

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01494-CKK**

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE v. FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/24/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/24/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10092717) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW &

		JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Exhibit, # <u>5</u> Exhibit, # <u>6</u> Exhibit, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>8</u> Summons, # <u>9</u> Summons, # <u>10</u> Summons)(Monaghan, John) (Entered: 05/24/2023)
05/24/2023	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John A. Monaghan on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 05/24/2023)
05/24/2023	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 05/24/2023)
05/25/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zrtw) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
05/25/2023	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
05/30/2023	<u>5</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 05/30/23. (DM) (Entered: 05/30/2023)
06/12/2023	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin Paul Sisney on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
06/12/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 6/1/2023 (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
06/12/2023	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/31/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/30/2023. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
07/03/2023	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth J. Shapiro on behalf of All Defendants (Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/03/2023)
07/03/2023	<u>10</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/03/2023)
07/04/2023	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Consent by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION re <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer (Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/04/2023)
07/05/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court is in receipt of Defendant's <u>10</u> Motion to Extend Time to Respond to Complaint <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> . Defendant represents that, due to a processing error at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, counsel for Defendant was only assigned to this FOIA matter on July 3, 2023, four days after Defendant's deadline to answer. In light of this oversight, and due to counsel's recent assignment, Defendant requests an extension of time from June 30, 2023 to July 10, 2023 to respond to Plaintiff's complaint. As Plaintiff consents, and upon a showing of excusable neglect, Defendant's <u>10</u> Motion to Extend Time to Respond to Complaint <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> is GRANTED , <i>nunc pro tunc</i> . Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's complaint on or before July 10, 2023 . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 5, 2023. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/05/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint <u>1</u> due by 7/10/2023. (dot) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/06/2023	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sarah Suwanda on behalf of All Defendants (Suwanda, Sarah) (Entered: 07/06/2023)
07/10/2023	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.(Suwanda, Sarah) (Entered: 07/10/2023)
07/17/2023	<u>14</u>	ORDER directing parties to file joint status report on or before August 14, 2023 . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 17, 2023. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/17/2023)

07/17/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/14/2023. (dot) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Suwanda, Sarah) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file their next joint status report on or before October 25, 2023 and, if necessary, another joint status report every ninety days thereafter. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on August 31, 2023. (lcckk1) (Entered: 08/31/2023)
08/31/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2023 and, if necessary, another joint status report every ninety days thereafter. (dot) (Entered: 09/18/2023)
10/25/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Suwanda, Sarah) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
01/23/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Suwanda, Sarah) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
04/22/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Suwanda, Sarah) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Suwanda, Sarah) (Entered: 07/22/2024)