

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02046-LLA**

CHINESE AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE ALLIANCE v.
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH
Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/17/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

**CHINESE AMERICAN LEGAL
DEFENSE ALLIANCE**

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V.

Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/17/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10210159) filed by CHINESE AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE ALLIANCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons NIH, # <u>3</u> Summons USAG, # <u>4</u> Summons USAO-DC, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 101, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 102, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 103, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 104)(Sorenson, C.) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
07/17/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zljn) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
07/17/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
08/15/2023	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brenda A. Gonzalez Horowitz on behalf of NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 08/15/2023)
08/16/2023	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH served on 8/15/2023, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/24/23., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/24/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/23/2023.) (Sorenson, C.) (Entered: 08/16/2023)
08/21/2023	<u>5</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 08/21/2023)

08/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant shall have through and including September 22, 2023, to respond to the Complaint in this action. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/22/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
09/19/2023	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Order for Leave to Amended Complaint by CHINESE AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE ALLIANCE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> 7(m) Certification, # <u>2</u> Amended Complaint, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 101, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 102, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 103, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 104, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Sorenson, C.) (Entered: 09/19/2023)
09/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's <u>6</u> Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint. It is hereby ordered that Plaintiff's Motion to Amend is granted. The operative Complaint shall be the amended pleading at ECF No. 6-2. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/20/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/20/2023)
09/29/2023	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint (ECF No. 6-2) by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH.(Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 09/29/2023)
10/02/2023	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before October 16, 2023. The Joint Status Report shall include (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 stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See attached order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/02/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/02/2023)
10/16/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
10/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 18, 2023, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/17/2023. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/17/2023)
12/18/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. Alikhan. Judge Amit P. Mehta is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>10</u> , the Court ORDERS that the parties shall file a status report on or before February 15, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 12/21/2023. (lc11a2) (Entered: 12/21/2023)
02/15/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
02/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 16, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 02/16/2024. (lc11a2) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/19/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/16/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/19/2024)
04/16/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 04/16/2024)
04/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 04/17/2024. (lc11a2) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
04/18/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/17/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/18/2024)

06/17/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 16, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 06/18/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 06/18/2024)
08/16/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 08/16/2024)
08/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 08/16/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 08/16/2024)
08/19/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 10/17/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/19/2024)