

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00845-RC**

LEOPOLD et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/29/2022
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/29/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9135699) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex 1-3, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED INC. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/30/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (znm) (Entered: 03/30/2022)
03/30/2022	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(ztth) (Entered: 03/30/2022)
04/18/2022	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marsha Wellknown Yee on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 04/18/2022)
05/11/2022	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.(Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 05/11/2022)
05/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before May 25, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5-11-2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 05/11/2022)

05/25/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 05/25/2022)
05/25/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties are to file another joint status report on or before September 29, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5-25-2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 05/25/2022)
05/26/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/29/2022. (zgdf) (Entered: 05/26/2022)
09/29/2022	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
09/29/2022		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 January 12, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9-29-2022. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
01/12/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 01/12/2023)
01/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 12, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1-12-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/12/2023)
02/21/2023	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/22/2023		RESOLVED...NOTICE of Provisional/Government Not Certified Status re NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Wayne, Merrick), Your attorney renewal/government certification has not been received. As a result, your membership with the U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia is not in good standing, and you are not permitted to file. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.9, you must immediately correct your membership status by following the appropriate instructions on this page of our website: https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-renewal . Please be advised that the presiding judge in this case has been notified that you are currently not in good standing to file in this court. Renewal Due by 3/1/2023. (zbaj) Modified on 2/23/2023 (znmw). Modified on 3/2/2023 (zbaj). (Entered: 02/22/2023)
04/12/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 04/12/2023)
04/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 2, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4-12-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/12/2023)
04/21/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/2/2023 (tj) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
08/02/2023	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 08/02/2023)
08/03/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 2, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8-3-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/03/2023)
11/02/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Yee, Marsha) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/02/2023		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 25, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11-2-2023. (lcrc3)

		(Entered: 11/02/2023)
01/25/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by BUZZFEED INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
01/25/2024		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 April 25, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1-24-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
02/10/2024	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brian P. Hudak on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Substituting for attorney Marsha Yee (Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 02/10/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Dimitar Georgiev-Rommel on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Substituting for attorney Brian P. Hudak (Georgiev-Rommel, Dimitar) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
04/25/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Georgiev-Rommel, Dimitar) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
04/25/2024		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 July 19, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4-25-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
07/19/2024	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Georgiev-Rommel, Dimitar) (Entered: 07/19/2024)
07/22/2024		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 17, 2024, unless the case has been dismissed by then. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/22/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/22/2024)