

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00799-JEB**

PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST v. DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE

Assigned to: Chief Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/23/2022

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/23/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9122949) filed by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit A - FOIA F-2022-00645, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney's Office, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons -- U.S. Attorney General, # <u>5</u> Summons Summons -- Department of State)(Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 03/23/2022)
03/25/2022		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (znmw) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
03/25/2022	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
05/16/2022	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of All Defendants (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
05/16/2022	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
05/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by May 31, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/17/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 05/17/2022)
05/17/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/31/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 05/17/2022)

05/31/2022	<u>5</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
06/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>5</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by August 29, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/1/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
06/01/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/29/2022. (znbn) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
08/29/2022	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 08/29/2022)
08/29/2022	<u>7</u>	Motion for Hearing by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Initial July 25, 2022 Production)(Lawkowski, Gary); Modified text and docketing event on 8/30/2022 (zth). (Entered: 08/29/2022)
08/30/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Per the Plaintiff's <u>7</u> Notice, the Court ORDERS that a status conference is set for September 16, 2022 at 3 p.m. by Zoom. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/30/2022. (lcjeb2) Modified to correct the time on 8/30/2022 (nbn). (Entered: 08/30/2022)
08/30/2022		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 9/16/2022 at 03:00 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge James E. Boasberg. (nbn) (Entered: 08/30/2022)
09/16/2022		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge James E. Boasberg: Video Status Conference held on 9/16/2022. The Court ORDERS the parties file a JSR by 11/16/2022 and every 60 days thereafter. (Court Reporter LISA GRIFFITH) (nbn) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
09/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER: As discussed in today's status hearing, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall submit a Joint Status Report by November 16, 2022, and every 60 days thereafter. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/16/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
11/16/2022	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 11/16/2022)
01/17/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/17/2023)
01/17/2023	<u>10</u>	ERRATA by DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>9</u> Status Report. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/17/2023)
01/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall appear via Zoom at a status hearing on January 25, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/18/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
01/18/2023		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 1/25/2023 at 10:30 AM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge James E. Boasberg. (nbn) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
01/18/2023	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Continue <i>January 25, 2023, Status Conference</i> by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
01/18/2023	<u>12</u>	ERRATA by DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>11</u> Motion to Continue. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
01/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that: 1) The Unopposed <u>11</u> Motion to Continue is GRANTED; and 2) The status conference set for January 25, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. is VACATED and RESET for January 30, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. by Zoom. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/18/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
01/18/2023		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference set for 1/30/2023 at 02:30 PM in Telephonic/VTC before Judge James E. Boasberg. (nbn) (Entered: 01/19/2023)
01/30/2023		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge James E. Boasberg: Status Conference held on 1/30/2023. (Court Reporter Christine Asif) (nbn) (Entered: 01/30/2023)

01/30/2023		MINUTE ORDER: As discussed at today's status hearing, the Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant shall process 300 pages per month and only related to Request No. 2; and 2) The parties shall continue submitting Joint Status Reports every 60 days starting March 17, 2023. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/30/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 01/30/2023)
01/31/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/17/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
03/08/2023	<u>13</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS before Judge James E. Boasberg held on 9/16/2022; Page Numbers: 1–8. Date of Issuance:3/8/2023. Court Reporter/Transcriber Lisa Walker Griffith, RPR, Telephone number 202–354–3247, Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <a href="#">Transcript Order Form</a></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p><b>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS:</b> The parties have twenty–one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at <a href="http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov">www.dcd.uscourts.gov</a>.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 3/29/2023. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 4/8/2023. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 6/6/2023.(ztnr) (Entered: 03/08/2023)</p>
03/17/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 03/17/2023)
03/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by May 16, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/20/23. (lcjeb4) (Entered: 03/20/2023)
03/20/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/16/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 03/20/2023)
05/16/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>16</u>	NOTICE by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>17</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S TRUST (Lawkowski, Gary) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
07/13/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
07/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by September 11, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 07/13/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
07/13/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/11/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 07/13/2023)
09/11/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
09/11/2023	<u>20</u>	ERRATA by DEPARTMENT OF STATE re <u>19</u> Status Report. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/11/2023)

09/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by November 13, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/11/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
09/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/13/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by January 12, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/13/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/13/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/12/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
01/12/2024	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 01/12/2024)
01/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by March 13, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/12/2024. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 01/12/2024)
01/12/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/13/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 01/12/2024)
03/13/2024	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
03/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by May 13, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/13/2024. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
03/13/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/13/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
05/13/2024	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by July 12, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/13/2024. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/12/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
07/12/2024	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 07/12/2024)
07/15/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by September 10, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/15/2024. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
07/15/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/10/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
09/10/2024	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/10/2024)
09/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by November 12, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/11/2024. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 09/11/2024)

09/11/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/12/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 09/11/2024)
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