

**U.S. District Court  
Southern District of California (San Diego)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:24-cv-00531-BAS-BJC**

San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc. v.  
United States Department of Health & Human Services  
Assigned to: Judge Cynthia Bashant  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Benjamin J. Cheeks  
Related Cases: 3:22-cv-01521-BAS-WVG  
3:24-cv-01481-BAS-BJC

Date Filed: 03/20/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Cause: 05:0552fi Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

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*a California corporation*

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/20/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Department of Health & Human Services ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ACASDC-18689298.), filed by San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)  The new case number is 3:24-cv-531-DMS-BGS. Judge Dana M. Sabraw and Magistrate Judge Bernard G. Skomal are assigned to the case. (Matthew D Rifat)(rxc) (anh). (Entered: 03/20/2024)
03/20/2024	<u>2</u>	Summons Issued. <b>Counsel receiving this notice electronically should print this summons and serve</b>

		<b>it in accordance with Rule 4, Fed.R.Civ.P and LR 4.1.</b> (rx) (anh). (Entered: 03/20/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Party With Financial Interest by San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc. re <u>1</u> Complaint, (Rifat, Matthew) (jpp). (Entered: 03/21/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>4</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc. identifying Other Affiliate David James Smith for San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc... (Rifat, Matthew) (jpp). (Entered: 03/21/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE(S) by San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc. of case(s) 3:22-cv-1521 re <u>1</u> Complaint, . (Rifat, Matthew) (jpp). (Entered: 03/21/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>6</u>	ORDER OF TRANSFER PURSUANT TO LOW NUMBER RULE, re <u>5</u> Notice of Related Case. Case reassigned to Judge Cynthia Bashant for all further proceedings. Chief District Judge Dana M. Sabraw no longer assigned to case. Create association to 3:22-cv-01521-BAS-WVG. The new case number is 24CV0531-BAS-BGS.. Signed by Chief District Judge Dana M. Sabraw on 4/02/2024. Signed by Judge Cynthia Bashant on 4/02/2024.(jpp) (Entered: 04/03/2024)
05/01/2024	<u>7</u>	MINUTE ORDER OF TRANSFER. Magistrate Judge Bernard G. Skomal is no longer assigned. Case reassigned to Magistrate Judge D. Thomas Ferraro for all further proceedings. The new case number is 24-cv-0531-BAS-DTF.(no document attached) (mjw) (Entered: 05/01/2024)
05/01/2024	<u>8</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc.. United States Department of Health & Human Services served. (Rifat, Matthew)**QC Email sent. Incorrect Judge listed in caption. ** (mjw). (Entered: 05/01/2024)
05/01/2024	<u>9</u>	AFFIDAVIT of Service for Certified Mail Copy of Summons & Complaint Pursuant to FRCP 4(i) served on U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services on 03/26/2024, filed by San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc.. (Rifat, Matthew) (mjw). (Entered: 05/01/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, by United States Department of Health & Human Services. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proof of Service)(Sotomayor, Stephanie)Attorney Stephanie Amanda Sotomayor added to party United States Department of Health & Human Services(pty:dft) (mjw). (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/23/2024	<u>11</u>	Notice And Order: (1) For Early Neutral Evaluation Conference, (2) Setting Rule 26 Compliance and Case Management Conference. Early Neutral Evaluation Conference and Case Management Conference set for 8/16/2024 at 02:00 PM before Magistrate Judge D. Thomas Ferraro. Joint Discovery Plan due 8/2/2024.Signed by Magistrate Judge D. Thomas Ferraro on 05/23/2024.(mjw) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
07/25/2024	<u>12</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge D. Thomas Ferraro: Due to a conflict on the Court's calendar, the Early Neutral Evaluation and Case Management Conference is reset for 9/18/2024 01:30 PM before Magistrate Judge D. Thomas Ferraro. All other deadlines remain as set.(no document attached) (sjr) (Entered: 07/25/2024)
07/30/2024	<u>13</u>	MINUTE ORDER OF TRANSFER. Magistrate Judge D. Thomas Ferraro is no longer assigned. Case reassigned to Magistrate Judge Benjamin J. Cheeks for all further proceedings. Pending hearings previously set before the original Judge have been transferred to the newly assigned Judge. The new case number is 24-cv-00531-BAS-(BJC).(no document attached) (rx) (exs). (Entered: 07/30/2024)
08/01/2024	<u>14</u>	JOINT DISCOVERY PLAN by United States Department of Health & Human Services (Sotomayor, Stephanie) (mjw). (Entered: 08/01/2024)
09/18/2024	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Settlement by San Diego Comprehensive Pain Management Center, Inc. (Rifat, Matthew) (mjw). (Entered: 09/18/2024)

09/20/2024	16	Minute Order by Magistrate Judge Benjamin J. Cheeks: A joint notice of settlement was filed. A telephonic Settlement Disposition Conference will be held with counsel only on <b><u>Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.</u></b> before Judge Cheeks. Counsel for Plaintiff shall initiate and coordinate a conference call to chambers at (619) 446-3972 at the time of the conference. The conference will be vacated if a joint motion to dismiss is filed and a proposed order for dismissal is emailed to the district judge, in advance of the conference. (no document attached)(axp) (Entered: 09/20/2024)
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