

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02236-LLA**

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC. et al v. FEDERAL
BUREAU OF PRISONS
Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/02/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/02/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–10249516) filed by NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC., TIRZAH CHRISTOPHER, and MEG ANDERSON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(DeThomas, Courtney) (Entered: 08/02/2023)
08/02/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC. (DeThomas, Courtney) (Entered: 08/02/2023)
08/02/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zljn) (Entered: 08/02/2023)
08/02/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 08/02/2023)
08/18/2023	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS served on 8/11/2023 (DeThomas, Courtney) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/18/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/4/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/3/2023. (DeThomas, Courtney) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/18/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 08/10/2023. (DeThomas, Courtney) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/21/2023	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Thomas R. Burke, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10292329. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by MEG ANDERSON, TIRZAH CHRISTOPHER, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Thomas R. Burke, # <u>2</u> Certificate of Good Standing, # <u>3</u> [Proposed] Order)(DeThomas, Courtney) (Entered: 08/21/2023)
08/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiffs' <u>7</u> Motion for Leave to Appear <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> . It is hereby ORDERED that Attorney Thomas R. Burke is admitted <i>pro hac vice</i> to appear in this matter on behalf of Plaintiffs. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions . Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/22/2023. (lctjk1) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
08/22/2023		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>7</u> MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Thomas R. Burke, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10292329. Fee Status: Fee Paid.. The following error(s) need correction: Declaration must have an original, ink signature. Please refile using the event Declaration. (zth) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
08/23/2023	<u>8</u>	DECLARATION of Thomas R. Burke for Pro Hac Vice Admission by MEG ANDERSON, TIRZAH CHRISTOPHER, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC. re <u>7</u> MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Thomas R. Burke, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10292329. Fee Status: Fee Paid.. (DeThomas, Courtney) (Entered: 08/23/2023)
08/23/2023	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas R. Burke on behalf of MEG ANDERSON, TIRZAH CHRISTOPHER, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, INC. (Burke, Thomas) (Entered: 08/23/2023)

08/31/2023	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 08/31/2023)
09/05/2023	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/05/2023)
09/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by October 3, 2023. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/6/2023. (lctjk1) (Entered: 09/06/2023)
09/29/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/29/2023)
10/02/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by January 2, 2024. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 10/2/2023. (lctjk1) (Entered: 10/02/2023)
12/14/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. Judge Timothy J. Kelly is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
01/02/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/02/2024)
01/02/2024	<u>14</u>	ERRATA by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS re <u>13</u> Status Report. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/02/2024)
01/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties joint status report <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before February 29, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 01/03/2024. (lc1la2) Modified on 1/3/2024 (zcdw). (Entered: 01/03/2024)
01/08/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/29/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
02/29/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
03/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before April 29, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 03/01/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/01/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/29/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
04/29/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
04/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 6, 2024, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed by that date. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 04/29/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
04/30/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 8/6/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/30/2024)
08/06/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 08/06/2024)
08/06/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 7, 2024, unless a stipulation of dismissal is filed by that date. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 08/06/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 08/06/2024)
08/07/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 10/7/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/07/2024)
08/29/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint MOTION for Mediation by FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 08/29/2024)

08/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Motion for Referral to Mediation <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and this case is referred to the Circuit Mediation Program for the purpose of facilitating settlement discussions. The parties shall promptly contact the Circuit Executives Mediation Program at mediation@cadc.uscourts.gov. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before October 30, 2024, updating the court on the status of settlement discussions. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 08/30/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 10/30/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/30/2024)