

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02545-RC

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

Date Filed: 09/30/2021
Date Terminated: 12/22/2022
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/30/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8770286) 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 DOJ, # <u>4</u> Summons US Attorney)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 09/30/2021)
09/30/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 09/30/2021)
10/01/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (znm) (Entered: 10/01/2021)
10/01/2021	<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)(znm)

		(Entered: 10/01/2021)
10/13/2021	<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 10/12/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/11/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/12/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/12/21. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/13/2021)
11/12/2021	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
11/12/2021	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
11/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before November 30, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/12/2021. (lcrc3) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
11/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadline: The parties shall jointly submit a Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 11/30/202. (jth) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
11/30/2021	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
12/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>7</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before January 6, 2022, that includes an update on the status of OIP's and EOUSA's searches and processing of records, and proposed schedule for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/2/2021. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/02/2021)
01/06/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 01/06/2022)
01/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before February 7, 2022, that includes an update on the status of OIP's and EOUSA's searches and processing of records, and proposed schedule for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/7/2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/07/2022)
02/07/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 02/07/2022)
02/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before March 10, 2022, that includes an update on the status of EOUSA's searches and processing of records, and proposed schedule for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/7/2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/07/2022)
02/10/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/10/2022. (tj) (Entered: 02/10/2022)
03/10/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 03/10/2022)
03/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before March 17, 2022, that includes an update on the status of EOUSA's searches and processing of records, and proposed schedule for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/11/2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/11/2022)
03/17/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 03/17/2022)

03/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before April 25, 2022, that includes an update on the status of EOUSA's processing of records. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/17/2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 03/17/2022)
04/25/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/25/2022)
04/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>12</u> parties' Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before June 24, 2022, that includes an update on the status of EOUSA's processing of records, and every sixty days thereafter, until EOUSA issues a final production. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/26/2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
06/24/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
08/23/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
10/24/2022	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Jeremy S. Simon on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Daniel P. Schaefer (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 10/24/2022)
10/24/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 10/24/2022)
12/21/2022	<u>17</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 12/21/2022)