U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03674-RBW

INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK v. NATIONAL Date Filed: 12/10/2023

INSTITUTES OF HEALTH et al Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton Related Case: 1:24-cv-00813-RBW

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Plaintiff

INFORMED CONSENT ACTION

NETWORK

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/10/2023	1	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10547844) filed by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit 2, # 3 Exhibit 3, # 4 Exhibit 4, # 5 Civil Cover Sheet, # 6 Summons to NIH, # 7 Summons to HHS, # 8 Summons to USAG, # 9 Summons to USAO)(Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/10/2023)

12/10/2023	2	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/10/2023)
12/11/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zrtw) (Entered: 12/11/2023)
12/11/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 12/11/2023)
12/15/2023	4	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name— R. Scott Pietrowski, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC—10564369. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/16/2023)
12/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The Court having considered the <u>4</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Admission of Attorney R. Scott Pietrowski, and it appearing to the Court that the attorney referenced therein meets the requirements for pro hac vice admission under this Court's rules, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that R. Scott Pietrowski, Siri & Glimstad LLP, 745 Fifth Ave. Suite 500, New York, New York 10151, is ADMITTED to practice before the Court pro hac vice in this case. 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 Reggie B. Walton on December 18, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Richard Scott Pietrowski on behalf of INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Pietrowski, Richard) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/20/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH served on 12/18/2023 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/20/2023	7	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 12/15/2023 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/20/2023	<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 12/19/2023. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/20/2023	9	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/11/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/10/2024. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/21/2023	<u>10</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 21, 2023. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 12/21/2023)
01/05/2024	11	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint</i> by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Escher, Sam) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
01/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendants' 11 Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendants' 11 Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that on or before February 9, 2024, the defendants shall file their answer or otherwise respond to the plaintiff's Complaint. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 5, 2024. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 01/05/2024)
02/07/2024	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Escher, Sam) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before March 7, 2024, the parties shall file a joint proposed

		briefing schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 8, 2024. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
03/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 13 Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before June 5, 2024, the parties shall submit a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 8, 2024. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 03/08/2024)
05/24/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint MOTION to Consolidate Cases by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Escher, Sam) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
06/04/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 06/04/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>16</u>	ORDER. In accordance with the attached Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties' 14 Joint Motion to Consolidate, Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 23–3674, is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 24–813, is CONSOLIDATED with Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 23–3674. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall make all future filings in Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 23–3674, and the Clerk of the Court shall refuse to accept any filings in Informed Consent Action Network v. National Institutes of Health, et al., Civil Action No. 24–813. It is further ORDERED that, on August 16, 2024, and every sixty days thereafter, the parties shall file a joint status report regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 17, 2024. (lcrbw2) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/17/2024		Case Consolidated: The following cases have been consolidated with this case: 24cv813. pursuant to 16 Order on Motion to Consolidate Cases,,,, Set/Reset Deadlines,. From this date forward, all pleadings shall be filed ONLY in this case. Parties are advised NOT to elect the SPREAD TEXT option when filing in ECF, as this will result in repetitive docketing. (zdp) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
08/09/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Escher, Sam) (Entered: 08/09/2024)