

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00625-TJK**

PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC. et al v. DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/05/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/05/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10733349) filed by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC. (Light, Jeffrey) (Main Document 2 replaced on 3/6/2024) (znmw). (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Steffen Seitz, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-10733389. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Certificate of Good Standing, # <u>2</u> Declaration Steffen Seitz, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/06/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (znmw) (Entered: 03/06/2024)
03/06/2024	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 03/06/2024)
03/11/2024	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/7/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/6/2024. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
03/20/2024	<u>6</u>	STANDING ORDER. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/20/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 03/20/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>7</u>	MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiffs' <u>3</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. It is hereby ORDERED that Attorney Steffen Seitz is admitted <i>pro hac vice</i> to appear in this matter on behalf of Plaintiffs. <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). <a href="#">Click for instructions.</a></b> Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/21/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
03/28/2024	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Steffen Seitz on behalf of PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO (Seitz, Steffen) (Entered: 03/28/2024)
04/01/2024	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Patricia K. McBride on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/05/2024	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>9</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's consent motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint by May 8, 2024. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 4/8/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 04/08/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/12/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/12/2024 (Seitz, Steffen) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Leave to File ANSWER by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit ANSWER)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>11</u> Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Answer Nunc Pro Tunc. It is hereby ORDERED that, <i>nunc pro tunc</i> and for excusable

		neglect shown, Defendant's <u>11</u> motion is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is directed to docket ECF No. 11-1 as Defendant's answer to Plaintiffs' <u>1</u> Complaint. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/16/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 05/16/2024)
05/16/2024	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(znmw) (Entered: 05/16/2024)
05/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case is a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file, by May 31, 2024, a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/17/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
06/04/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file any motion for summary judgment by September 20, 2024; Plaintiffs shall file their opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by December 2, 2024; Defendant shall reply in support of its motion and respond to Plaintiffs' cross-motion by December 20, 2024; and Plaintiffs shall reply in support of their cross-motion by January 24, 2025. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/4/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 06/04/2024)
09/11/2024	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Stephanie R. Johnson on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Patricia K. McBride (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 09/11/2024)
09/13/2024	<u>15</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Motion For Summary Judgment</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>15</u> Unopposed Motion for an Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Defendant's <u>15</u> unopposed motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall file any motion for summary judgment by October 24, 2024; Plaintiffs shall file their opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by January 6, 2025; Defendant shall reply in support of its motion and respond to Plaintiffs' cross-motion by January 23, 2025; and Plaintiffs shall reply in support of their cross-motion by February 27, 2025. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/16/2024. (lctjk1) (Entered: 09/16/2024)