

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02438-CRC**

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v.  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/16/2021  
Date Terminated: 03/10/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL  
DEFENSE NETWORK**

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V.

**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/16/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8737349) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons To DC USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons To US Department of Education, # <u>4</u> Summons To USAG)(Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 09/16/2021)
09/16/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 09/16/2021)
09/17/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zsb) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
09/17/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
10/01/2021	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 9/30/2021., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/30/2021. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/30/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 9/29/2021

		(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 10/01/2021)
10/25/2021	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Carol Federighi on behalf of All Defendants (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
11/01/2021	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 11/01/2021)
11/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by 11/16/2021. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/2/2021. (lccrc2) (Entered: 11/02/2021)
11/16/2021	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 11/16/2021)
11/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report, including a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure, on or before 2/18/2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/17/2021. (lccrc2) (Entered: 11/17/2021)
02/17/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 02/17/2022)
02/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' latest <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report by 3/18/2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/18/2022. (lccrc2) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
03/10/2022	<u>9</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Elson, Alexander) (Entered: 03/10/2022)