

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00597-CRC**

AMERICA FIRST LEGAL FOUNDATION v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/01/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**AMERICA FIRST LEGAL FOUNDATION**

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**Defendant**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text  |
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| 03/01/2024 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10726365) filed by AMERICA FIRST LEGAL FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Exhibit, # <u>5</u> Exhibit, # <u>6</u> Exhibit, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>8</u> Summons, # <u>9</u> Summons, # <u>10</u> Summons)(Meckler, Jacob) (Entered: 03/01/2024) |
| 03/05/2024 |          | Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (znmw) (Entered: 03/05/2024)   |
| 03/05/2024 | <u>2</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 03/05/2024)  |
| 04/23/2024 | <u>3</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Kaitlin Kerry Eckrote on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 04/23/2024)  |
| 04/23/2024 | <u>4</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 04/23/2024)  |
| 04/24/2024 |          | MINUTE ORDER granting <u>4</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by June 3, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/24/2024. (lccrc2) (Entered: 04/24/2024)  |
| 06/03/2024 | <u>5</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 06/03/2024)  |

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| 06/03/2024 |          | MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by June 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/3/2024. (lccrc2) (Entered: 06/03/2024) |
| 06/17/2024 | <u>6</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 06/17/2024)   |
| 06/18/2024 |          | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by August 1, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/18/2024. (lccrc2) (Entered: 06/18/2024)   |
| 08/01/2024 | <u>7</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 08/01/2024)   |
| 08/02/2024 |          | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further status report by September 30, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/2/2024. (lccrc2) (Entered: 08/02/2024)   |