

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01079-RCL**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/20/2021  
Date Terminated: 09/23/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/20/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8387482) 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: 04/20/2021)
04/20/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 04/20/2021)
04/20/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (znm) (Entered: 04/20/2021)
04/20/2021	<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)(znm) (Entered: 04/20/2021)
05/11/2021	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 5/10/2021, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/10/2021., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/10/2021. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/9/2021.) (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
06/07/2021	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Bradley P. Humphreys on behalf of All Defendants (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 06/07/2021)
06/09/2021	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 06/09/2021)
06/10/2021	<u>7</u>	ORDER: The Government shall produce a Vaughn index and any supporting dispositive motions by 7/12/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 6/10/2021. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 06/10/2021)
07/09/2021	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION to Vacate <u>7</u> Order, Set Deadlines by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 07/09/2021)

07/12/2021	<u>9</u>	ORDER granting <u>8</u> Consent Motion to Vacate. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before 7/26/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/12/2021. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/26/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 07/26/2021)
07/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before 8/9/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/26/2021. (lcrcl3) Modified on 7/27/2021 (lsj). (Entered: 07/26/2021)
08/09/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 08/09/2021)
08/19/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
08/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER Status Report due by 9/27/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/25/2021. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 08/25/2021)
09/27/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 09/27/2021)
11/03/2021	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Michael Andrew Zee on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 11/03/2021)
11/08/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 11/08/2021)
11/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 12/9/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 11/19/2021. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 11/19/2021)
12/09/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 12/09/2021)
12/10/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 1/18/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/10/2021. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 12/10/2021)
01/18/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 01/18/2022)
01/24/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 2/22/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 1/24/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 01/24/2022)
02/22/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 02/22/2022)
02/24/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 3/23/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 2/24/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 02/24/2022)
03/23/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 03/23/2022)
04/04/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 4/27/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/4/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 04/04/2022)
04/27/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 04/27/2022)
04/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 5/31/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 4/28/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 04/28/2022)
05/31/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
06/30/2022	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 06/30/2022)
07/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 8/3/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/6/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 07/06/2022)

08/03/2022	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 08/03/2022)
08/04/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Joint Status Report due by 09/07/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/04/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 08/04/2022)
09/07/2022	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 09/07/2022)
09/09/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further status report by 10/07/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/09/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 09/09/2022)
10/07/2022	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 10/07/2022)
10/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 11/07/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 10/25/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 10/26/2022)
11/08/2022	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 11/08/2022)
11/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 12/13/2022. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 11/08/2022. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 11/08/2022)
12/13/2022	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 12/13/2022)
12/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 01/12/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/14/2022. (lcrcl3) Modified on 12/15/2022 (lsj). (Entered: 12/14/2022)
12/15/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/12/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 12/15/2022)
01/12/2023	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 01/12/2023)
01/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 02/13/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 01/13/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
02/13/2023	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 02/13/2023)
02/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 05/17/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 02/22/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 02/22/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/30/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 06/16/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 05/30/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 05/30/2023)
06/15/2023	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Rachel Baron on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Baron, Rachel) (Main Document 31 replaced on 6/15/2023) (znmw). (Entered: 06/15/2023)
06/16/2023	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 06/16/2023)
07/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 07/17/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/10/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 07/10/2023)

07/17/2023	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
08/16/2023	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 08/16/2023)
08/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 09/15/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 08/18/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
09/15/2023	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
10/16/2023	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
10/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 11/15/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 10/30/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 10/31/2023)
11/15/2023	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
11/16/2023	<u>38</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Rachel Baron terminated. (Baron, Rachel) (Entered: 11/16/2023)
11/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 12/15/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 11/16/2023. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 11/17/2023)
12/15/2023	<u>39</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
12/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 01/16/2024. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/20/2023. (lcrcl3) Modified to correct year on 12/20/2023 (smc). (Entered: 12/20/2023)
01/16/2024	<u>40</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
02/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 02/15/2024. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 02/01/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/07/2024	<u>41</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Taylor Stoneman on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Stoneman, Taylor) (Main Document 41 replaced on 2/8/2024) (zdp). (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/08/2024	<u>42</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Mehreen A Rasheed terminated. (Rasheed, Mehreen) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
02/09/2024	<u>43</u>	Consent MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Elizabeth Haddix. Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–10680460. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Elizabeth Haddix, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Stoneman, Taylor) (Entered: 02/09/2024)
02/15/2024	<u>44</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Zee, Michael) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
02/15/2024	<u>45</u>	ORDER granting Motion <u>43</u> for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. <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> . Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 02/15/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 02/15/2024)
02/16/2024	<u>46</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth Haddix on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Haddix, Elizabeth) (Main Document 46 replaced on 2/20/2024) (zdp). (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/16/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 03/18/2024. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 02/16/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 02/16/2024)

03/18/2024	<u>47</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 04/17/2024. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 03/19/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 03/20/2024)
04/17/2024	<u>48</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
05/01/2024	<u>49</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 05/01/2024)
05/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by 7/19/2024. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 05/24/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
07/23/2024	<u>50</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
08/07/2024	<u>51</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin A. Sparks on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Sparks, Benjamin) (Main Document 51 replaced on 8/8/2024) (zdp). (Entered: 08/07/2024)
08/07/2024	<u>52</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Attorney Taylor Stoneman terminated. (Stoneman, Taylor) (Entered: 08/07/2024)
08/08/2024	<u>53</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth Haddix on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit Exhibit A)(Haddix, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/08/2024)
08/22/2024	<u>54</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Humphreys, Bradley) (Entered: 08/22/2024)
09/23/2024	<u>55</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Haddix, Elizabeth) (Entered: 09/23/2024)