

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00790-CKK**

BUZZFEED INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/22/2022
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/22/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9120651) filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex 1-5, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/22/2022)
03/22/2022	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/22/2022)
03/22/2022	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/22/2022)
03/22/2022	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 03/22/2022)
03/25/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zmh) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
03/25/2022	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zmh) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
03/28/2022	<u>6</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 03/28/2022. (DM) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
04/24/2022	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 04/24/2022)
05/06/2022	<u>8</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE filed by BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex 1-5)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
05/20/2022	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to <u>8</u> Amended Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 05/20/2022)
05/20/2022	<u>10</u>	ORDER. Joint status report due on or before June 24, 2022 . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 20, 2022. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/20/2022)
05/20/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/24/2022. (dot) (Entered: 05/23/2022)
06/24/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
07/13/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report. In consideration thereof, the parties shall file their next joint status report on or before August 23, 2022 and, if necessary, every ninety days thereafter. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 13, 2022. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/13/2022)
07/13/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/23/2022 and, if necessary, every ninety days thereafter. (dot) (Entered: 07/13/2022)
08/23/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
11/21/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/21/2022)
12/08/2022	<u>14</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by John Bardo on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Sean Tepe (Bardo, John) Modified on 12/8/2022 correct at entry <u>15</u> (zjm). (Entered: 12/08/2022)
12/08/2022	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by John Bardo on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Sean Tepe (Bardo, John) (Entered: 12/08/2022)

02/06/2023	<u>16</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/11/2022 (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
02/06/2023	<u>17</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/11/2022. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
02/06/2023	<u>18</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/11/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/11/2022. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
02/16/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 02/16/2023)
02/28/2023	<u>20</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 02/28/2023)
03/17/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 03/17/2023)
04/18/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 04/18/2023)
04/18/2023	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John Bardo on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Bardo, John) (Entered: 04/18/2023)
05/18/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 05/18/2023)
07/17/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
09/15/2023	<u>27</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by BUZZFEED INC.. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
09/19/2023		ORDER dismissing case with prejudice. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close this case. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 18, 2023. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/19/2023)