

**U.S. District Court**  
**United States District Court – District of New Mexico (Las Cruces)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:22-cv-00443-KG-KRS**

Innovation Law Lab v. U.S. Immigration and Customs  
 Enforcement  
 Assigned to: District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales  
 Referred to: Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/13/2022  
 Date Terminated: 07/22/2024  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/13/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ( Filing Fee – Online Payment), filed by Innovation Law Lab. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 3)(Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/13/2022		Filing and Administrative Fees Received: \$ 402 receipt number ANMDC-8315115 re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by Innovation Law Lab (Payment made via Pay.gov)(Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/13/2022		Office code correction. Case office code has been changed from 1 (Albuquerque) to 2 (Las Cruces). (jg) (Entered: 06/13/2022)

06/13/2022		United States Magistrate Judge Stephan M. Vidmar and United States Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea assigned. (jg) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/13/2022	2	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this case has been randomly assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Stephan M. Vidmar to conduct dispositive proceedings in this matter, including motions and trial. Appeal from a judgment entered by a Magistrate Judge will be to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. <b>It is the responsibility of the case filer to serve a copy of this Notice upon all parties with the summons and complaint.</b> <i>Consent is strictly voluntary, and a party is free to withhold consent without adverse consequences. Should a party choose to consent, notice should be made no later than 21 days after entry of the Order setting the Rule 16 Initial Scheduling Conference.</i> For e-filers, visit our Web site at <a href="http://www.nmd.uscourts.gov">www.nmd.uscourts.gov</a> for more information and instructions. [THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. THERE ARE NO DOCUMENTS ATTACHED.] (jg) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/13/2022	3	Opposed MOTION for Preliminary Injunction by Innovation Law Lab. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supplement Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 5) (Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/13/2022		Summons Issued as to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (2), U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (jg) (Entered: 06/13/2022)
06/14/2022	4	NOTICE OF IMPENDING REASSIGNMENT: Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(2), the parties are reminded that a magistrate judge was assigned as the trial judge in this matter under 28 U.S.C. 636(c). The parties are advised that this matter will be reassigned to a district judge as presiding judge if written consents from all parties have not been filed within <b>10 days</b> . The parties are free to withhold consent. <i>If you have already entered your consent, you need not resubmit.</i> (rh) (Entered: 06/14/2022)
06/24/2022	5	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Innovation Law Lab. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement served on 6/15/2022, answer due 8/15/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supplement Summons Return – DHS General Counsel, # <u>2</u> Supplement Summons Return – ICE Office of Principal Legal Advisor)(Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
06/24/2022	6	NOTICE of Appearance by Manuel Lucero on behalf of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
06/24/2022	7	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>3</u> Opposed MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Declaration) (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 06/24/2022)
06/27/2022	8	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this case has been reassigned to United States District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales as the trial judge.  Under D.N.M.LR–Civ. 10.1, the first page of each document must have the case file number and initials of the assigned judges.  <b><i>Accordingly, further documents filed in this matter must bear the case number and the judges' initials shown in the case caption and the NEF for this document.</i></b> Kindly reflect this change in your filings.  United States Magistrate Judge Stephan M. Vidmar no longer assigned to this case. [THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. THERE ARE NO DOCUMENTS ATTACHED.] (jg) (Entered: 06/27/2022)
06/28/2022	9	ORDER by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales setting a telephonic status conference for 6/30/2022 at 11:00 AM in Las Cruces – Telephonic Hearing/Conference before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. (tah) (Entered: 06/28/2022)
06/29/2022	10	AMENDED ORDER by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales resetting the telephonic status conference for <b>TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.</b> (tah) (Entered: 06/29/2022)
06/29/2022		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 7/5/2022 at 09:00 AM in Las Cruces – Telephonic Hearing/Conference before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. (tah)

