

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01395-RC**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY et al  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/17/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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**TERMINATED: 07/13/2023**

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**Defendant**

**U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/17/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10073959) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons US Atty General, # <u>4</u> Summons DHS, # <u>5</u> Summons ICE, # <u>6</u> Summons CBP, # <u>7</u> Summons USCIS)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/17/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zrtw) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (6) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
06/21/2023	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/21/2023)
06/21/2023	<u>5</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 06/21/2023)
06/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendants' <u>5</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendants shall file an answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before July 26, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6-21-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/21/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>6</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE of Appearance by Emma Lewis on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Lewis, Emma); Modified on 7/13/2023 (zth). (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/13/2023	<u>7</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Hart W. Wood terminated. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
07/13/2023		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>6</u> Notice of Appearance. The following error(s) need correction: Incorrect court header/case caption/case number. Please refile. Other- Please refile removing the headers. Additionally, the document should be filed in PDF format. (zth) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
07/26/2023	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/26/2023)
07/26/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule by August 9, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/26/2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/26/2023)

08/01/2023	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Emma Lewis on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
08/09/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 08/09/2023)
08/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before October 10, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8-9-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/09/2023)
10/10/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 8, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10-10-2023. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
01/08/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
01/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 8, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1-8-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
04/08/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/08/2024)
04/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 8, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4-8-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/08/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>14</u>	Consent MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Daniel Martinez, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-10904758. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
06/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>14</u> Motion for Leave to Appear <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> : Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2, it is hereby ORDERED that Daniel Havlir Martinez is admitted to represent Plaintiff <i>pro hac vice</i> in this case. SO ORDERED. <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions.</b> Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/26/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/26/2024)
06/27/2024	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Havlir Martinez on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Martinez, Daniel) (Entered: 06/27/2024)
07/08/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/08/2024)
07/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 7, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/8/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 07/08/2024)