

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01115-ACR**

CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES v. U.S. CUSTOMS  
AND BORDER PROTECTION  
Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/21/2023  
Date Terminated: 06/28/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/21/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10017575) filed by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons for US Attorney, # <u>2</u> Summons for Defendant, # <u>3</u> Summons for Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
04/21/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Ana C. Reyes. (zrtw) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
04/21/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
04/21/2023	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 04/21/2023)

		04/21/2023)
05/16/2023	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/1/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/31/2023. (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
05/16/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/1/2023. (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
05/16/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION served on 4/27/2023 (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
05/25/2023	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
05/25/2023	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
05/26/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of Defendant's <u>8</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond, and for good cause shown and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's Consent Motion is GRANTED, and Defendant shall respond to the Complaint in this action on or before June 30, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 5/26/2023. (lcjo) (Entered: 05/26/2023)
05/29/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Answer to complaint due by 6/30/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/29/2023)
06/29/2023	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/29/2023)
06/30/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff filed this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") action on April 21, 2023. Dkt 1. Defendant filed its Answer on June 29, 2023. Dkt. 9. Cases filed under FOIA are exempt from the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Local Civil Rule 16.3. <i>See</i> LCvR 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before July 13, 2023. The Joint Status Report should address, among other things: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for a stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Counsel shall not contact Chambers directly concerning scheduling or other matters, as Chambers personnel will not handle questions relating to the status or scheduling of pending matters, except in case of an emergency. In an emergency, Chambers can be reached at (202) 354-3350. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 6/30/2023. (lcjo) (Entered: 06/30/2023)
07/05/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/13/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/13/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES. (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
07/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that, on or before August 14, 2023, the parties shall file another joint status report apprising the Court as to the status of the ongoing search and Defendant's production efforts. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 7/14/2023. (lcjo) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
07/16/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 8/14/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/16/2023)
07/19/2023	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Colin M. Farnsworth on behalf of CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Appearance)(Farnsworth,

		Colin) (Entered: 07/19/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that, on or before September 13, 2023, the parties shall file another joint status report. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 8/15/2023. (lcacr1) (Entered: 08/15/2023)
08/16/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/13/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/16/2023)
09/13/2023	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
09/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 17, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 9/14/2023. (lcacr1) (Entered: 09/14/2023)
09/14/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 10/17/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/14/2023)
10/17/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 10/17/2023)
10/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 1, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 10/18/2023. (lcacr1) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
10/19/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/1/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/19/2023)
11/01/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 11/01/2023)
11/02/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 22, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 11/2/2023. (lcacr1) (Entered: 11/02/2023)
11/05/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/22/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 11/05/2023)
11/21/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
11/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 22, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 11/21/2023. (lcacr1) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
12/04/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 12/22/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/04/2023)
12/20/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
01/23/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
01/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before February 26, 2024. It is further ORDERED that the parties must meet and confer in person prior to submitting the joint status report. If the parties cannot reach agreement on a remaining processing schedule, if one is necessary, by February 26, 2024, the Court will immediately schedule an in-person status conference, and the Government should be prepared to process the remaining documents on an expedited schedule set by the Court. If, at that status conference, the Court finds that either party is acting in bad faith or being patently unreasonable, it will enter a Show Cause Order on

		Sanctions. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 1/24/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 01/24/2024)
01/25/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/26/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
02/23/2024	<u>19</u>	NOTICE <i>Request to Schedule a Pre-Motion Conference</i> by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES (Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 02/23/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
03/01/2024	<u>21</u>	RESPONSE re <u>19</u> Notice (Other) filed by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER directing the parties to contact the Courtroom Deputy, Chashawn White (Chashawn_White@dcd.uscourts.gov), to schedule a pre-motion conference on March 4, 5, or 6, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 3/1/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/05/2024		NOTICE of Hearing: Pre-motion Conference set for 3/11/2024 at 4:00 PM via videoconference before Judge Ana C. Reyes. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/07/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Pre-motion Conference reset for 4:30 PM on 3/11/2024 via videoconference before Judge Ana C. Reyes. Please note the change in hearing start time. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
03/08/2024	<u>22</u>	MOTION for Mediation by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra). Added MOTION to Stay on 3/8/2024 (zdp). (Entered: 03/08/2024)
03/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>22</u> Motion for Mediation. It is ORDERED that this matter is hereby REFERRED to the mediation program administered by the Circuit Executive's Office for an in-person mediation, in Washington, D.C., to occur on or before May 10, 2024. To the extent practicable, the mediator shall have experience in FOIA and/or immigration matters. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before May 10, 2024, to update the Court on the outcome of their mediation with the Circuit Executive's Office. It is further ORDERED that this case is STAYED pending the outcome of the mediation. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 3/11/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/11/2024		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Ana C. Reyes: Pre-motion Conference held on 3/11/2024. (Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth) (zcdw) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/11/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/10/2024. Case Stayed. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/25/2024	<u>23</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, before Judge Ana C. Reyes, held on 3-11-2024. Page Numbers: 1 - 20. Date of Issuance: 3-25-2024. Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth, Telephone number: 202-354-3242. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <a href="#">Transcript Order Form</a></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p><b>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS:</b> The parties have twenty-one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at <a href="http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov">www.dcd.uscourts.gov</a>.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 4/15/2024. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/25/2024. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/23/2024.(Saint-Loth, Elizabeth) (Entered: 03/25/2024)</p>

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05/10/2024	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/10/2024)
05/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER directing the parties to file another joint status report on or before May 17, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 5/13/2024 (lcacr1) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES. (Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER directing the parties to file another joint status report on or before June 17, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 5/20/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
05/21/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/17/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER directing the parties to file another joint status report on or before July 16, 2024, and every 30 days thereafter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 6/17/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/28/2024	<u>27</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/28/2024)