

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-01497-LLA**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/21/2024  
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
05/21/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10911372) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney, # <u>4</u> Summons DOJ, # <u>5</u> Exhibit A – FBI FOIA Request, # <u>6</u> Exhibit B – Criminal Division Acknowledgement Letter, # <u>7</u> Exhibit C – FBI FOIA Denial, # <u>8</u> Exhibit D – FBI FOIA Appeal, # <u>9</u> Exhibit E – Morehead EOUSA Denial, # <u>10</u> Exhibit F – Giuliani EOUSA Denial, # <u>11</u> Exhibit G – Giuliani OIP Denial, # <u>12</u> Exhibit H – Kelsey Criminal Denial, # <u>13</u> Exhibit I – Zinke Criminal Denial, # <u>14</u> Exhibit J – Mastriano FBI Denial, # <u>15</u> Exhibit K – Mastriano FBI FOIA Request, # <u>16</u> Exhibit L – Zinke FBI Denial, # <u>17</u> Exhibit M – Finchem FBI Denial)(Iheanachor, Laura) (Entered: 05/21/2024)

05/21/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Iheanachor, Laura) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
05/22/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. (znmw) (Entered: 05/22/2024)
05/22/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Main Document 3 replaced on 5/22/2024) (znmw). (Entered: 05/22/2024)
05/28/2024	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/28/24., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/28/2024. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/27/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 5/28/2024 (Iheanachor, Laura) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
06/03/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Chun Hin Tsoi on behalf of CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Tsoi, Chun Hin) (Main Document 5 replaced on 6/5/2024) (znmw). (Entered: 06/03/2024)
06/25/2024	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Anna Lynn Deffebach on behalf of All Defendants (Deffebach, Anna) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
06/25/2024	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint,, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Deffebach, Anna) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
06/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's consent motion <u>7</u> for an extension of time to respond to Plaintiff's complaint, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and Defendant shall file its response on or before July 29, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 06/25/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
06/25/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Response to complaint due by 7/29/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
07/29/2024	<u>8</u>	MOTION to Dismiss by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>10</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Deffebach, Anna) (Entered: 07/29/2024)
08/06/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint MOTION for Briefing Schedule by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order for Briefing Schedule 8.6.2024)(Tsoi, Chun Hin) (Entered: 08/06/2024)
08/06/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Motion for Briefing Schedule <u>9</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Plaintiff shall file its opposition to Defendant's motion to dismiss on or before August 19, 2024 and Defendant shall file its reply on or before September 9, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 08/06/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 08/06/2024)
08/07/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Response to <u>8</u> due by 8/19/2024. Reply due by 9/9/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/07/2024)
08/19/2024	<u>10</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>8</u> Motion to Dismiss, filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Denying MTD)(Tsoi, Chun Hin) (Entered: 08/19/2024)
09/09/2024	<u>11</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>8</u> MOTION to Dismiss filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Deffebach, Anna) (Entered: 09/09/2024)