

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-03469-JDB**

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v.  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge John D. Bates  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/11/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL  
DEFENSE NETWORK**

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V.

**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/11/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9666149) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons DC USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons ED, # <u>4</u> Summons USAG)(Rothschild, Eric) (Attachment 1 replaced on 11/14/2022) (zljn). (Entered: 11/11/2022)
11/11/2022	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Rothschild, Eric) (Main Document 2 replaced on 11/15/2022) (znmw). (Entered: 11/11/2022)
11/14/2022		Case Assigned to Judge John D. Bates. (zljn) (Entered: 11/14/2022)
11/15/2022	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
11/28/2022	<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 11/23/2022. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/23/2022.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/23/22., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 11/22/2022 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proof of Service)(Rothschild, Eric) (Entered: 11/28/2022)

12/20/2022	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Patricia K. McBride on behalf of All Defendants (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/20/2022)
12/20/2022	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 12/20/2022)
12/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>6</u> the defendant's motion for an extension of time to file an answer, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED; and it is further ORDERED that the defendant shall respond to plaintiff's complaint by not later than January 24, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 12/21/2022. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 12/21/2022)
01/19/2023	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/19/2023)
05/10/2023	<u>8</u>	ORDER regarding scheduling. See text of Order for details. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 5/10/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 05/10/2023)
05/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/31/2023. (tb) (Entered: 05/11/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than July 30, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 5/18/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 05/18/2023)
05/18/2023		Set/Reset Deadline: Joint Status Report due by 7/30/2023. (jth) (Entered: 05/18/2023)
07/28/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/28/2023)
07/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than September 15, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 7/31/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 07/31/2023)
08/01/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/15/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than November 10, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 9/12/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/12/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/10/2023. (zed) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
11/08/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/08/2023)
11/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by not later than January 10, 2024. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 11/9/2023. (lcjdb1) (Entered: 11/09/2023)
01/05/2024	<u>13</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 01/05/2024)