

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-01232-CJN**

PUBLIC CITIZEN v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/26/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/26/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF against All Defendants (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10853470) filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons to United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons to the Attorney General of the United States, # <u>4</u> Summons to the U.S. Department of Labor)(Kirkpatrick, Michael) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/26/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PUBLIC CITIZEN (Kirkpatrick, Michael) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/26/2024	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lauren Bateman on behalf of PUBLIC CITIZEN (Bateman, Lauren) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/26/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (znmw) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/26/2024	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
04/30/2024	<u>5</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 30, 2024. (lccjn1) (Entered: 04/30/2024)
04/30/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/26/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/26/2024. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Email from USAO accepting service)(Kirkpatrick, Michael) (Entered: 04/30/2024)
05/06/2024	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/06/2024. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit USPS Tracking Receipt)(Kirkpatrick, Michael) (Entered: 05/06/2024)
05/06/2024	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR served on 5/6/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit USPS Tracking Receipt)(Kirkpatrick, Michael) (Entered: 05/06/2024)
05/23/2024	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christina O'Tousa on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 05/23/2024)
05/23/2024	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 05/23/2024)
05/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to the Complaint on or before June 18, 2024. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 24, 2024. (lccjn1) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
06/20/2024	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint, Nunc Pro Tunc by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pfaffenroth, Peter) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
06/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>11</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED nunc pro tunc. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to the Complaint on or before July 2, 2024. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 25, 2024. (lccjn1) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
07/02/2024	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.(O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
07/31/2024	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Alexander Schreiber on behalf of All Defendants (Schreiber, Alexander) (Entered: 07/31/2024)
07/31/2024	<u>14</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (Schreiber, Alexander) (Entered: 07/31/2024)

08/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>14</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall file their initial joint status report on or before August 8, 2024. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 1, 2024. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/01/2024)
08/08/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 08/08/2024)
08/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional joint status report on or before October 8, 2024, and every 60 days thereafter until any Party moves for a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, files a dispositive motion, or the case is terminated. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 16, 2024. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/16/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. Attorney Peter C. Pfaffenroth and Alexander Schreiber terminated. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 08/30/2024)