

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00225-RC**

CATO INSTITUTE v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE et al
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/25/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/25/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10643891) filed by CATO INSTITUTE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1-8, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons)(Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
01/25/2024	<u>2</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Topic on behalf of CATO INSTITUTE (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
01/25/2024	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Merrick Jason Wayne on behalf of CATO INSTITUTE (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 01/25/2024)

01/25/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zrtw) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
01/25/2024	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 01/25/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 2/6/2024 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE served on 2/8/2024 (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024	<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 2/7/2024. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/26/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/25/2024. (Topic, Matthew) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen DeGenaro on behalf of OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
02/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule by March 11, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2-26-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
02/27/2024	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by CATO INSTITUTE. (Wayne, Merrick) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
02/27/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule by March 21, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2-27-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
04/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 21, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4-1-2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
06/21/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 06/21/2024)
06/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 17, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/24/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
09/17/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 09/17/2024)
09/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/17/2024. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/17/2024)