

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02033-RC**

PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST v. U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/14/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/14/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10207980) filed by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A - FOIA Request, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney's

		Office, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney General, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons -- HHS GC)(Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
07/14/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
07/17/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zrtw) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
07/17/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
08/17/2023	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christina O'Tousa on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 08/17/2023)
08/17/2023	<u>5</u>	Counter MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 08/17/2023)
08/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's Answer or other response to Plaintiff's Complaint is due on or before September 19, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/17/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 08/17/2023)
09/19/2023	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 09/19/2023)
09/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before October 3, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/19/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/19/2023)
10/03/2023	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 10/03/2023)
10/03/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>7</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 21, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/3/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 10/03/2023)
10/18/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/21/2023 (tj) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
11/21/2023	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
11/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 19, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/22/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/22/2023)
01/19/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
01/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 11, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/19/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 25, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/11/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
04/25/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 04/25/2024)

04/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 25, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/25/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
06/21/2024	<u>12</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 06/21/2024)
06/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>12</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 9, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/23/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/23/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Alexander Schreiber on behalf of All Defendants (Schreiber, Alexander) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/09/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Schreiber, Alexander) (Entered: 07/09/2024)
07/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 9, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/10/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/10/2024)
08/28/2024	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. Attorney Peter C. Pfaffenroth and Alexander Schreiber terminated. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 08/28/2024)
09/09/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 09/09/2024)
09/10/2024		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 November 9, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/10/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/10/2024)