

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00572-RC**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN
WASHINGTON v. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/04/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/04/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8274721) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons DOJ, # <u>5</u> Summons DHS, # <u>6</u> Summons DOD, # <u>7</u> Summons Army, # <u>8</u> Summons Interior)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (adh,) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/04/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (7) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 03/04/2021)
03/17/2021	<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 3/15/2021. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/14/2021.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 3/15/2021; DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 3/16/2021; DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/15/2021; DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY served on 3/15/2021; DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 3/15/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/15/21. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 03/17/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Bradley Thomas Craigmyle on behalf of All Defendants (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Main Document 5 replaced on 4/15/2021) (ztth). (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE

		ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Filing of Motion to Consolidate Cases by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Motion to Consolidate Cases filed in Leopold v. DOJ, No. 1:21-cv-558 (APM) (D.D.C.))(Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before April 28, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/14/2014. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/14/2021)
04/15/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 4/28/2021. (tj) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
04/28/2021	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 04/28/2021)
04/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 2, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/28/2021. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/28/2021)
04/29/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/2/2021 (tj) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
04/29/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/2/2021 (tj) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
06/02/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 06/02/2021)
06/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 2, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/2/2021. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/02/2021)
06/02/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/2/2021. (zgdg) (Entered: 06/14/2021)
07/02/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/06/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 2, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/6/2021. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/06/2021)
08/02/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
08/03/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 23, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/3/2021. (lcrc1) (Entered: 08/03/2021)
09/23/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 09/23/2021)

09/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a a joint status report with respect to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by October 23, 2021, and with respect to all other agencies and components by November 23, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/23/2021. (lrcr1) (Entered: 09/23/2021)
10/21/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>with respect to the Federal Bureau of Investigation</i> by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 10/21/2021)
11/23/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 11/23/2021)
11/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 28, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/23/2021. (lrcr1) (Entered: 11/23/2021)
11/23/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/28/2022 (tj) (Entered: 11/23/2021)
01/28/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Craigmyle, Bradley) (Entered: 01/28/2022)
01/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 29, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 01/28/2022. (lrcr1) (Entered: 01/28/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Clifford Lee Reeves, II on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Bradley Craigmyle (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 1, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 03/29/2022. (lrcr1) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
04/01/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/1/2022 (tj) (Entered: 04/01/2022)
06/01/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
06/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 1, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 06/01/2022. (lrcr1) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
08/01/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 08/01/2022)
08/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 3, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 08/01/2022. (lrcr1) (Entered: 08/01/2022)

10/03/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, US DEPT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 10/03/2022)
10/03/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 2, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/3/2022. (lrcr1) (Entered: 10/03/2022)
12/02/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, US DEPT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 12/02/2022)
12/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before February 2, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/2/2022. (lrcr1) (Entered: 12/02/2022)
02/02/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, US DEPT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 02/02/2023)
02/03/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 4, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/3/2023. (lrcr1) (Entered: 02/03/2023)
04/04/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, US DEPT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 04/04/2023)
04/04/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>23</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 5, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/4/2023. (lrcr1) (Entered: 04/04/2023)
04/24/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/5/2023. (tj) (Entered: 04/24/2023)
06/05/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, US DEPT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 06/05/2023)
06/05/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>24</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 8, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/5/2023. (lrcr1) (Entered: 06/05/2023)
06/14/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/8/2023 (tj) (Entered: 06/14/2023)
08/08/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, US DEPT OF INTERIOR, US DEPT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 08/08/2023)
08/08/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>25</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 10, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/8/2023. (lrcr1) (Entered: 08/08/2023)
10/10/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>26</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 12, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/10/2023. (lrcr1) (Entered: 10/10/2023)

12/12/2023	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 12/12/2023)
12/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>27</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before February 13, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/12/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 12/12/2023)
02/12/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
02/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>28</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 12, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/13/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 02/13/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>29</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 12, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/12/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
06/12/2024	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 06/12/2024)
06/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>30</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 13, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/12/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/12/2024)
08/13/2024	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Reeves, Clifford) (Entered: 08/13/2024)
08/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>31</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 15, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/13/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 08/13/2024)