## U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00475-ABJ

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND

SECURITY

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/24/2021 Date Terminated: 06/27/2022

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text  |
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| 02/24/2021 | 1 | COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–8237563) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons DHS, # 3 |

|            |           | Summons Dep't of the Interior, # 4 Summons Attorney General, # 5 Summons U.S. Attorney)(Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 02/24/2021)   |
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| 02/24/2021 |           | Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (adh, ) (Entered: 02/24/2021)  |
| 02/24/2021 | 2         | SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 02/24/2021)  |
| 03/22/2021 | 3         | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 3/12/2021; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 3/12/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/15/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/14/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/15/21. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 03/22/2021) |
| 04/14/2021 | 4         | NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of All Defendants (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 04/14/2021)  |
| 04/14/2021 | <u>5</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 04/14/2021)  |
| 04/15/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before May 13, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/15/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 04/15/2021)  |
| 05/13/2021 | <u>6</u>  | STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposal Regarding the Production of Records to Plaintiff</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 05/13/2021)  |
| 05/14/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit a joint status report by July 12, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/14/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 05/14/2021)   |
| 07/12/2021 | 7         | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/12/2021)   |
| 07/13/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' 7 joint status report, it is ORDERED that the parties must submit another joint status report by September 10, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/13/21. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/13/2021)   |
| 09/10/2021 | 8         | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 09/10/2021)   |
| 09/13/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the <u>8</u> status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by November 9, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 9/13/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 09/13/2021)  |
| 11/09/2021 | 9         | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 11/09/2021)  |
| 11/10/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the joint status report 2, it is ORDERED that the parties submit another joint status report by December 7, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/10/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 11/10/2021)  |
| 12/07/2021 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 12/07/2021)  |
| 12/07/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the joint status report <u>10</u> , it is ORDERED that the parties submit another joint status report by January <u>14</u> , 2022. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/7/2021. (lcabj1) (Entered: 12/07/2021)  |

| 01/14/2022 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 01/14/2022)  |
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| 01/18/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Pursuant to the most recent status report <u>11</u> , it is ORDERED that the parties submit another joint status report by February 14, 2022. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/18/2022. (lcabj1) (Entered: 01/18/2022) |
| 02/14/2022 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/14/2022)  |
| 02/16/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the status report <u>12</u> , it is ORDERED that the parties submit another joint status report by March 7, 2022. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 2/16/2022. (lcabj1) (Entered: 02/16/2022)                 |
| 03/07/2022 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/07/2022)  |
| 03/08/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the most recent status report <u>13</u> , it is ORDERED that the parties submit another joint status report by April 29, 2022. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/8/2022. (lcabj1) (Entered: 03/08/2022)     |
| 04/29/2022 | <u>14</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Darrell C. Valdez on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Substituting for attorney Christopher Hair (Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 04/29/2022)                     |
| 04/29/2022 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Valdez, Darrell) (Entered: 04/29/2022)   |
| 05/02/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the most recent status report <u>15</u> , it is ORDERED that the parties submit another joint status report by June 29, 2022. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/2/2022. (lcabj1) (Entered: 05/02/2022)      |
| 06/27/2022 | <u>16</u> | STIPULATION of Dismissal by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 06/27/2022)  |