

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00573-ACR**

CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/29/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION  
STUDIES**

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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/29/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10721590) filed by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>9</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>10</u> Summons, # <u>11</u> Summons, # <u>12</u> Summons)(Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
03/01/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Ana C. Reyes. (zcb) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/01/2024	<u>2</u>	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) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/04/2024	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES (Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/11/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/10/2024. (Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/11/24. (Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 3/11/2024 (Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 03/11/2024)

		03/11/2024)
04/02/2024	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/2/2024 (Farnsworth, Colin) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
04/11/2024	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Bardo, John) (Entered: 04/11/2024)
04/12/2024		<p>MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff filed this Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) action on February 29, 2024. Dkt 1. Defendant filed its Answer on April 11, 2024. Dkt. 8. Cases filed under FOIA are exempt from the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Local Civil Rule 16.3. <i>See</i> LCvR 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before April 25, 2024. The Joint Status Report should address, among other things: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for a stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i>, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. As set forth in Section 6(d) of Judge Reyes's Standing Order, if the parties agree on a proposed schedule for submitting a further joint status report, the parties should assume the Court approves the proposed date unless the Court enters an order to the contrary.</p> <p>Counsel shall not contact Chambers directly concerning scheduling or other matters, as Chambers personnel will not handle questions relating to the status or scheduling of pending matters, except in case of an emergency. In an emergency, Chambers can be reached at (202) 354-3350. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 4/12/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 04/12/2024)</p>
04/25/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
04/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER directing the parties to file another joint status report on or before June 24, 2024, and every 60 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 4/29/2024. (lcacr1) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
04/30/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/24/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/30/2024)
06/24/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
08/23/2024	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File a Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Bardo, John) (Entered: 08/23/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Bardo, John) (Entered: 08/30/2024)