# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Western Division – Los Angeles) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:22-cv-01450-DSF-AJR

Al Otro Lado, Inc. v. US Customs and Border Protection et al

Assigned to: Judge Dale S. Fischer

Referred to: Magistrate Judge A. Joel Richlin Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/03/2022 Date Terminated: 08/11/2024

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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### **Defendant**

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TERMINATED: 01/18/2023

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/03/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT Receipt No: ACACDC-32886850 – Fee: \$402, filed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 – Original FOIA Request) (Attorney Douglas Eugene Hewlett, Jr added to party Al Otro Lado, Inc.(pty:pla))(Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 03/03/2022)
03/03/2022	2	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado, Inc (Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 03/03/2022)
03/03/2022	<u>3</u>	CERTIFICATE of Interested Parties filed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado, Inc., (Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 03/03/2022)

03/03/2022	4	Request for Clerk to Issue Summons on Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado, Inc (Attachments: #1 Complaint 1, #2 Exhibit 1 to the Complaint [1–1], #3 Civil Cover Sheet 2, #4 Certificate of Interested Parties 3 )(Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 03/03/2022)
03/03/2022	<u>5</u>	Request for Clerk to Issue Summons on Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado, Inc (Attachments: #1 Complaint 1, #2 Exhibit 1 to the Complaint [1–1], #3 Civil Cover Sheet 2, #4 Certificate of Interested Parties 3 )(Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 03/03/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>6</u>	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT to District Judge Dale S. Fischer and Magistrate Judge Alexander F. MacKinnon. (lh) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	7	NOTICE TO PARTIES OF COURT–DIRECTED ADR PROGRAM filed. (lh) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>8</u>	Notice to Counsel Re Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge. (lh) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	9	STANDING ORDER FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE DALE S. FISCHER upon filing of the complaint by Judge Dale S. Fischer. If a party would be entitled to attorneys fees, counsel are referred to the Order Re Fees found on Court's website under Judge Fischer's Procedures and Schedules contained in the Judge's Requirements tab. Read all Orders carefully. They govern this case and differ in some respects from the Local Rules. COUNSEL ARE ORDERED TO PROVIDE A MANDATORY CHAMBERS COPY OF THE COMPLAINT, NOTICE OF REMOVAL, AND ANY OTHER INITIATING DOCUMENTS. (rfi) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>10</u>	30 DAY Summons Issued re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> as to Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (lh) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>11</u>	30 DAY Summons Issued re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> as to Defendant U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (lh) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION DUE for Non–Resident Attorney David L. Dubrow. A document recently filed in this case lists you as an out–of–state attorney of record. However, the Court has not been able to locate any record that you are admitted to the Bar of this Court, and you have not filed an application to appear Pro Hac Vice in this case. Accordingly, within 5 business days of the date of this notice, you must either (1) have your local counsel file an application to appear Pro Hac Vice (Form G–64) and pay the applicable fee, or (2) complete the next section of this form and return it to the court at cacd_attyadm@cacd.uscourts.gov. You have been removed as counsel of record from the docket in this case, and you will not be added back to the docket until your Pro Hac Vice status has been resolved. (lh) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/04/2022	13	NOTICE OF PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION DUE for Non–Resident Attorney Andrew Dykens. A document recently filed in this case lists you as an out–of–state attorney of record. However, the Court has not been able to locate any record that you are admitted to the Bar of this Court, and you have not filed an application to appear Pro Hac Vice in this case. Accordingly, within 5 business days of the date of this notice, you must either (1) have your local counsel file an application to appear Pro Hac Vice (Form G–64) and pay the applicable fee, or (2) complete the next section of this form and return it to the court at cacd_attyadm@cacd.uscourts.gov. You have been removed as counsel of record from the docket in this case, and you will not be added back to the docket until your Pro Hac Vice status has been resolved. (lh) (Entered: 03/04/2022)
03/09/2022	<u>14</u>	RESPONSE filed by Pro Hac Vice attorney David L. Dubrow on behalf of Plaintiff Al Otro Lado. RE: Notice of Filing Fee Due. PHV fee N/A. Attorney will not be appearing as attorney of record on this case. (lt) (Entered: 03/09/2022)
03/10/2022	<u>15</u>	RESPONSE filed by Pro Hac Vice attorney Andrew Dykens on behalf of Plaintiff Al Otro Lado. RE: Notice of Filing Fee Due. PHV fee N/A. Attorney will not be appearing as attorney of record on this case. (lt) (Entered: 03/10/2022)
03/30/2022	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance filed by attorney Derek Ha on behalf of Plaintiff Al Otro Lado (Attorney Derek Ha added to party Al Otro Lado(pty:pla))(Ha, Derek) (Entered:

