

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00813-RBW**

INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK v. NATIONAL
INSTITUTES OF HEALTH et al
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton
Related Case: [1:23-cv-03674-RBW](#)
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/20/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/20/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10769873) filed by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons to NIH, # <u>5</u> Summons to HHS, # <u>6</u> Summons to USAG, # <u>7</u> Summons to USAO)(Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 03/20/2024)

03/20/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 03/20/2024)
03/21/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (mg) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(mg) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
03/22/2024	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/22/2024. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/29/2024	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH served on 3/25/2024 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
03/29/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 3/25/2024 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
03/29/2024	<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 03/26/2024. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
03/29/2024	<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 3/22/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/21/2024. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
04/22/2024	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Escher, Sam) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
04/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that, on or before May 16, 2024, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on May 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 8. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/23/2024. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 04/23/2024)
05/07/2024	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Richard Scott Pietrowski on behalf of INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Pietrowski, Richard) (Entered: 05/07/2024)
05/16/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 05/16/2024)
05/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the initial scheduling conference scheduled for May 23, 2024 is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that the parties submit a further joint status report, informing the Court about the progress of the agency's search and the processing of any responsive materials, on or before July 1, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/17/2024. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
06/13/2024	<u>12</u>	Case directly reassigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton as related. Judge Randolph D. Moss is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 06/13/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>13</u>	ORDER. In accordance with the attached Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties' Joint Motion to Consolidate, Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 23-3674, ECF No. 14, is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 24-813, is CONSOLIDATED with Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 23-3674. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall make all future filings in Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 23-3674, and the Clerk of the Court shall refuse to accept any filings in Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 24-813. It is further

ORDERED that, on August 16, 2024, and every sixty days thereafter, the parties shall file a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 17, 2024. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 06/17/2024)