# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-01153-RCL

#### GREENSPAN v. U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

COMMISSION

Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

### <u>Plaintiff</u>

### **AARON GREENSPAN**

Date Filed: 04/26/2022 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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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/26/2022	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–9197140) filed by AARON GREENSPAN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex 1–12, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Ex 13–24, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/26/2022	2	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of AARON GREENSPAN (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/26/2022	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Loevy on behalf of AARON GREENSPAN (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/27/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (znmg) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
04/27/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
05/26/2022	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION served on 5/11/2022 (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 05/26/2022)
05/26/2022	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/12/2022. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 05/26/2022)
06/10/2022	7	NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas Duffey on behalf of U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 06/10/2022)
06/13/2022	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.(Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/17/2022	<u>9</u>	ORDER: The government's Vaughn index and accompanying dispositive motion due in thirty days. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 6/17/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
07/18/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint MOTION to Vacate <u>9</u> Order, Scheduling Order <i>with proposed order</i> by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 07/18/2022)
07/18/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 07/18/2022)
07/19/2022	<u>12</u>	ORDER granting <u>10</u> Joint MOTION to Vacate <u>9</u> Order. Joint Status Report due by 9/19/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/19/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 07/19/2022)
07/27/2022	<u>13</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by AARON GREENSPAN. (Loevy, Joshua) Modified on 7/29/2022; refiled as Docket Entry <u>14</u> . (znmw). (Entered: 07/27/2022)
07/27/2022	<u>14</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney <i>Corrected</i> by AARON GREENSPAN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 07/27/2022)
07/28/2022		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>14</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney; emailed to matt@loevy.com, cc'd 6 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. <b>Please note the following for future filings; do not refile document</b> , 2. DC NOT REFILE – Counsel is reminded signature must match login/password (zjf, ) (Entered: 07/28/2022)
09/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER denying Motion <u>14</u> to Withdraw as Attorney: Local Civil Rule 83.6(c) states that "a motion to withdraw an appearance shall be accompanied by a certificate of service listing the party's last known address, unless such address does not appear on the public docket, and stating that the attorney has served upon the party a copy of the motion and a notice advising the party to obtain other counsel, or if the

		party intends to conduct the case pro se or to object to the withdrawal, to so notify the Clerk in writing within seven days of service of the motion." In this case, plaintiff's address appears on the public docket, yet the certificate of service accompanying the motion only lists his email address. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is DENIED without prejudice to refiling with an amended certificate of service listing plaintiff's last known address. Plaintiff's time for notifying the Clerk if he wishes to proceed pro se or oppose the withdrawal will begin to run from the new date of service. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/14/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 09/14/2022)
09/16/2022	<u>15</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by AARON GREENSPAN. (Loevy, Joshua) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
09/19/2022	<u>16</u>	MOTION for CM/ECF Password by AARON GREENSPAN. (ztth) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
09/19/2022	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Defendant's</i> by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
09/27/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting Motion <u>16</u> for CM/ECF Password: It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED, and plaintiff Greenspan shall have leave to file in this matter via CM/ECF. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/27/2022. (lcrcl3) Modified on 9/28/2022 (lsj). (Entered: 09/27/2022)
09/28/2022	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Non–Opposition to Withdrawal of Attorneys by AARON GREENSPAN (GREENSPAN, AARON) (Entered: 09/28/2022)
09/29/2022		Minute ORDER granting Motion <u>15</u> to Withdraw as Attorney: It is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to update the public docket to terminate Attorneys Joshua Loevy and Matthew Topic. Plaintiff will proceed pro se. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/29/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
09/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further joint status report by 12/19/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/29/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 09/29/2022)
12/19/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
12/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER; Set/Reset Deadlines: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further joint status report by 03/20/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/20/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 12/20/2022)
01/12/2023	<u>20</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Amended and/or Supplemental Complaint by AARON GREENSPAN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proposed Amended Complaint, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(GREENSPAN, AARON) (Entered: 01/12/2023)
02/15/2023	<u>21</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Fithawi Berhane on behalf of U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Substituting for attorney Thomas W. Duffey (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 02/15/2023)
03/20/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 03/20/2023)
04/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 06/20/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 04/12/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 04/12/2023)
06/01/2023	23	ORDER granting Motion <u>20</u> for Leave to File Amended Complaint: Upon consideration of plaintiff's unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The Amended Complaint [20–1] attached to the motion shall be filed this date. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/01/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 06/01/2023)
06/01/2023	<u>24</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION filed by AARON GREENSPAN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1–26)(GREENSPAN, AARON) (Entered: 06/01/2023)

06/15/2023	<u>25</u>	ANSWER to <u>24</u> Amended Complaint by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.(Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 06/15/2023)
06/20/2023	<u>26</u>	STATUS REPORT of Plaintiff by AARON GREENSPAN. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(GREENSPAN, AARON) (Entered: 06/20/2023)
06/20/2023	<u>27</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 06/20/2023)
07/03/2023	<u>28</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 07/03/2023)
07/31/2023	<u>29</u>	ORDER: The parties are ORDERED to file a Joint (not separate) Status Report within 30 days of the entry of this Order. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/28/2023. (Icrcl3) (Entered: 07/31/2023)
08/30/2023	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 08/30/2023)
06/10/2024	<u>31</u>	MOTION for Leave to File Amended and/or Supplemental Complaint by AARON GREENSPAN. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1: [Proposed] Second Amended Complaint)(GREENSPAN, AARON) (Entered: 06/10/2024)
06/24/2024	<u>32</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>31</u> Motion for Leave to File filed by U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
06/30/2024	<u>33</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>31</u> MOTION for Leave to File <i>Amended and/or Supplemental Complaint</i> filed by AARON GREENSPAN. (GREENSPAN, AARON) (Entered: 06/30/2024)