

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-01138-RC**

WP COMPANY LLC v. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/26/2022
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/26/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9194143) filed by WP COMPANY LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons to CIA, # <u>5</u> Summons to Atty. Gen., # <u>6</u> Summons to U.S. Atty.)(Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/26/2022	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by WP COMPANY LLC (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/26/2022	<u>3</u>	ERRATA – <i>Complaint Ex. C</i> by WP COMPANY LLC re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by WP COMPANY LLC. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 04/26/2022)
04/27/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zsb) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
04/27/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb)

		(Entered: 04/27/2022)
05/03/2022	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/28/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/28/2022. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 05/03/2022)
05/04/2022	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY served on 4/29/2022 (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 05/04/2022)
05/04/2022	<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 04/29/2022. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 05/04/2022)
05/16/2022	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Bradley Silverman on behalf of All Defendants (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
05/31/2022	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
06/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before June 15, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 06/01/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
06/15/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 06/15/2022)
06/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 15, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/15/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/15/2022)
09/15/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 09/15/2022)
09/16/2022	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew E. Kelley on behalf of WP COMPANY LLC (Kelley, Matthew) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
09/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before December 15, 2022. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/16/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
12/15/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 12/15/2022)
12/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 12, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/16/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 12/16/2022)
01/12/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 01/12/2023)
01/26/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before March 13, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/26/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/26/2023)
03/13/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 03/13/2023)
03/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before April 19, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/14/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/14/2023)

04/19/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 04/19/2023)
04/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before May 5, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/20/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/20/2023)
05/05/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 05/05/2023)
05/08/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern further proceedings in this matter: Defendant shall submit its motion for summary judgment and Vaughn index on or before July 14, 2023; Plaintiff shall submit its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before August 11, 2023; Defendant shall submit its opposition and any reply on or before September 1, 2023; and Plaintiff shall submit any cross-reply on or before September 15, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/8/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/08/2023)
07/08/2023	<u>18</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Briefing Schedule</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/08/2023)
07/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>18</u> Defendant's Consent Motion to Modify Briefing Schedule: It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern further proceedings in this matter: Defendant shall submit its motion for summary judgment on or before July 28, 2023; Plaintiff shall submit its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before August 25, 2023; Defendant shall submit its opposition and any reply on or before October 2, 2023; and Plaintiff shall submit any cross-reply on or before October 16, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/10/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/10/2023)
07/28/2023	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration and Exhibits, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/28/2023)
08/25/2023	<u>20</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by WP COMPANY LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of C. Tobin, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 01, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 02, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 03, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 04, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 05, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 06, # <u>10</u> Exhibit 07, # <u>11</u> Exhibit 08, # <u>12</u> Exhibit 09, # <u>13</u> Exhibit 10, # <u>14</u> Exhibit 11, # <u>15</u> Exhibit 12, # <u>16</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 08/25/2023)
08/25/2023	<u>21</u>	RESPONSE re <u>19</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by WP COMPANY LLC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support of Cross-Mot. for Summ. J. and in Opp. to Def.'s Mot. for Summ. J., # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of C. Tobin, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 01, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 02, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 03, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 04, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 05, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 06, # <u>10</u> Exhibit 07, # <u>11</u> Exhibit 08, # <u>12</u> Exhibit 09, # <u>13</u> Exhibit 10, # <u>14</u> Exhibit 11, # <u>15</u> Exhibit 12, # <u>16</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 08/25/2023)
10/02/2023	<u>22</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>19</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 10/02/2023)
10/02/2023	<u>23</u>	RESPONSE re <u>20</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 10/02/2023)
10/16/2023	<u>24</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>20</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by WP COMPANY LLC. (Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
03/07/2024	<u>25</u>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>19</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; granting in part and denying in part <u>20</u> Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 03/07/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>26</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION granting in part and denying in part <u>19</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; granting in part and denying in part <u>20</u> Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 03/07/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/07/2024)

05/28/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to meet and confer and submit a joint status report on or before June 11, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 05/28/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
06/11/2024	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 06/11/2024)
06/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>27</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 11, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 06/11/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/11/2024)
09/11/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 09/11/2024)
09/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>28</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/11/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/11/2024)