

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02673-ACR**

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/12/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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AND JUSTICE**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/12/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U S DEPT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10346067) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A Find a Contact, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Exhibit B DktRpt, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Exhibit C FOIA Request, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Exhibit D Make a FOIA Request, # <u>5</u> Exhibit Exhibit E Confirmation, # <u>6</u> Exhibit Exhibit F Acknowledgement, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>8</u> Summons DOJ US Atty, # <u>9</u> Summons DOJ, # <u>10</u> Summons AG)(Monaghan, John) (Attachment 7 replaced on 9/13/2023) (zrtw). (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John A. Monaghan on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW & JUSTICE (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
09/13/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Ana C. Reyes. (zrtw) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
09/13/2023	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
10/16/2023	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 10/16/2023)

10/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff filed this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") action on September 12, 2023. Dkt 1. Defendant filed its Answer on October 16, 2023. Dkt. 5. Cases filed under FOIA are exempt from the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Local Civil Rule 16.3. <i>See</i> LCvR 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before October 30, 2023. The Joint Status Report should address, among other things: (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 a stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Counsel shall not contact Chambers directly concerning scheduling or other matters, as Chambers personnel will not handle questions relating to the status or scheduling of pending matters, except in case of an emergency. In an emergency, Chambers can be reached at (202) 354-3350. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 10/16/2023. (lcacr1) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
10/16/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 10/30/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
10/23/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/14/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/14/2023. (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 10/23/2023)
10/23/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/10/2023. (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 10/23/2023)
10/23/2023	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/10/2023 (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 10/23/2023)
10/30/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 10/30/2023)
10/30/2023	<u>10</u>	ERRATA re <u>9</u> Joint STATUS REPORT ( <i>Correcting the report filed at docket entry number 9</i> ) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) Modified event title on 10/31/2023 (znmw). (Entered: 10/30/2023)
10/30/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 7, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 10/30/2023.(lcacr1) (Entered: 10/30/2023)
10/30/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 12/7/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 10/30/2023)
12/07/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 12/07/2023)
12/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before February 7, 2024. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 12/7/2023. (lcacr1) (Entered: 12/07/2023)
12/10/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/7/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/10/2023)
02/07/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/07/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 9, 2024 and every 60 days thereafter. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 2/7/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/11/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/9/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/11/2024)

04/09/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 04/09/2024)
06/10/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 06/10/2024)
08/09/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 08/09/2024)