

**U.S. District Court  
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02645-JDB**

MORRISON URENA, L.C. v. UNITED STATES  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION  
 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES  
 Assigned to: Judge John D. Bates  
 Case: 1:21-cv-02649-JDB  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/08/2021  
 Date Terminated: 01/04/2024  
 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
10/08/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8790298) filed by MORRISON URENA, L.C.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Morrison, Curtis) (Entered: 10/08/2021)
10/12/2021		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>1</u> Complaint; emailed to <a href="mailto:curtis@curtismorrisonlaw.com">curtis@curtismorrisonlaw.com</a> , cc'd 4 associated attorneys --- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1.

		Noncompliance with LCvR 5.1(c). Please file an errata correcting the initiating pleading to include the name & full residence address of each party using the event Errata., 2. Missing/incorrect summonses. Please submit using the event Request for Summons to issue., 3. <b>COMPLIANCE DEADLINE is by close of business today. This case will not proceed any further until all errors are satisfied.</b> (znmg, ) (Entered: 10/12/2021)
10/12/2021	<u>2</u>	ERRATA by MORRISON URENA, L.C. re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by LAW OFFICE OF RAFAEL URENA AND THE LAW OFFICE OF CURTIS MORRISON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Caption)(Morrison, Curtis) (Entered: 10/12/2021)
10/12/2021	<u>3</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by MORRISON URENA, L.C.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by LAW OFFICE OF RAFAEL URENA AND THE LAW OFFICE OF CURTIS MORRISON.(Morrison, Curtis) (Entered: 10/12/2021)
10/14/2021		Case Assigned to Judge John D. Bates. (zsb) (Entered: 10/14/2021)
10/15/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Main Document 4 replaced on 10/26/2021) (adh, ). (Entered: 10/15/2021)
11/01/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/27/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/26/2021. (Morrison, Curtis) (Entered: 11/01/2021)
11/01/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/26/2021. (See Docket Entry <u>5</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 11/01/2021)
11/26/2021	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.(Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 11/26/2021)
11/29/2021	<u>8</u>	ORDER. See text of Order for details. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 11/29/2021. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 11/29/2021)
11/29/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed schedule for the processing and release of responsive records and/or a briefing schedule due by 12/29/2021. (tb) (Entered: 11/29/2021)
12/29/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 12/29/2021)
12/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report by not later than February 28, 2022, detailing the results of defendant's initial search for responsive records; and it is further ORDERED that the parties shall confer and submit by not later than February 28, 2022 an additional proposed schedule for processing and/or a briefing schedule for the filing of dispositive motions to resolve this matter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 12/30/2021. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 12/30/2021)
12/30/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report and Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 2/28/2022. (jth) (Entered: 12/30/2021)
02/28/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 02/28/2022)
03/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report by not later than April 29, 2022, detailing the progress of defendant's initial production of responsive records and any further communications between the parties regarding the scope of plaintiff's request. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 3/1/2022. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 03/01/2022)

03/08/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/29/2022. (tb) (Entered: 03/08/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen DeGenaro on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT ( <i>Corrected</i> ) by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by not later than June 28, 2022, informing the Court of defendants progress on producing the remaining records; it is further ORDERED that the parties shall file joint status reports every sixty days thereafter, until the completion of processing. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 04/29/2022. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
05/02/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/28/2022. (tb) (Entered: 05/02/2022)
06/28/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 06/28/2022)
07/08/2022	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. Attorney Stephen DeGenaro terminated. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 07/08/2022)
08/25/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Tilghman, Michael) (Entered: 08/25/2022)
09/08/2022	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Thomas Duffey on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES Substituting for attorney Michael A. Tilghman II (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 09/08/2022)
10/25/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 10/25/2022)
12/22/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 12/22/2022)
02/23/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 02/23/2023)
04/25/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 04/25/2023)
06/26/2023	<u>22</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 06/26/2023)
08/18/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>23</u> the joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a notice of voluntary dismissal or a further joint status report informing the Court of the status of fee

		negotiations by not later than September 27, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 8/22/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
08/23/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines : Parties to file a notice of voluntary dismissal or a further joint status report informing the Court of the status of fee negotiations by 9/27/2023. (kk) (Entered: 08/23/2023)
09/27/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 09/27/2023)
09/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>24</u> the joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report informing the Court of the status of fee negotiations by not later than November 27, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 9/27/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 09/27/2023)
09/28/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/27/2023. (zed) (Entered: 09/28/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
11/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>25</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report informing the Court of the status of fee negotiations by not later than January 26, 2024. The Court expects that the parties will complete their discussions in advance of the 1/26/2024 status report and will advise the Court either that the case is resolved or of a briefing schedule for judicial resolution of the fees issue. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 11/27/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
01/04/2024	<u>26</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 01/04/2024)