravitz Decl., # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Field, Brian) (Entered: 09/29/2020)
10/09/2020	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 10/09/2020)
10/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER Joint Status Report due by 11/9/2020. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 10/09/2020. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 10/09/2020)
10/20/2020	<u>38</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>32</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by DOUGLAS BALDWIN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supplemental Declaration of Lawrence S. Lustberg, Esq.)(Griffinger, Michael) (Entered: 10/20/2020)
11/09/2020	<u>39</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 11/09/2020)
12/04/2020		MINUTE ORDER Setting Hearing on <u>32</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment. Motion Hearing set for 12/14/2020 at 10:00 AM by Telephonic/VTC before Judge Royce C. Lamberth. The parties will receive a separate notification providing connection instructions. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/4/2020. (lcrcl2) Modified on 12/4/2020 (lsj). (Entered: 12/04/2020)
12/09/2020	<u>40</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 12/09/2020)
12/14/2020		Minute Entry for video proceedings held before Judge Royce C. Lamberth. Case called; the Court held a scheduling conference regarding Plaintiff's Motion <u>32</u> for Partial Summary Judgment. Forthcoming Order. (Court Reporter: Nancy Meyer) (lsj)

		(Entered: 12/14/2020)
12/23/2020	<u>41</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS before Judge Royce C. Lamberth held on 12/14/2020. Page Numbers: 1–21. Date of Issuance: 12/21/2020. Court Reporter: Nancy J. Meyer. Telephone Number: 202–354–3118. Tape Number: N/A. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have 21 days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 1/13/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 1/23/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 3/23/2021.(Meyer, Nancy) (Entered: 12/23/2020)</p>
01/08/2021	<u>42</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (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)(Field, Brian) (Entered: 01/08/2021)
02/08/2021	<u>43</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 02/08/2021)
02/10/2021	<u>44</u>	MEMORANDUM ORDER denying <u>32</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 02/10/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER Status Report due by 3/10/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 02/10/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 02/10/2021)
02/10/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/10/2021. (znbn) (Entered: 02/10/2021)
03/10/2021	<u>45</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
04/09/2021	<u>46</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 04/09/2021)
04/09/2021		MINUTE ORDER Status Report due by 5/10/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/9/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 04/09/2021)
05/10/2021	<u>47</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
06/03/2021	<u>48</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Brian J. Field (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 06/03/2021)
06/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER Joint Status Report due by 6/9/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/07/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 06/07/2021)
06/09/2021	<u>49</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 06/09/2021)
06/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER Status Report due by 7/9/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/16/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 06/16/2021)
07/02/2021	<u>50</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/06/2021	<u>51</u>	ORDER Status Report due by 8/31/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/06/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 07/06/2021)

08/31/2021	<u>52</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....STATUS REPORT by DOUGLAS BALDWIN. (Lustberg, Lawrence) Modified on 9/1/2021 (zjf). (Entered: 08/31/2021)
09/01/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>52</u> Status Report was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading in a proper pleading format. (Counsel should review LCvR5.1 (a) CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COURT. Except when requested by a judge, correspondence shall not be directed by the parties or their attorneys to a judge, nor shall papers be left with or mailed to a judge for filing) (zjf) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021	<u>53</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by DOUGLAS BALDWIN. (Lustberg, Lawrence) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/02/2021	<u>54</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 09/02/2021)
09/10/2021	<u>55</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 09/10/2021)
09/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting nunc pro tunc <u>53</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/11/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/10/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 09/10/2021)
10/08/2021	<u>56</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 10/08/2021)
10/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER Joint Status Report due by 11/10/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 10/20/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 10/20/2021)
11/10/2021	<u>57</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/10/2021)
12/10/2021	<u>58</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 12/10/2021)
12/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 1/10/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/14/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 12/14/2021)
01/10/2022	<u>59</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 01/10/2022)
01/12/2022		MINUTE ORDER Joint Status Report due by 2/9/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 1/12/2022. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 01/12/2022)
02/09/2022	<u>60</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 02/09/2022)