

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-02459-RCL

MUSTAFA CHOCHAN v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/16/2022
Date Terminated: 12/06/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/16/2022		Initiating Pleading & IFP Application Received on 8/16/2022. A copy of the docket sheet has been mailed to the address of record for the pro se party. (ztnr) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
08/16/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE filed by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN.(ztnr) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
08/16/2022	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN. (ztnr) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
08/25/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff's Motion <u>2</u> for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis is hereby GRANTED. The Clerk of the Court shall randomly assign this case to a district judge for further proceedings. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 8/25/2022. (psu1) (Entered: 08/25/2022)
09/02/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (zsb) (Entered: 09/06/2022)
09/28/2022	<u>3</u>	NEW Pro Se Consent To Receive Notices of Electronic Filing by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN (znmw) (Entered: 10/06/2022)
09/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d), the Clerk shall prepare and issue the summons and coordinate with the U.S. Marshal to serve process upon the defendant. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 9/29/2022. (psu1) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
11/02/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General sent to U.S. Marshals Service. (zmrl) (Main Document 4

		replaced on 11/8/2022) (znmw). Modified on 11/9/2022 to correct docket entry text (zsl). (Entered: 11/02/2022)
11/07/2022	<u>5</u>	MOTION to Appoint Counsel by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN. (znmw) (Entered: 11/07/2022)
11/17/2022	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 11/3/2022, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on the Mayor of the District of Columbia. Date of Service Upon the Mayor for the District of Columbia on 11/3/2022., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/3/2022. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/3/2022.) (znmw) (Entered: 11/18/2022)
11/22/2022	<u>7</u>	ORDER denying <u>5</u> Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel (see document for details). Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 11/22/2022. (psu1) (Entered: 11/22/2022)
12/01/2022	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas Duffey on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 12/01/2022)
12/02/2022	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint <i>with proposed order</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 12/02/2022)
12/20/2022	<u>10</u>	ORDER granting Motion <u>9</u> for Extension of Time to Answer re Complaint <u>1</u> . It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Answer due by 01/06/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/20/2022. (lcrcl3) Modified on 12/22/2022 (zlsj). (Entered: 12/20/2022)
01/06/2023	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 01/06/2023)
01/09/2023	<u>12</u>	ORDER: The government is hereby ORDERED to file its Vaughn index and supporting dispositive motion within 30 days. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 01/09/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 01/09/2023)
02/07/2023	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>WITH PROPOSED ORDER</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 02/07/2023)
03/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>13</u> Defendant's Motion for an Extension of Time to March 24, 2023, to file a Vaughn index and dispositive motion. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 3/1/2023. (psu1) (Entered: 03/01/2023)
03/01/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Dispositive Motions due by 3/24/2023. Vaughn Index due by 3/24/2023. (smc) (Entered: 03/01/2023)
03/24/2023	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration Weetman, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 1 Vaughn Index, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 03/24/2023)
04/03/2023	<u>15</u>	Order advising plaintiff to respond by May 26, 2023, to defendant's motion for summary judgment or risk entry of judgment in defendant's favor or dismissal of the case (see document for details). Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/3/23. (psu1) (Entered: 04/03/2023)
04/03/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Response due by 5/26/2023. (zsmc) (Entered: 04/04/2023)
04/04/2023	<u>16</u>	MOTION to Appoint Counsel by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN. (zjm) (Entered: 04/04/2023)
06/01/2023	<u>17</u>	RESPONSE to Vaughn Index filed by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN. (znmw) (Entered: 06/02/2023)
06/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff's renewed motion [16] for an appointment of counsel is DENIED substantially for the reasons stated in the previous order denying same, ECF No. 7. In addition, the government's pending dispositive motion confirms that the issues in this FOIA case are not particularly complex and are likely to be resolved by

		the Court's independent review of the summary judgment record. Having revisited the factors for appointing counsel, LCvR 83.11(b)(3), and given the limited availability of pro bono resources, the Court finds an appointment unwarranted. Consequently, the time for Plaintiff to respond to Defendant's motion for summary judgment is hereby ENLARGED to July 14, 2023. As previously warned, Plaintiff's failure to file a response within the additional time provided may result in entry of judgment in Defendant's favor or dismissal of the case for failure to prosecute. <i>See</i> Apr. 3, 2023 Order, ECF No. 15. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 6/7/2023. (psu1) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
07/14/2023	<u>18</u>	ERRATA by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN re <u>17</u> Response to Document. (zth) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
10/31/2023	<u>19</u>	MOTION to Expedite, MOTION to Appoint Counsel by FIDA UL MUSTAFA CHOCHAN. (zth) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
12/05/2023	<u>20</u>	ORDER granting <u>14</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; denying <u>19</u> Plaintiff's Motion to Expedite and to Appoint Counsel; and entering judgment in favor of the defendant, for the reasons stated in the Memorandum Opinion issued separately this day. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/5/2023. (psu1) (Entered: 12/05/2023)
12/05/2023	<u>21</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION accompanying the final order issued separately this day. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/5/2023. (psu1) (Entered: 12/05/2023)