

**United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1 (Chicago)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-02586**

Soule v. United States Department of Justice
Assigned to: Honorable Steven C. Seeger
Cause: 05:551 Administrative Procedure Act

Date Filed: 04/01/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/01/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed by Thomas Soule; Filing fee \$ 405, receipt number AILNDC-21804196.(Ruberry, Edward) (Entered: 04/01/2024)

04/01/2024	<u>2</u>	CIVIL Cover Sheet (Ruberry, Edward) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/01/2024	<u>3</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff Thomas Soule by Edward F. Ruberry (Ruberry, Edward) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/01/2024		CASE ASSIGNED to the Honorable Steven C. Seeger. Designated as Magistrate Judge the Honorable Beth W. Jantz. Case assignment: Random assignment. (Civil Category 2). (vkm,) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/01/2024		CLERK'S NOTICE: Pursuant to Local Rule 73.1(b), a United States Magistrate Judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action. If all parties consent to have the currently assigned United States Magistrate Judge conduct all proceedings in this case, including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings, all parties must sign their names on the attached <u>Consent To form. This consent form is eligible for filing only if executed by all parties. The parties can also express their consent to jurisdiction by a magistrate judge in any joint filing, including the Joint Initial Status Report or proposed Case Management Order.</u> (vkm,) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/02/2024	<u>4</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: An initial status report is due by June 17, 2024. Counsel must read the Standing Order entitled "Initial Status Conferences and Joint Initial Status Reports" on the Court's website. The parties must confer as required by Rule 26(f) about the nature, scope, and duration of discovery. The parties must submit two documents to the Court. First, the parties must file the Joint Initial Status Report under Rule 26(f) on the docket. A Word version of the Joint Initial Status Report is available on the Court's website. All parties must participate in the preparation and filing of the Joint Initial Status Report. The Court requires a joint report, so a filing by one side or the other is not sufficient. Second, the parties must email a Word version of a proposed Scheduling Order under Rule 16(b) to the Court's proposed order inbox. Lead counsel for the parties must participate in filing the initial status report. Plaintiff must serve this Order on all other parties. If the defendant has not been served with process, plaintiff's counsel must contact the Courtroom Deputy at jessica_j_ramos@ilnd.uscourts.gov to reschedule the initial status report deadline. Plaintiff should not file the Joint Initial Status Report before the defendant(s) has been served with process. The parties must discuss settlement in good faith and make a serious attempt to resolve this case amicably. All counsel of record must read and comply with this Court's Standing Orders on its webpage. Please pay special attention to the Standing Orders about Depositions and Discovery. Mailed notice. (jjr,) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>5</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Thomas Soule for Issuance of Summons (Ruberry, Edward) (Entered: 04/03/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Edward F. Ruberry for presentment of motion for miscellaneous relief <u>5</u> before Honorable Steven C. Seeger on 4/8/2024 at 09:00 AM. (Ruberry, Edward) (Entered: 04/03/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>7</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff Thomas Soule by Edward F. Ruberry of <i>Francis P. Cuisinier</i> (Ruberry, Edward) (Entered: 04/03/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>8</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff Thomas Soule by Francis P. Cuisinier (Cuisinier, Francis) (Entered: 04/03/2024)
04/05/2024	<u>9</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: The motion hearing set for April 8, 2024 is hereby stricken. Mailed notice. (jjr,) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>10</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable Steven C. Seeger: Plaintiff's motion for issuance of a summons to the United States with a shorter return date (Dckt. No. <u>5</u>) is hereby denied. The Federal Rules give the United States 60 days to respond to a complaint. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2). That's the rule, unless there is a good reason to depart from the rule. Here, Plaintiff gives no reason. Plaintiff asks this Court to take away half of the government's customary response time, without giving this reason any reason for the request. Plaintiff did not give a reason, and this Court does not see a reasons on its own. It's a FOIA case, without any unusual urgency. So the request to cut the government's response time in half is hereby denied. Mailed notice (jjr,) (Entered: 04/12/2024)

04/15/2024		SUMMONS Issued as to U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney General (axk,) (Entered: 04/15/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>11</u>	DESIGNATION of Patrick Walter Johnson as U.S. Attorney for Defendant United States Department of Justice (Johnson, Patrick) (Entered: 06/14/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by United States Department of Justice (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Johnson, Patrick) (Entered: 06/14/2024)