

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02637-RBW**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/08/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY  
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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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| 10/08/2021 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8789287) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons Dep't of Justice, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for D.C.)(Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 10/08/2021)  |
| 10/08/2021 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 10/08/2021)  |
| 10/12/2021 |          | Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zsb) (Entered: 10/12/2021)  |
| 10/12/2021 | <u>3</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 10/12/2021)  |
| 10/22/2021 | <u>4</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/20/2021. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/19/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General on 10/20/2021., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/20/2021 (Weismann, Anne); Modified text on 10/25/2021 (zth). (Entered: 10/22/2021) |
| 10/27/2021 | <u>5</u> | GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 27, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 10/27/2021)   |

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| 11/23/2021 | <u>6</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Amber Richer on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 11/23/2021)   |
| 11/23/2021 | <u>7</u>  | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 11/23/2021)   |
| 12/01/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>7</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time, Nunc Pro Tunc, to Answer the Plaintiff's Complaint, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendant's <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the defendant shall file his answer to the plaintiff's Complaint by December 3, 2021. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 1, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 12/01/2021) |
| 12/01/2021 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Answer due by 12/3/2021. (adh) (Entered: 12/01/2021)  |
| 12/03/2021 | <u>8</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 12/03/2021)  |
| 12/03/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before December 31, 2021, the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 3, 2021. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 12/03/2021)   |
| 12/03/2021 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/31/2021. (adh, ) (Entered: 12/03/2021)   |
| 12/30/2021 | <u>9</u>  | Joint PROPOSED SCHEDULE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) Modified on 1/3/2022 to correct docket event/text (zjf). (Entered: 12/30/2021)  |
| 01/05/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before February 15, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 5, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 01/05/2022)   |
| 01/05/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/15/2022. (adh, ) (Entered: 01/05/2022)   |
| 02/15/2022 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 02/15/2022)   |
| 02/15/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before March 1, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 15, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 02/15/2022)  |
| 02/16/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/1/2022. (adh, ) (Entered: 02/16/2022)  |
| 03/01/2022 | <u>11</u> | STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>Joint Stipulation of Dismissal</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 03/01/2022)  |
| 03/01/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Stipulation of Dismissal, it is hereby ORDERED that this case is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. It is further ORDERED that this case is CLOSED. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 1, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 03/01/2022)   |