

**United States District Court  
District of Massachusetts (Boston)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-10301-LTS**

Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program v. United States Customs and Border Protection  
Assigned to: District Judge Leo T. Sorokin  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/23/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/23/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Customs and Border Protection Filing fee: \$ 402, receipt number AMADC-9196103 (Fee Status: Filing Fee paid), filed by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. (Attachments: # <u>2</u> Category Form, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Ardalan, Sabrineh). (Additional attachment(s) added on 2/23/2022: # <u>4</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 6, Exhibits separated into individual documents) (de Oliveira, Flaviana). (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>2</u>	ELECTRONIC NOTICE of Case Assignment. District Judge Leo T. Sorokin assigned to case. If the trial Judge issues an Order of Reference of any matter in this case to a Magistrate Judge, the matter will be transmitted to Magistrate Judge Judith G. Dein. (Finn, Mary) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>3</u>	Summons Issued as to United States Customs and Border Protection. <b>Counsel receiving this notice electronically should download this summons, complete one for each defendant and serve it in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 4 and LR 4.1. Summons will be mailed to plaintiff(s) not receiving notice electronically for completion of service.</b> (de Oliveira, Flaviana) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/25/2022	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sameer Ahmed on behalf of Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program (Ahmed, Sameer) (Entered: 02/25/2022)
03/09/2022	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Erin E. Brizius on behalf of United States Customs and Border Protection (Brizius, Erin) (Entered: 03/09/2022)
03/09/2022	<u>6</u>	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: New Civil Cases General Procedural ORDER entered.(Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 03/09/2022)
03/30/2022	<u>7</u>	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE Executed by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. Acknowledgement filed by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix Appendix to Affidavit of Service)(Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 03/30/2022)
03/31/2022	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint,, by United States Customs and Border Protection.(Brizius, Erin) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
03/31/2022	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Hearing. Scheduling Conference set for 4/19/2022 02:45 PM by video before District Judge Leo T. Sorokin.  This hearing will be conducted by video conference. Counsel of record will receive a video conference invite at the email registered in CM/ECF. If you have technical or compatibility issues with the technology, please notify the session's courtroom deputy as soon as possible.  Access to the hearing will be made available to the media and public. In order to gain access to the hearing, you must sign up at the following address: <a href="https://forms.mad.uscourts.gov/courtlist.html">https://forms.mad.uscourts.gov/courtlist.html</a> .  For questions regarding access to hearings, you may refer to the Court's general orders and public notices available on <a href="http://www.mad.uscourts.gov">www.mad.uscourts.gov</a> or contact <a href="mailto:media@mad.uscourts.gov">media@mad.uscourts.gov</a> .  (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Scheduling Order Sample, # <u>2</u> Standing Order on Summary Judgment)(Belmont, Kellyann) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
04/06/2022	<u>10</u>	CERTIFICATION pursuant to Local Rule 16.1 by United States Customs and Border Protection.(Brizius, Erin) (Entered: 04/06/2022)

04/11/2022	<u>11</u>	JOINT SUBMISSION pursuant to Local Rule 16.1 by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program.(Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
04/11/2022	<u>12</u>	CERTIFICATION pursuant to Local Rule 16.1 by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program.(Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
04/15/2022	13	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered.  Upon review of the Joint Rule 16 Statement (Doc. No. 11), the Court cancels the upcoming Rule 16 conference. The parties shall submit a status report by May 15, 2022 apprising the Court of (1) the status of any resolution and (2) whether a discovery and summary judgment schedule is thereafter needed. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 04/15/2022)
04/19/2022	14	Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/16/2022. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 04/19/2022)
05/13/2022	<u>15</u>	STATUS REPORT by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. (Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 05/13/2022)
05/16/2022	16	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered: re <u>15</u> Status Report.  ALLOWED. Further status report due by 7/15/2022. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 05/16/2022)
07/13/2022	<u>17</u>	JOINT SUBMISSION pursuant to Local Rule 16.1 by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program.(Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 07/13/2022)
07/14/2022	18	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered re <u>17</u> Joint submission.  ALLOWED. Further Status Report due by 9/15/2022. (Belmont, Kellyann) (Entered: 07/14/2022)
07/14/2022	19	Entered in error. (Belmont, Kellyann). (Entered: 07/14/2022)
08/04/2022	<u>20</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Annapurna Balakrishna on behalf of United States Customs and Border Protection (Balakrishna, Annapurna) (Entered: 08/04/2022)
08/09/2022	<u>21</u>	Assented to MOTION for Extension of Time to September 29, 2022 to Complete the Production and to Continue the Status Conference Scheduled by United States Customs and Border Protection.(Balakrishna, Annapurna) (Entered: 08/09/2022)
08/10/2022	22	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered: re <u>21</u> Assented to MOTION for Extension of Time to September 29, 2022 to Complete the Production and to Continue the Status Conference Scheduled.  ALLOWED. Status Report due October 14, 2022. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
08/10/2022	23	Set Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/14/2022 (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
10/14/2022	<u>24</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>JOINT</i> ) by United States Customs and Border Protection. (Brizius, Erin) (Entered: 10/14/2022)
10/17/2022	25	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered re <u>24</u> Status Report.  ALLOWED. Status Report due by 1/15/2023. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 10/17/2022)
01/12/2023	<u>26</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by United States Customs and Border Protection. (Brizius, Erin) (Entered: 01/12/2023)
01/13/2023	27	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered re <u>26</u> Joint Status Report filed by United States Customs and Border Protection.  ALLOWED. Status Report due by 3/15/2023. (Belmont, Kellyann) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
03/09/2023	<u>28</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by United States Customs and Border Protection. (Brizius, Erin) (Entered: 03/09/2023)

