

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02644-JEB**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Chief Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/08/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| 10/08/2021 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8789875) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons as to US Attorney's Office, # <u>3</u> Summons as to Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons as to US Department of Justice)(Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 10/08/2021) |

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| 10/08/2021 | <u>2</u>  | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 10/08/2021)  |
| 10/12/2021 |           | Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (znmg) (Entered: 10/12/2021)  |
| 10/12/2021 | <u>3</u>  | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 10/12/2021)   |
| 11/10/2021 | <u>4</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/25/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/25/2021., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/22/2021. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/21/2021.) (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 11/10/2021) |
| 11/19/2021 | <u>5</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Amber Richer on behalf of All Defendants (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 11/19/2021)  |
| 11/19/2021 | <u>6</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 11/19/2021)   |
| 11/22/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by December 2, 2021. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/22/2021. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 11/22/2021)   |
| 11/22/2021 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 12/2/2021. (znbm) (Entered: 11/23/2021)  |
| 12/02/2021 | <u>7</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 12/02/2021)  |
| 12/02/2021 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by January 7, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/2/2021. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 12/02/2021)   |
| 12/02/2021 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/7/2022. (znbm) (Entered: 12/03/2021)  |
| 01/07/2022 | <u>8</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 01/07/2022)  |
| 01/08/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by February 25, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/8/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 01/08/2022)  |
| 01/08/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/25/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 01/10/2022)  |
| 02/25/2022 | <u>9</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 02/25/2022)  |
| 02/25/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by April 22, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/25/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 02/25/2022)  |
| 02/25/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/22/2022. (znbm) (Entered: 03/01/2022)   |
| 04/22/2022 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 04/22/2022)  |
| 04/25/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by June 10, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/25/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 04/25/2022)  |
| 04/25/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/10/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 04/25/2022)  |

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| 06/10/2022 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Richer, Amber) (Entered: 06/10/2022)  |
| 06/10/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by July 22, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/10/2022. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 06/10/2022)      |
| 06/10/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/22/2022 (lsj) (Entered: 06/10/2022)   |
| 07/22/2022 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 07/22/2022)  |
| 07/22/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by August 24, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/22/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 07/22/2022)    |
| 07/22/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/24/2022 (lsj) (Entered: 07/22/2022)   |
| 08/24/2022 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 08/24/2022)  |
| 08/24/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by September 28, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/24/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 08/24/2022) |
| 08/24/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/28/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 08/25/2022)  |
| 09/28/2022 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 09/28/2022)  |
| 09/28/2022 |           | 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 November 4, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/28/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 09/28/2022)   |
| 09/28/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/4/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 09/28/2022)  |
| 11/04/2022 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 11/04/2022)  |
| 11/07/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by December 9, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/7/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 11/07/2022)   |
| 11/07/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/9/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 11/08/2022)  |
| 12/09/2022 | <u>16</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 12/09/2022)  |
| 12/09/2022 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by January 27, 2023. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/9/2022. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 12/09/2022)   |
| 12/09/2022 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/27/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 12/09/2022)  |
| 01/27/2023 | <u>17</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 01/27/2023)  |
| 01/27/2023 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by February 24, 2023. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/27/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 01/27/2023)  |
| 01/27/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/24/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 01/27/2023)  |
| 02/24/2023 | <u>18</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 02/24/2023)  |

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| 02/24/2023 |           | 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 March 31, 2023. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/24/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 02/24/2023)  |
| 02/24/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/31/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 02/27/2023)   |
| 03/31/2023 | <u>19</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 03/31/2023)   |
| 03/31/2023 |           | 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 April 28, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/31/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 03/31/2023)  |
| 03/31/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/28/2023 (lsj) (Entered: 03/31/2023)  |
| 04/28/2023 | <u>20</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 04/28/2023)   |
| 04/28/2023 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by June 2, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/28/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 04/28/2023)  |
| 04/28/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadline: Joint Status Report due by 6/2/2023. (jth) (Entered: 04/28/2023)   |
| 06/02/2023 | <u>21</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 06/02/2023)   |
| 06/02/2023 |           | 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 July 7, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/2/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 06/02/2023)   |
| 06/02/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/7/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 06/02/2023)  |
| 06/28/2023 | <u>22</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Katherine Marie Anthony on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 06/28/2023)   |
| 07/07/2023 | <u>23</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 07/07/2023)   |
| 07/07/2023 |           | 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 August 11, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/7/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 07/07/2023)  |
| 07/07/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/11/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 07/07/2023)   |
| 07/11/2023 | <u>24</u> | Unopposed MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Benjamin A. Sparks, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10195110. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Benjamin Sparks, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A (Certificate of Good Standing), # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 07/11/2023)                            |
| 07/11/2023 |           | MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>24</u> Motion for Admission <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> of Benjamin A. Sparks . <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a)</b> <a href="#">Click for instructions</a> So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 07/11/2023. (lcjeb1) Modified to add attorney instructions on 7/27/2023 (nbn). (Entered: 07/11/2023) |
| 07/11/2023 | <u>25</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin A. Sparks on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Sparks, Benjamin) (Entered: 07/11/2023)  |
| 08/11/2023 | <u>26</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 08/11/2023)   |

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| 08/11/2023 |           | 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 September 15, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/11/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 08/11/2023) |
| 08/14/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/15/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 08/15/2023)  |
| 09/15/2023 | <u>27</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 09/15/2023)  |
| 09/15/2023 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>27</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by October 20, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/15/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 09/15/2023)   |
| 10/20/2023 | <u>28</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 10/20/2023)  |
| 10/20/2023 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by December 15, 2023. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/20/2023. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/20/2023) |
| 10/20/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/15/2023. (znbn) (Entered: 10/20/2023)  |
| 12/14/2023 | <u>29</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 12/14/2023)  |
| 12/14/2023 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>29</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by February 2, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/14/2023. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 12/14/2023)  |
| 12/14/2023 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/2/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 12/14/2023)  |
| 02/02/2024 | <u>30</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 02/02/2024)  |
| 02/05/2024 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>30</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by March 15, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/5/2024. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 02/05/2024)      |
| 02/05/2024 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/15/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 02/05/2024)   |
| 02/05/2024 | <u>31</u> | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Mehreen A Rasheed terminated. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 02/05/2024)  |
| 03/15/2024 | <u>32</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 03/15/2024)  |
| 03/15/2024 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>32</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by April 26, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/15/2024. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 03/15/2024)     |
| 03/15/2024 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/26/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 03/15/2024)   |
| 04/25/2024 | <u>33</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 04/25/2024)  |
| 04/26/2024 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>33</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by May 31, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/26/2024. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 04/26/2024)       |

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| 04/26/2024 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/31/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 04/26/2024)   |
| 05/31/2024 | <u>34</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 05/31/2024)  |
| 05/31/2024 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>34</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 5/31/2024. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 05/31/2024)      |
| 05/31/2024 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/12/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 05/31/2024)   |
| 07/12/2024 | <u>35</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 07/12/2024)  |
| 07/12/2024 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>35</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by September 13, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/12/2024. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/12/2024) |
| 07/12/2024 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/13/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 07/12/2024)   |
| 09/13/2024 | <u>36</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Richer, Amber) (Entered: 09/13/2024)  |
| 09/16/2024 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>36</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by November 15, 2024. So ORDERED by Chief Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/16/2024. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 09/16/2024)  |
| 09/16/2024 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 09/16/2024)  |