

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01945-CJN**

ALLIANCE MEMBER SERVICES v. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/19/2021  
Date Terminated: 02/07/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/19/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8609296) filed by ALLIANCE MEMBER SERVICES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex 1-4, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/19/2021	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of ALLIANCE MEMBER SERVICES (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/19/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (adh, ) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/19/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4)Issued Electronically as to INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
08/12/2021	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 12, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/12/2021)

08/26/2021	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Portner, Kristina) (Entered: 08/26/2021)
08/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER. After review of Defendants' <u>5</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendants shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before October 1, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 30, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/30/2021)
08/30/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/1/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/28/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY served on 8/2/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
09/28/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE served on 8/2/2021 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
09/28/2021	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/1/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/1/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
09/28/2021	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 08/02/2021. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 09/28/2021)
09/30/2021	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.(Portner, Kristina) (Entered: 09/30/2021)
10/06/2021		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 November 3, 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 October 6, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
10/06/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/3/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
11/03/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by ALLIANCE MEMBER SERVICES. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 11/03/2021)
11/08/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before December 20, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 8, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 11/08/2021)
11/08/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 11/09/2021)
12/20/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. (Portner, Kristina) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
12/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the <u>12</u> latest Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the Parties shall file an updated Joint Status Report on or before February 4, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 22, 2021. (lccjn2) (Entered: 12/22/2021)
12/22/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/4/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 12/22/2021)

02/04/2022	<u>13</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by ALLIANCE MEMBER SERVICES. (Geizler, Shelley) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
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