

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00074-APM**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
et al
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/12/2022
Date Terminated: 02/23/2023
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
01/12/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8975150) 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 State, # <u>4</u> Summons Treasury, # <u>5</u> Summons US Attorney)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 01/12/2022)
01/12/2022	<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: 01/12/2022)
01/13/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (znmg) (Entered: 01/13/2022)
01/13/2022	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 01/13/2022)

01/24/2022	<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 1/21/2022. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/20/2022.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/21/22., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 1/21/2022; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY served on 1/21/2022 (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 01/24/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael Joseph Gerardi on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>6</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A (Answer), # <u>2</u> Proposed Order)(Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/24/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting Unopposed Motion for Nunc Pro Tunc Extension of Time to File Answer. Defendants' Answer shall be deemed filed as of February 22, 2022. The Clerk of Court shall docket Exhibit A to Defendants' Motion, ECF No. 6-1, as Defendants' Answer. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/24/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/24/2022)
02/24/2022	<u>7</u>	MINUTE ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before March 10, 2022. The Joint Status Report shall include (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); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/24/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/24/2022)
03/10/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 03/10/2022)
03/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by May 5, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/11/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 03/11/2022)
05/05/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
05/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 17, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/06/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
06/17/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
06/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by August 5, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/17/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
08/05/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
08/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 14, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/07/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 08/08/2022)
09/14/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 09/14/2022)

09/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by October 13, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/14/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/14/2022)
10/13/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/13/2022)
10/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by October 26, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/14/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/14/2022)
10/26/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 10/26/2022)
10/27/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 8, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/27/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/27/2022)
12/07/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by January 23, 2023, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/08/2022. (lcapm3) (Entered: 12/08/2022)
01/23/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Gerardi, Michael) (Entered: 01/23/2023)
01/24/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by March 7, 2023, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/24/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 01/24/2023)
02/23/2023	<u>17</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 02/23/2023)