

**United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1 (Chicago)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23–cv–02397**

National Immigrant Justice Center v. Department of Homeland Security
Assigned to: Honorable Edmond E. Chang
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/18/2023
Date Terminated: 12/13/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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04/18/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed by National Immigrant Justice Center; Filing fee \$ 402, receipt number AILNDC–20549473. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Fleming, Mark) (Entered: 04/18/2023)
04/18/2023		CASE ASSIGNED to the Honorable Edmond E. Chang. Designated as Magistrate Judge the Honorable Sunil R. Harjani. Case assignment: Random assignment. (kra,) (Entered: 04/18/2023)
04/18/2023		CLERK'S NOTICE: Pursuant to Local Rule 73.1(b), a United States Magistrate Judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action. If all parties consent to have the currently assigned United States Magistrate Judge conduct all proceedings in this case, including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post–trial proceedings, all parties must sign their names on the attached <u>Consent To form. This</u>

		<u>consent form is eligible for filing only if executed by all parties. The parties can also express their consent to jurisdiction by a magistrate judge in any joint filing, including the Joint Initial Status Report or proposed Case Management Order. (kra,) (Entered: 04/18/2023)</u>
04/20/2023		SUMMONS Issued as to Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Attorney General (smb,) (Entered: 04/20/2023)
05/10/2023	<u>2</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Edmond E. Chang: Initial tracking status hearing set for 06/09/2023 at 8:30 a.m. to track the case only (no appearance is required, the case will not be called). Instead, the Court will set the case schedule after reviewing the written status report. The parties must file a joint initial status report with the content described in the attached status report requirements by 06/01/2023. Plaintiff must still file the report even if Defendant has not responded to requests to craft a joint report. If Defendant and appropriate governmental agencies have not been served, then Plaintiff must complete the part of the report on the progress of service. Also, counsel must carefully review Judge Chang's Case Management Procedures, available online at ilnd.uscourts.gov (navigate to Judges / District Judges / Judge Edmond E. Chang). Because the Procedures are occasionally revised, counsel must read them anew even if the counsel or the party has appeared before Judge Chang in other cases. Emailed notice (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Status Report Requirements) (mw,) (Entered: 05/10/2023)
05/15/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by National Immigrant Justice Center as to Department of Homeland Security served on 5/12/2023, answer due 6/11/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Fleming, Mark) (Docket Text Modified by Clerk's Office) Modified on 5/17/2023 (aee,). (Entered: 05/15/2023)
05/15/2023	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by National Immigrant Justice Center (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Fleming, Mark) (Entered: 05/15/2023)
05/15/2023	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by National Immigrant Justice Center (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Fleming, Mark) (Entered: 05/15/2023)
05/22/2023	<u>6</u>	DESIGNATION of William McHenry Strom as U.S. Attorney for Defendant Department of Homeland Security (Strom, William) (Entered: 05/22/2023)
06/01/2023	<u>7</u>	STATUS Report <i>Initial Joint Status Report</i> by National Immigrant Justice Center (Fleming, Mark) (Entered: 06/01/2023)
06/07/2023	<u>8</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Edmond E. Chang: On review of the status report, R. 7, the last summons was delivered on 05/12/2023 and the parties are beginning discussions on what the government might be willing to disclose. Given that the answer deadline is not till mid-07/2023, the tracking status hearing of 06/09/2023 is reset to 07/28/2023 at 8:30 a.m., but to track the case only (no appearance is required, the case will not be called). Instead, the parties shall file a detailed status report by 07/20/2023. Emailed notice (mw,) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/16/2023	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by Department of Homeland Security(Strom, William) (Entered: 06/16/2023)
07/20/2023	<u>10</u>	STATUS Report (<i>Joint Status Report</i>) by Department of Homeland Security (Strom, William) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
07/24/2023	<u>11</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Edmond E. Chang: On review of the status report, R. 10, the parties propose providing another status report in 45 days. The tracking status hearing of 07/28/2023 is reset to 10/06/2023 at 8:30 a.m., but to track the case only (no appearance is required, the case will not be called). Instead, the parties shall file a status report by 09/27/2023. Either side may file a motion for appropriate relief before the next status report. Mailed notice (cn). (Entered: 07/24/2023)
09/27/2023	<u>12</u>	STATUS Report (<i>Joint Status Report</i>) by Department of Homeland Security (Strom, William) (Entered: 09/27/2023)

10/02/2023	<u>13</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Edmond E. Chang: On review of the status report, R. 12, the government proposes to disclose potentially 4,074 pages in a 14-month period, whereas the Plaintiff is concerned that the search was overbroad and potentially not responsive. As requested by the parties, another status report is due on 11/03/2023 to report on the additional conferral. The tracking status hearing of 10/06/2023 is reset to 11/17/2023 at 8:30 a.m., but to track the case only (no appearance is required, the case will not be called). Emailed notice (mw,) (Entered: 10/02/2023)
11/03/2023	<u>14</u>	STATUS Report (<i>Joint Status Report</i>) by Department of Homeland Security (Strom, William) (Entered: 11/03/2023)
11/16/2023	<u>15</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Edmond E. Chang: On review of the status report, R. 14, in which it is easy to tell which party wrote which paragraph, the tracking status hearing of 11/17/2023 is reset to 12/15/2023 at 8:30 a.m., but to track the case only (no appearance is required, the case will not be called). Instead, the parties shall file a status report by 12/04/2023, as proposed. The parties shall continue to confer given the prior clarifications and responses. Emailed notice (mw,) (Entered: 11/16/2023)
12/04/2023	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>With Prejudice Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii)</i> (Strom, William) (Entered: 12/04/2023)
12/13/2023	<u>17</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Edmond E. Chang: Pursuant to the parties' stipulation of dismissal <u>16</u> , under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), the case is dismissed with prejudice, each side to bear its own fees and costs. Status hearing of 12/15/2023 is vacated. Civil case terminated. Emailed notice (mw,) (Entered: 12/13/2023)