		03/30/2022)
07/07/2022	<u>17</u>	Order to Show Cause by Judge Dale S. Fischer re Dismissal for Lack of Prosecution. Plaintiff is ordered to show cause no later than 7/21/2022, why the unserved defendant should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute. See Order for specifics. (jp) (Entered: 07/08/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>18</u>	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado, upon Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection served on 7/20/2022, answer due 9/19/2022. Service of the Summons and Complaint were executed upon the United States Attorneys Office by delivering a copy to Flabia De La Rosa. Executed upon the Attorney Generals Office of the United States by unspecified means. Executed upon the officer agency or corporation by unspecified means. Service was executed in compliance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Due diligence declaration NOT attached. Registered or certified mail return receipt NOT attached. Certified Mail Service to the Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice and U.S. Customs and Border Protection was served on July 19, 2022 (return receipt has not yet been received). (Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
07/21/2022	<u>19</u>	PROOF OF SERVICE Executed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado, upon Defendant U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement served on 7/20/2022, answer due 9/19/2022. Service of the Summons and Complaint were executed upon the United States Attorneys Office by delivering a copy to Flabia De La Rosa. Executed upon the Attorney Generals Office of the United States by unspecified means. Executed upon the officer agency or corporation by unspecified means. Service was executed in compliance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Due diligence declaration NOT attached. Registered or certified mail return receipt NOT attached. Certified Mail Service to the Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was served on July 19, 2022 (return receipt has not yet been received). (Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 07/21/2022)
09/19/2022	<u>20</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 11/18/22 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by DEFENDANTS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Attorney Jason K Axe added to party U.S. Customs and Border Protection(pty:dft), Attorney Jason K Axe added to party U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement(pty:dft))(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
09/20/2022	<u>21</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendants to Respond to Plaintiff's Complaint <u>20</u> up to and including 11/18/2022. (jp) (Main Document 21 replaced on 10/11/2022) (jp). (Entered: 09/20/2022)
10/11/2022	<u>22</u>	NOTICE OF CLERICAL ERROR: Due to clerical error Re: Document No. <u>21</u> was not properly flattened. The clerk will replace with a flattened version. (jp) (Entered: 10/11/2022)
11/18/2022	<u>23</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 11/18/23 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by DEFENDANTS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 11/18/2022)
11/18/2022	<u>24</u>	ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR DEFENDANTS TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFFS COMPLAINT 23 by Judge Dale S. Fischer. IT IS SO ORDERED that Defendants shall have an extension of time, up to and including January 18, 2023 within which to answer, plead, or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs Complaint. IT IS SO ORDERED. (rolm) (Entered: 11/19/2022)
01/18/2023	<u>25</u>	NOTICE OF DISMISSAL filed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado pursuant to FRCP 41a(1) as to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
01/18/2023	<u>26</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 2/17/23 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by DEFENDANTS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 01/18/2023)

01/19/2023	<u>27</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint <u>26</u> up to and including 2/17/2023. (jp) (Entered: 01/19/2023)
02/24/2023	<u>28</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 3/27/2023 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by DEFENDANTS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 02/24/2023)
02/24/2023	<u>29</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint 28 up to and including 3/27/2023. (jp) (Entered: 02/24/2023)
03/27/2023	<u>30</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to May 11, 2023 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> filed by DEFENDANT U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 03/27/2023)
03/28/2023	<u>31</u>	ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR DEFENDANT U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT <u>30</u> by Judge Dale S. Fischer. See order for specifics. (lom) (Entered: 03/28/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>32</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 06/15/2023 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>33</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint <u>32</u> up to and including 6/15/2023. (jp) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
06/22/2023	<u>34</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 7/17/23 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 06/22/2023)
06/22/2023	<u>35</u>	ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR DEFENDANT U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT granting Stipulation <u>34</u> by Judge Dale S. Fischer: IT IS SO ORDERED that Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall have an extension of time, up to and including July 17, 2023 within which to answer, plead, or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint. (bm) (Entered: 06/22/2023)
07/18/2023	<u>36</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to August 31, 2023 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 07/18/2023)
07/18/2023	<u>37</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint <u>36</u> up to and including 8/31/2023. (jp) (Entered: 07/18/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>38</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 10/27/23 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>39</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint 38 up to and including 10/27/23. (aco) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
10/27/2023	<u>40</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 12/18/2023 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1, Stipulation to Extend Time to Answer (More than 30 days) 38 filed by defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 10/27/2023)
10/30/2023	<u>41</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint <u>40</u> up to and including 12/18/2023. (jp) (Entered: 10/30/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>42</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to January 29, 2024 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered:

		12/18/2023)
12/19/2023	<u>43</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint <u>42</u> , up to and including 1/29/2024. (jp) (Entered: 12/19/2023)
01/30/2024	<u>44</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 3/29/24 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 01/30/2024)
01/31/2024	<u>45</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint <u>44</u> up to and including 3/29/2024. (jp) (Entered: 01/31/2024)
03/12/2024	<u>46</u>	NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT OF CASE due to Unavailability of Judicial Officer filed. The previously assigned Magistrate Judge is no longer available. Pursuant to directive of the Chief Magistrate Judge and in accordance with the rules of this Court, the case has been returned to the Clerk for reassignment. This case has been reassigned to Magistrate Judge A. Joel Richlin for any discovery and/or post–judgment matters that may be referred. Case number will now read as 2:22–cv–01450–DSF–AJRx. (cbr) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>47</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 5/231/24 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) 1 filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>48</u>	ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR DEFENDANT U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT <u>47</u> by Judge Dale S. Fischer. IT IS SO ORDERED that Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall have an extension of time, up to and including May 31, 2024 within which to answer, plead, or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's Complaint. (rolm) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>49</u>	STIPULATION for Extension of Time to File Answer to 07/31/2024 re Complaint (Attorney Civil Case Opening) <u>1</u> filed by Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Axe, Jason) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>50</u>	ORDER by Judge Dale S. Fischer Extending Time for Defendant U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Respond to Complaint 49 up to and including 7/31/2024. (jp) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
08/11/2024	<u>51</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal filed by Plaintiff Al Otro Lado. Dismissal is without prejudice. (Hewlett, Douglas) (Entered: 08/11/2024)