

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02317-LLA**

PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC. v. U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/10/2023
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
08/10/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10267563) filed by PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec., # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for D.C.)(Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 08/10/2023)
08/10/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 08/10/2023)
08/10/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zljn) (Entered: 08/10/2023)
08/10/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 08/10/2023)

08/11/2023	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/11/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 08/11/2023)
08/24/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/14/23. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 08/24/2023)
08/24/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 8/14/2023 (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 08/24/2023)
08/24/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/17/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/16/2023. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 08/24/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Erika Kirstie Oblea on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>9</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>or Otherwise Respond</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's unopposed motion for extension of time, Dkt. <u>9</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to the complaint in this matter on or before October 18, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 09/15/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
10/18/2023	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
10/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before November 1, 2023, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on November 8, 2023, at 3:00 p.m, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/19/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 10/19/2023)
10/20/2023	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 10/20/2023)
10/23/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's consent motion to extend time, Dkt. <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before November 6, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/23/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 10/23/2023)
11/03/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 11/03/2023)
11/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before January 5, 2024, updating the Court as to the status of the parties' discussions and CBPS's processing and production. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/06/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the initial scheduling conference scheduled for November 8, 2023, is hereby VACATED. The parties' further joint status report, which is currently due on or before January 5, 2024, should propose a new date for an initial scheduling conference. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/6/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 11/06/2023)

11/28/2023	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
12/15/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. Judge Randolph D. Moss is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
01/05/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
01/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before February 20, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 01/05/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
01/09/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/20/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/09/2024)
02/01/2024	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT by PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/01/2024	<u>16</u>	ERRATA by PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC. re <u>15</u> Status Report. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before April 22, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 02/20/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/22/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
04/22/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
04/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before May 22, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 04/22/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
04/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/22/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/22/2024)
05/22/2024	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 05/22/2024)
05/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>19</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before June 21, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 05/22/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 05/22/2024)
05/24/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/21/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
05/24/2024	<u>20</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. Attorney Sean Michael Tepe terminated. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.. (Weismann, Anne) (Entered: 06/14/2024)
06/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>21</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before July 19, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 06/17/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/18/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/19/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 06/18/2024)

07/19/2024	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 07/19/2024)
07/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>22</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before August 19, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 07/19/2024. (lc11a3) (Entered: 07/19/2024)
07/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 8/19/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
08/19/2024	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 08/19/2024)
08/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>23</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before October 3, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 08/20/2024. (lc11a3) (Entered: 08/20/2024)
08/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/3/2024. (mhp) (Entered: 08/20/2024)