

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00473-TSC**

KEZERASHVILI v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/20/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/20/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT <i>Under the Freedom of Information Act for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief</i> against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10698736) filed by DAVID KEZERASHVILI. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix of Exhibits, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Bord, Eric) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>2</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET by DAVID KEZERASHVILI filed by DAVID KEZERASHVILI.(Bord, Eric) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zcb) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>3</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR....SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) Modified on 2/23/2024 incorrect summons issued (zjm). (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/21/2024	<u>4</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>Summons (FOIA)</i> by DAVID KEZERASHVILI re <u>1</u> Complaint,. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons, # <u>2</u> Summons)(Bord, Eric) Modified on 2/23/2024 to correct event (zjm). (Entered: 02/21/2024)
02/23/2024	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjm) (Entered: 02/23/2024)
03/12/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 2/26/2024 (Bord, Eric) (Entered: 03/12/2024)

04/24/2024	<u>7</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the District of Columbia Attorney General. Date of Service Upon District of Columbia Attorney General 4/18/2024. Answer due for ALL D.C. DEFENDANTS by 5/9/2024. (Bord, Eric) Modified on 4/30/2024 refiled correctly at entry <u>9</u> (zjm). (Entered: 04/24/2024)
04/24/2024	<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 4/18/2024. (Bord, Eric) Modified on 4/30/2024 to correct date served (zjm). (Entered: 04/24/2024)
04/24/2024	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/18/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/18/2024. (Bord, Eric) (Entered: 04/24/2024)
05/13/2024	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Tabitha Bartholomew on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/20/2024	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
05/21/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Before the court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 6/20/2024. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/21/2024. (lca) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
05/22/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/20/2024. (hmc) (Entered: 05/22/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 06/14/2024)
06/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional status report on or before August 22, 2024 updating the court as to the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request. To the extent the parties request a change in the status quo, the status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 6/17/2024. (lca) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
08/22/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 08/22/2024)
08/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall confer and file an additional status report on or before October 22, 2024, and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the parties seek a change in the status quo, the status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/26/2024. (lca) (Entered: 08/26/2024)