

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03511-CJN**

ROPES & GRAY LLP. v. U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/22/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff**ROPES & GRAY LLP.**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/22/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10514511) filed by ROPES & GRAY LLP. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 11/22/2023)
11/22/2023		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>1</u> Complaint; emailed to rebecca.williams@ropesgray.com, cc'd 1 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Noncompliance with LCvR 5.1(c). Please file an errata correcting the initiating pleading to include the name & full residence address of each party using the event Errata. (cb,) (Entered: 11/22/2023)
11/22/2023	<u>2</u>	ERRATA re <u>1</u> Complaint by ROPES & GRAY LLP. re Notice of QC- New Case,. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 11/22/2023)
11/28/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcb) (Entered: 11/28/2023)
11/28/2023		ENTERED IN ERROR.....SUMMONS Not Issued as to U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (zcb) Modified on 11/30/2023 (zcb). (Entered: 11/28/2023)
11/29/2023	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 29, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 11/29/2023)
11/30/2023	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 11/30/2023)

12/11/2023	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Beth Packman Weinman, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10549757. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ROPES & GRAY LLP.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit)(Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 12/11/2023)
12/11/2023	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– John Aidan Lang, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10549778. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ROPES & GRAY LLP.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit)(Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 12/11/2023)
12/11/2023	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Federico Giustini, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10549820. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ROPES & GRAY LLP.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit)(Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 12/11/2023)
12/12/2023		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>7</u> MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Federico Giustini, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10549820. Fee Status: Fee Paid., <u>6</u> MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– John Aidan Lang, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10549778. Fee Status: Fee Paid., <u>5</u> MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Beth Packman Weinman, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10549757. Fee Status: Fee Paid.. The following error(s) need correction: Pro Hac Vice motion must be accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing issued within the last 30 days (LCvR 83.2(c)(2)). Please file certificate as an Errata (mg) (Entered: 12/12/2023)
12/13/2023	<u>8</u>	ERRATA (<i>DC Bar Certificate of Good Standing</i>) by ROPES & GRAY LLP. re <u>5</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. (Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 12/13/2023)
12/14/2023	<u>9</u>	ERRATA (<i>MA Certificate of Good Standing</i>) by ROPES & GRAY LLP. re <u>6</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. (Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
12/14/2023	<u>10</u>	ERRATA (<i>NY Certificate of Good Standing</i>) by ROPES & GRAY LLP. re <u>7</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. (Williams, Rebecca) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
12/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>5</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Beth Packman Weinman is ADMITTED to practice before the Court pro hac vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 18, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>6</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that John Aidan Lang is ADMITTED to practice before the Court pro hac vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 18, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>7</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Federico Giustini is ADMITTED to practice before the Court pro hac vice. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 18, 2023. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
01/31/2024	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kaitlin Kerry Eckrote on behalf of U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 01/31/2024)
02/01/2024	<u>12</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/06/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>12</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to the Complaint on or before March 14, 2024. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 6, 2024. (lccjn1) (Entered: 02/06/2024)

03/14/2024	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 03/14/2024)
04/15/2024	<u>14</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) Modified event type and docket text on 4/15/2024 (zdp). (Entered: 04/15/2024)
04/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional joint status report on or before June 19, 2024, and every 60 days thereafter until any Party moves for a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, files a dispositive motion, or the case is terminated. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 24, 2024. (lccjn1) (Entered: 04/24/2024)
06/20/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
08/19/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 08/19/2024)