

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00373-CRC**

MORELLO v. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/08/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff****BREANNA MORELLO**

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**Defendant****DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/08/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10675738) filed by BREANNA MORELLO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit FOIA to VA, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Stamboulieh, Stephen) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
02/08/2024	<u>2</u>	SEALED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE DOCUMENT UNDER SEAL filed by BREANNA MORELLO (This document is SEALED and only available to authorized persons.)(Stamboulieh, Stephen) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
02/08/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zrtw) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
02/08/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
02/09/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>2</u> Sealed Motion for Leave to File Document Under Seal. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/9/2024. (lccrc1) (Entered: 02/09/2024)
02/16/2024	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS served on 2/12/2024, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 2/12/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/9/2024. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/10/2024.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Email from CPC accepting service, # <u>2</u> Proof on US AG, # <u>3</u> Proof on Department of Veterans Affairs)(Stamboulieh, Stephen) (Entered: 02/16/2024)

02/21/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Tabitha Bartholomew on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 02/21/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendant shall respond to the complaint by April 12, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/5/2024. (lccrc1) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.(Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by April 26, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/12/2024. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/26/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>and Proposed Schedule</i> by DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by July 26, 2024, which shall propose a schedule for further proceedings if the dispute remains. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/29/2024. (lccrc1) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
07/26/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 07/26/2024)
07/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the Court sets the following schedule for summary judgment briefing. Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by September 10, 2024. Plaintiff shall file her combined cross-motion for summary judgment and opposition to Defendant's motion by October 10, 2024. Defendant shall file its combined reply and opposition to Plaintiff's cross-motion by November 20, 2024. Plaintiff shall file her reply by December 16, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/29/2024. (lccrc1) (Entered: 07/29/2024)
09/10/2024	<u>10</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and Memorandum in Support</i> by DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Defendant's Statement of Material Facts Not in Genuine Dispute, # <u>2</u> Declaration Declaration of Chaquonna Price)(Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 09/10/2024)