

**U.S. District Court
Northern District of Texas (Fort Worth)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 4:23-cv-01141-O**

America First Policy Institute v. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Assigned to: Judge Reed C. O'Connor
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/10/2023
Date Terminated: 04/24/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Other Statutes:
Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/10/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs filed by America First Policy Institute. (Receipt No. ATXNDC-14166509; \$402) Clerk to issue summons(es). In each Notice of Electronic Filing, the judge assignment is indicated, and a link to the Judges Copy Requirements and Judge Specific Requirements is provided. The court reminds the filer that any required copy of this and future documents must be delivered to the judge, in the manner prescribed, within three business days of filing. Unless exempted, attorneys who are not admitted to practice in the Northern District of Texas must seek admission promptly. Forms, instructions, and exemption information may be found at www.txnd.uscourts.gov , or by clicking here: Attorney Information – Bar Membership . If admission requirements are not satisfied within 21 days, the clerk will notify the presiding judge. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet) (Steinmann, Jessica) Modified payment information on

		11/13/2023 (mmw). (Entered: 11/10/2023)
11/10/2023	<u>2</u>	CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT by America First Policy Institute. (Clerk QC note: No affiliate entered in ECF). (Steinmann, Jessica) (Entered: 11/10/2023)
11/10/2023	<u>3</u>	New Case Notes: A filing fee has been paid. File to: Judge O Connor. Pursuant to Misc. Order 6, Plaintiff is provided the Notice of Right to Consent to Proceed Before A U.S. Magistrate Judge. Clerk to provide copy to plaintiff if not received electronically. Attorneys are further reminded that, if necessary, they must comply with Local Rule 83.10(a) within 14 days or risk the possible dismissal of this case without prejudice or without further notice. (mmw) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>4</u>	Summons issued as to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Attorney General. (mmw) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/23/2023	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Jessica Elizabeth Hart Steinmann for H. Dustin Fillmore III on behalf of America First Policy Institute. (Steinmann, Jessica) (Entered: 11/23/2023)
11/30/2023	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Andrea Cohen Haim–DOJ on behalf of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (Filer confirms contact info in ECF is current.) (Haim–DOJ, Andrea) (Entered: 11/30/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>7</u>	CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (Clerk QC note: No affiliate entered in ECF). (Haim–DOJ, Andrea) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint,,,,, filed by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Unless exempted, attorneys who are not admitted to practice in the Northern District of Texas must seek admission promptly. Forms and Instructions found at www.txnd.uscourts.gov , or by clicking here: Attorney Information – Bar Membership . If admission requirements are not satisfied within 21 days, the clerk will notify the presiding judge. Attorneys are further reminded that, if necessary, they must comply with Local Rule 83.10(a) within 14 days or risk the possible dismissal of this case without prejudice or without further notice. (Haim–DOJ, Andrea) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
01/05/2024	<u>9</u>	MEET AND CONFER ORDER REQUIRING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE AND REPORT FOR CONTENTS OF SCHEDULING ORDER: The Joint Report shall be filed on or before February 2, 2024. (Ordered by Judge Reed C. O'Connor on 1/5/2024) (mmw) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
02/01/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint MOTION to Stay filed by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Haim–DOJ, Andrea) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/07/2024	<u>11</u>	ORDER...Before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion to Stay (ECF No. <u>10</u>), filed February 1, 2024. Having reviewed the same, the Court determines that the Joint Motion should be and is hereby GRANTED. (Ordered by Judge Reed C. O'Connor on 2/7/2024) (wxc) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
04/05/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT filed by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. (Haim–DOJ, Andrea) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/22/2024	<u>13</u>	ORDER: All deadlines in the above–captioned case are hereby STAYED pending the filing of appropriate settlement and dismissal papers or until May 10, 2024, whichever comes first. (Ordered by Judge Reed C. O'Connor on 4/22/2024) (bdb) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
04/24/2024	<u>14</u>	STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL PURSUANT TO FRCP 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) re <u>1</u> Complaint,,,,, by America First Policy Institute. (Steinmann, Jessica) (Entered: 04/24/2024)
04/24/2024		Civil Case Terminated per <u>14</u> Stipulation. (mmw) (Entered: 04/24/2024)