

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01221-RC**

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act  
Date Filed: 05/05/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/05/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8426724) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A to Complaint, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B to Complaint, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons to Def. U.S. State Department, # <u>5</u> Summons to U.S. Attorney General, # <u>6</u> Summons to U.S. Attorney for D.C.)(Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/05/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/05/2021	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin Paul Sisney on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/05/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (adh, ) (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/05/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/14/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 5/10/2021 (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
05/28/2021	<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 5/28/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/27/2021. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/28/2021)
06/09/2021	<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 06/04/2021. (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/09/2021)
06/10/2021	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stuart J. Roth on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Roth, Stuart) (Entered: 06/10/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brenda A. Gonzalez-Horowitz on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
06/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before July 13, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/29/2021. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/29/2021)
07/13/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez-Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 07/13/2021)
07/13/2021		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 September 13, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/13/2021. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/13/2021)
07/13/2021	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John Monaghan on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Monaghan, John) (Entered: 07/13/2021)

09/13/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
09/14/2021		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 November 12, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/14/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/14/2021)
11/12/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
11/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before January 12, 2022. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/12/2021. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/12/2021)
11/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadline: The Parties shall submit another Joint Status Report by 1/12/2022. (jth) (Entered: 11/14/2021)
01/12/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 01/12/2022)
01/12/2022		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 March 10, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 01/12/2022. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/12/2022)
03/10/2022	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Bradley Silverman on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 03/10/2022)
03/10/2022	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 03/10/2022)
03/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before May 9, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 03/11/2022. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/11/2022)
05/06/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
05/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 1, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 05/06/2022. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
07/01/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
07/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 7, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 07/01/2022. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
09/07/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 09/07/2022)
09/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 15, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/07/2022. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/07/2022)
11/15/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 11/15/2022)
11/16/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 16, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/16/2022. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/16/2022)

11/16/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/16/2023. (zgf) (Entered: 11/16/2022)
01/13/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
01/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 17, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/13/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
03/17/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 03/17/2023)
03/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>23</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before May 16, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/17/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/17/2023)
04/21/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/16/2023 (tj) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
05/16/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
05/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>24</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 17, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/17/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/23/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/17/2023 (tj) (Entered: 05/23/2023)
07/17/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
07/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>25</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 18, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/17/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
09/18/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 09/18/2023)
09/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>26</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before November 17, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/18/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/18/2023)
11/17/2023	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 11/17/2023)
11/17/2023		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 January 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/17/2023. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/17/2023)
01/12/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 01/12/2024)
01/16/2024		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 March 18, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/16/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>29</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before May 17, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/18/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/18/2024)

05/17/2024	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>30</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 18, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/19/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/19/2024)
07/18/2024	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 07/18/2024)
07/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>31</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/22/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
09/16/2024	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 09/16/2024)
09/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>32</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 15, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/16/2024. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/16/2024)