

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02981-RDM**

CATO INSTITUTE v. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER
PROTECTION et al
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/06/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/06/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10405186) filed by CATO INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1-2, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/06/2023)
10/06/2023	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of CATO INSTITUTE (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/06/2023)

10/06/2023	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of CATO INSTITUTE (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 10/06/2023)
10/10/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zcb) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/10/2023	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/10/2023	<u>5</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 10/10/2023. (lcrdm1) (Main Document 5 replaced on 8/21/2024) (zglw). (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/31/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION served on 10/16/2023 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/31/2023)
10/31/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 10/16/2023 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/31/2023)
10/31/2023	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/19/2023. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/31/2023)
10/31/2023	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/11/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/10/2023. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 10/31/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before December 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 December 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. via zoom. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/14/2023. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 11/14/2023)
12/01/2023	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 12/01/2023)
12/04/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendants' 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 December 8, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/4/2023. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 12/04/2023)
12/08/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 12/08/2023)
12/08/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the Initial Scheduling Conference set for December 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m., is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that the parties submit a further joint status report on or before February 8, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/8/23. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 12/08/2023)
02/08/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 02/08/2024)

02/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>13</u> , it is hereby that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 8, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/8/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
04/02/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
04/02/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>14</u> , it is hereby that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before June 10, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/2/2024. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
06/10/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 06/10/2024)
06/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>15</u> , it is hereby that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before August 13, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/13/2024. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 06/13/2024)
08/13/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Robertson, L'Shauntee) (Entered: 08/13/2024)
08/14/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>16</u> , it is hereby that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before October 15, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/14/2024. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 08/14/2024)