

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00479-RBW**

PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST v. U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/24/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/24/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9062547) filed by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A - FOIA 2021-01226-FOIA-OS, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney's Office, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney General, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons -- HHS General Counsel)(Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 02/24/2022)
02/25/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zsb) (Entered: 02/25/2022)
02/28/2022	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zth) (Entered: 02/28/2022)
04/08/2022	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth Murray Tulis on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/08/2022)

04/08/2022	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before May 6, 2022, the parties shall file a joint proposed briefing schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 8, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/11/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/6/2022. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
05/01/2022	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephanie R. Johnson on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/01/2022)
05/02/2022	<u>6</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. Attorney Stephanie R. Johnson terminated. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/02/2022)
05/06/2022	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
05/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before August 5, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 6, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
05/06/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 8/5/2022. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
08/05/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
08/10/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before December 8, 2022, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 10, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
08/10/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due by 12/8/2022 (mac) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
12/07/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before February 7, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 7, 2022. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/7/2023 (mac) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
02/06/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/06/2023)
02/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before April 7, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 7, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 02/07/2023)
02/07/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/7/2023 (mac) (Entered: 02/07/2023)
04/07/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/07/2023)
04/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before June 7, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 7, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/07/2023)

06/07/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before August 7, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 7, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>13</u>	NOTICE by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>14</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
08/07/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/07/2023)
08/08/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before October 9, 2023, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 8, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 08/08/2023)
10/06/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 10/06/2023)
10/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before December 6, 2023, the parties shall file an additional joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 6, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 10/06/2023)
12/15/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>18</u>	STATUS REPORT by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. "Leave to file is granted" signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on 12/18/2023. (zttt) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before February 15, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 18, 2023. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
02/15/2024	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
02/15/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before April 16, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 15, 2024. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
04/16/2024	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
04/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before June 17, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 16, 2024. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before August 16, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 18, 2024. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 06/18/2024)

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08/13/2024	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/13/2024)
08/14/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before October 15, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 14, 2024. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 08/14/2024)