# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03741-CKK

BETANCOURT v. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar–Kotelly Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/15/2023 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/15/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10562552) filed by MARK BETANCOURT. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit 2, # 3 Exhibit 3, # 4 Exhibit 4, # 5 Exhibit 5, # 6 Exhibit 6, # 7 Exhibit 7, # 8 Exhibit 8, # 9 Exhibit 9, # 10 Exhibit 10, # 11 Exhibit 11, # 12 Exhibit 12, # 13 Exhibit 13, # 14 Exhibit 14, # 15 Civil Cover Sheet, # 16 Summons)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
12/18/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar–Kotelly. (zsl) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/19/2023	2	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 12/19/2023)
12/20/2023	<u>3</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR–KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar–Kotelly on 12/20/23. (DM) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/21/2023	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Krystle S. McMullan on behalf of SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (McMullan, Krystle) (Entered: 12/21/2023)
01/03/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Joseph F. Carilli, Jr on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Krystle S. McMullan (Carilli, Joseph) (Entered: 01/03/2024)
01/03/2024	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Gunita Singh on behalf of MARK BETANCOURT (Singh, Gunita) (Entered: 01/03/2024)
01/03/2024	7	NOTICE of Appearance by Adam Alexander Marshall on behalf of MARK BETANCOURT (Marshall, Adam) (Entered: 01/03/2024)
01/08/2024	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 12/26/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 1/25/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION served on 12/22/2023, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 12/26/23. (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit of Service on Defendants)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
01/08/2024	9	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Carilli, Joseph) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
01/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the 2 Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer, in which Defendant moves to extend their time to respond to the Complaint in order to determine the status of Plaintiffs' FOIA requests and determine the Government's litigation position. This is Defendant's first request for an extension, and Plaintiffs consent. The Court GRANTS the 9 Motion and ORDERS Defendant to respond to the Complaint by FEBRUARY 15, 2024. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar–Kotelly on 1/8/24. (lcckk3) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
01/08/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint due by 2/15/2024. (dot) (Entered: 01/09/2024)
02/15/2024	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.(Carilli, Joseph) (Entered: 02/15/2024)

02/20/2024	<u>11</u>	ORDER instructing parties to meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report by March 22, 2024. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar–Kotelly on 2/20/24. (lcckk3) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement due by 3/22/2024. (dot) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
03/22/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by MARK BETANCOURT. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' 12 Joint Status Report, in which they indicate that the Agency is still processing and reviewing records for Plaintiff's FOIA request. The parties propose that they file a further status report on May 6, 2024 with an update. The Court ORDERS the parties to file a joint status report by MAY 6, 2024 and every sixty (60) days thereafter providing an update on the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, including a recommendation for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar–Kotelly on 3/25/24. (lcbs) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
03/25/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/6/2024 and every sixty (60) days thereafter providing an update on the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, including a recommendation for further proceedings. (dot) (Entered: 03/26/2024)
05/03/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Carilli, Joseph) (Entered: 05/03/2024)
05/07/2024	<u>14</u>	Scheduling & Procedures Order. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar–Kotelly on 5/7/24. (lcckk3) (Entered: 05/07/2024)
05/07/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff Cross Motion due by 9/10/2024. Response to Cross Motion due by 10/29/2024. Reply to Cross Motion due by 11/26/2024. Defendants' Summary Judgment Motion due by 7/10/2024. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/10/2024. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/29/2024. (dot) (Entered: 05/08/2024)
07/10/2024	<u>15</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Statement of Facts)(Carilli, Joseph) (Entered: 07/10/2024)
07/11/2024	<u>16</u>	NOTICE <i>of Filing Exhibits</i> by SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION re <u>15</u> Motion for Summary Judgment (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C)(Carilli, Joseph) (Entered: 07/11/2024)
09/10/2024	<u>17</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by MARK BETANCOURT. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Statement of Facts, # 3 Declaration of Adam A. Marshall, # 4 Declaration of Mark Betancourt, # 5 Text of Proposed Order)(Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 09/10/2024)
09/10/2024	<u>18</u>	RESPONSE re <u>15</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by MARK BETANCOURT. (Townsend, KatieLynn) (Entered: 09/10/2024)