		(Entered: 06/29/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>11</u>	ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. Status Conference set for 7/8/2022 at 09:00 AM in Las Cruces – Telephonic Hearing/Conference before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. (mej) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>12</u>	ORDER by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. (mej) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/06/2022	<u>13</u>	REPLY to Response to Motion re <u>3</u> Opposed MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Innovation Law Lab. (Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 07/06/2022)
07/06/2022	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Briefing Complete by Innovation Law Lab re <u>3</u> Opposed MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Innovation Law Lab (Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 07/06/2022)
07/07/2022	<u>15</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Innovation Law Lab. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement served on 6/20/2022, answer due 8/15/2022. (Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 07/07/2022)
07/08/2022	<u>16</u>	ORDER SETTING STATUS CONFERENCE by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. Status Conference set for 7/22/2022 at 09:00 AM in Las Cruces – Telephonic Hearing/Conference before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. (mej) (Entered: 07/08/2022)
07/18/2022		***FILED IN ERROR***AMENDED ORDER SETTING TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. Status Conference set for 7/22/2022 at 01:30 PM in Las Cruces – Telephonic Hearing/Conference before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. (tah) Modified text on 7/18/2022 (arn). (Entered: 07/18/2022)
07/18/2022	<u>17</u>	AMENDED ORDER SETTING TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. Telephonic status conference set 7/22/2022 at 1:30 p.m. (tah) (Entered: 07/18/2022)
07/19/2022	<u>18</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by Innovation Law Lab.(Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 07/19/2022)
07/22/2022	<u>19</u>	Clerk's Minutes for proceedings held before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales: Telephonic Status Conference held on 7/22/2022 from 1:30–1:40 p.m. Participants included Christopher Benoit and Rebecca Sheff on behalf of Plaintiff; Manuel Lucero on behalf of Defendant. Case is progressing satisfactorily. The Court will schedule a follow up status conference on 8/3/2022 at 2:30 p.m. [THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. THERE ARE NO DOCUMENTS ATTACHED.] (Court Reporter Fatima Sanchez) (tah) (Entered: 07/22/2022)
07/26/2022	<u>20</u>	ORDER by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales setting a telephonic status conference for 8/3/2022 at 02:30 PM in Las Cruces – Telephonic Hearing/Conference before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales. (tah) (Entered: 07/26/2022)
08/03/2022	<u>21</u>	Clerk's Minutes for proceedings held before District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales: Telephonic Status Conference held on 8/3/2022. (Court Reporter Fatima Sanchez) (tah) (Entered: 08/03/2022)
08/04/2022	<u>22</u>	ORDER by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales finding as moot <u>3</u> Motion for Preliminary Injunction. (tah) (Entered: 08/04/2022)
08/04/2022	<u>23</u>	INITIAL SCHEDULING ORDER: by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea. Joint Status Report due by September 6, 2022. Initial Scheduling Conference set for September 15, 2022 at 11:00 AM. (atc) (Entered: 08/04/2022)
08/26/2022	<u>24</u>	Joint Status Report by Innovation Law Lab (Benoit, Christopher) (Entered: 08/26/2022)
09/15/2022	<u>25</u>	Clerk's Minutes for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea: Scheduling Conference held on 9/15/2022. (atc) (Entered: 09/15/2022)

09/15/2022	<u>26</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea. (atc) (Entered: 09/15/2022)
12/01/2022	<u>27</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 12/01/2022)
01/31/2023	<u>28</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>for Feb 2023</i> by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
03/31/2023	<u>29</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Forth</i> by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 03/31/2023)
06/01/2023	<u>30</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Fifth Status Report</i> by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 06/01/2023)
07/21/2023	<u>31</u>	Joint Status Report by Innovation Law Lab (Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
08/01/2023	<u>32</u>	ORDER SETTING DEADLINE by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea. (atc) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
09/05/2023	<u>33</u>	Joint Status Report by Innovation Law Lab (Benoit, Christopher) (Entered: 09/05/2023)
09/13/2023	<u>34</u>	ORDER SETTING DEADLINES by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea. (atc) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
10/10/2023	<u>35</u>	Joint Status Report <i>October 2023</i> by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>36</u>	ORDER Extending Deadlines by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea. (atc) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
11/02/2023	<u>37</u>	Joint Status Report by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/06/2023	38	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea SETTING Telephonic Status Conference for November 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM to discuss revising the briefing schedule and setting a settlement conference. The parties shall call (888) 398-2342 and enter code 8193818 to join the proceedings. <a href="#">[THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. NO DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED.]</a> (atc) (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>39</u>	Clerk's Minutes for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea: Status Conference held on 11/15/2023. (atc) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023	40	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea Extending Deadlines. Defendant shall provide responses to Plaintiff's list of remaining issues no later than January 31, 2024. <a href="#">[THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. NO DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED.]</a> (atc) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/15/2023	41	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea SETTING Telephonic Status Conference for February 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM. The parties shall call (888) 398-2342 and enter code 8193818 to join the proceedings. <a href="#">[THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. NO DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED.]</a> (atc) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
02/27/2024	<u>42</u>	Clerk's Minutes for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea: Status Conference held on 2/27/2024. (atc) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
02/27/2024	<u>43</u>	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea SETTING Settlement Conference for May 23, 2024 at 09:00 AM via Zoom. Telephonic Status Conference set for April 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Consult Order for associated deadlines. (atc) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
04/16/2024	<u>44</u>	Clerk's Minutes for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea: Status Conference held on 4/16/2024. (atc) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
04/29/2024	45	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea VACATING Settlement Conference. Pursuant to the parties' notification that this case has settled, the Court hereby vacates the May 23, 2024 settlement conference and all associated deadlines. <a href="#">[THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. NO DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED.]</a> (atc) (Entered: 04/29/2024)

04/29/2024	<u>46</u>	ORDER to Submit Closing Documents by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea. Pursuant to the parties' notification that this case has settled, the Court hereby orders the parties to submit closing documents, and a fee application if necessary, on or before June 28, 2024. <a href="#">[THIS IS A TEXT-ONLY ENTRY. NO DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED.]</a> (atc) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>47</u>	STIPULATION <i>Stipulated Fee and Cost Settlement Agreement</i> by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 06/14/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>48</u>	STIPULATION <i>Amended Stipulated Fee and Cost Settlement Agreement</i> by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Lucero, Manuel) (Entered: 06/14/2024)
06/21/2024	<u>49</u>	ORDER by Magistrate Judge Kevin R. Sweazea to submit proposed order and closing documents. (atc) (Entered: 06/21/2024)
07/15/2024	<u>50</u>	ORDER by District Judge Kenneth J. Gonzales approving <u>48</u> Amended Stipulated Fee and Cost Settlement Agreement filed June 14, 2024. (tah) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
07/18/2024	<u>51</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by Innovation Law Lab (Sheff, Rebecca) (Entered: 07/18/2024)