

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00959-RC**

HERITAGE FOUNDATION et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/03/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/03/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10804080) filed by HERITAGE FOUNDATION, MIKE HOWELL. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 1 Part 1, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 1 Part 2, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>9</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>10</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>11</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>12</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>13</u> Exhibit 8, # <u>14</u> Exhibit 9)(Dewey, Samuel) Modified defendant on 4/8/2024 (znmw). (Entered: 04/03/2024)

04/07/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zsl) (Entered: 04/07/2024)
04/08/2024	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 04/08/2024)
05/07/2024	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Max Taylor Matheu on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Matheu, Max) (Main Document 3 replaced on 5/8/2024) (znmw). (Entered: 05/07/2024)
05/13/2024	<u>4</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Meyer, Robert) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/14/2024		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a briefing schedule (not a LCvR 16.3 report) within 2 weeks.SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 05/14/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/14/2024)
05/28/2024	<u>5</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Meyer, Robert) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
05/28/2024	<u>6</u>	DECLARATION of Max Taylor Matheu by HERITAGE FOUNDATION, MIKE HOWELL re <u>5</u> Status Report. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3)(Dewey, Samuel) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
05/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Government is hereby ORDERED to 1) provide a final response to Plaintiff's FOIA request by July 2, 2024, and 2) make all reasonable efforts to produce all non-exempt, responsive information by July 2, 2024 and, if that is not accomplished, submit a joint status report on that date that fully sets forth the efforts made and the reason(s) why the deadline could not be met. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 05/29/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/29/2024)
07/02/2024	<u>7</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Meyer, Robert) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
07/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to meet and confer and submit a Joint Status Report on or before July 24, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 07/10/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/10/2024)
07/24/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Meyer, Robert) (Entered: 07/24/2024)
07/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before August 7, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 07/25/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/25/2024)
08/07/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Meyer, Robert) (Entered: 08/07/2024)
08/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before August 28, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 08/08/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 08/08/2024)
08/28/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Meyer, Robert) (Entered: 08/28/2024)
08/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before September 18, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 08/30/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
09/18/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Meyer, Robert) (Entered: 09/18/2024)
09/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before October 16, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/19/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 09/19/2024)