

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00224-TJK**

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v.  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/25/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL  
DEFENSE NETWORK**

represented by **Eric Rothschild**  
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V.

**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/25/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10643884) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Rothschild, Eric) Modified on 1/25/2024 to correct docket text (rj). (Attachment 1 replaced on 1/26/2024) (zrtw). (Entered: 01/25/2024)
01/25/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Rothschild, Eric) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
01/26/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zrtw) (Entered: 01/26/2024)
01/26/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 01/26/2024)
02/05/2024	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 2/1/24., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/1/2024. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/2/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 1/31/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A - Proof of Service)(Rothschild, Eric) (Entered: 02/05/2024)

02/22/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 02/22/2024)
03/04/2024	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by March 25, 2024. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/5/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/05/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 3/25/2024. (zkh) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/25/2024	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Rothschild, Eric) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
03/27/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by May 24, 2024. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/27/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 03/27/2024)
05/24/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
05/28/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by August 22, 2024, and every 90 days thereafter until the Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/28/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
08/22/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 08/22/2024)
08/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by October 21, 2024, and every 60 days thereafter until the Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/26/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 08/26/2024)