03/10/2023	29	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered re <u>28</u> Status Report filed by United States Customs and Border Protection. ALLOWED. Further Status Report due by 6/15/2023. (Belmont, Kellyann) (Entered: 03/10/2023)
06/09/2023	<u>30</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Rayford A. Farquhar on behalf of United States Customs and Border Protection (Farquhar, Rayford) (Entered: 06/09/2023)
06/09/2023	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Withdrawal of Appearance by Erin E. Brizius (Brizius, Erin) (Entered: 06/09/2023)
06/14/2023	<u>32</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. (Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 06/14/2023)
06/15/2023	33	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered re <u>32</u> STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. ALLOWED. Further Status Report due by 9/15/2023. (Belmont, Kellyann) (Entered: 06/15/2023)
07/14/2023	<u>34</u>	NOTICE of Withdrawal of Appearance by Sameer Ahmed (Ahmed, Sameer) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
10/03/2023	<u>35</u>	JOINT STATEMENT of counsel . (Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 10/03/2023)
10/04/2023	36	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered: re <u>35</u> Joint statement of counsel.  ALLOWED. Further status report due by 12/15/23. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 10/04/2023)
12/15/2023	<u>37</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. (Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
12/18/2023	38	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered re <u>37</u> Status Report. ALLOWED. Further status report due by 2/15/24. (Belmont, Kellyann) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
02/15/2024	<u>39</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>14th</i> ) <i>Joint</i> by United States Customs and Border Protection. (Farquhar, Rayford) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
02/16/2024	40	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered. re <u>39</u> Status Report.  ALLOWED. Further status report due by 4/19/2024. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
04/18/2024	<u>41</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint</i> by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. (Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 04/18/2024)
04/19/2024	42	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered: re <u>41</u> Status Report.  ALLOWED. The Court will hold a conference with counsel on June 26, 2024 at 11:00AM to discuss the status and resolution of the is case.  (Status Conference set for 6/26/2024 11:00 AM in Courtroom 13 (Remote only) before District Judge Leo T. Sorokin.) (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 04/19/2024)
06/18/2024	<u>43</u>	JOINT STATEMENT of counsel <i>Status Report</i> . (Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 06/18/2024)
06/20/2024	44	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered. re <u>43</u> Joint statement of counsel.  ALLOWED. Status conference on September 11, 2024 with joint status report seven days prior. Status Conference set for 9/11/2024 03:30 PM in Courtroom 13 (Remote only) before District Judge Leo T. Sorokin.) (Dore, Samantha) Modified on 6/25/2024 (Dore, Samantha). (Entered: 06/20/2024)
09/03/2024	<u>45</u>	JOINT STATEMENT of counsel <i>Status Report</i> . (Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 09/03/2024)

09/03/2024	<u>46</u>	Assented to MOTION for Extension of Time to October 16, 2024 to Status Conference by Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program.(Ardalan, Sabrineh) (Entered: 09/03/2024)
09/03/2024	47	District Judge Leo T. Sorokin: ELECTRONIC ORDER entered: re <u>46</u> Assented to MOTION for Extension of Time to October 16, 2024 to Status Conference.  ALLOWED. Status Conference set for 10/22/2024 11:30 AM in Courtroom 13 (Remote only) before District Judge Leo T. Sorokin. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 09/03/2024)
09/03/2024	48	Set Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/16/2024. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 09/03/2024)
09/16/2024	49	ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF RESCHEDULING: Status Conference set for 10/23/2024 11:30 AM in Courtroom 13 (Remote only) before District Judge Leo T. Sorokin. (Dore, Samantha) (Entered: 09/16/2024)