

**U.S. District Court  
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03270-CJN**

INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK v. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH et al  
 Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
 Lead case: [1:23-cv-02586-CJN](#)  
 Member case: ([View Member Case](#))  
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                   [1:23-cv-03361-JMC](#)

Date Filed: 11/01/2023  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

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**Defendant**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/01/2023	<a href="#"><u>1</u></a>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10464824) filed by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK.

		(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>6</u> Summons to NIH, # <u>7</u> Summons to HHS, # <u>8</u> Summons to USAG, # <u>9</u> Summons to USAO)(Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/01/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/01/2023	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– R. Scott Pietrowski, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10464835. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/02/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zcb) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/02/2023	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH served on 11/13/2023 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 11/13/2023 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/14/2023. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/6/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/6/2023. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/28/2023	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
11/28/2023	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
11/28/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to the Complaint on or before December 20, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/28/2023. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
11/28/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>3</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a)</b> <a href="#">Click for instructions</a> SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/28/2023. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
12/20/2023	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and submit a proposed briefing schedule (not a LCvR 16.3 report) within 3 weeks. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/20/2023. (lcrc2) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/20/2023	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Richard Scott Pietrowski on behalf of INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Pietrowski, Richard) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
01/02/2024	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by All Defendants. Case related to Case No. 23–2586. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/02/2024)

01/10/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/10/2024)
01/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>14</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties submit another joint status report on or before February 12, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 01/10/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/10/2024)
02/12/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
02/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 12, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 02/12/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
02/26/2024		Cases Consolidated. This case has been consolidated with case 23cv2586 From this date forward, all pleadings shall be filed ONLY in the lead case, 23cv2586. Parties are advised NOT to elect the SPREAD TEXT option when filing in ECF, as this will result in repetitive docketing. (zdp) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
04/11/2024	<u>16</u>	Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols as related. Judge Rudolph Contreras is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 04/11/2024)