U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00786-DLF

DELLA ROCCA v. UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/22/2022 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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03/22/2022	1	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–9120224) filed by BRIAN R. DELL ROCCA. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 03/22/2022)
03/25/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zmh) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
03/25/2022	2	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zmh) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
03/25/2022	<u>3</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 25, 2022. (lcdlf3) (Entered: 03/25/2022)
04/19/2022	4	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/1/2022. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/1/2022.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE served on 4/4/2022 (Attachments: # 1 Summons, # 2 Summons)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 04/19/2022)
04/22/2022		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>4</u> Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney; emailed to bdellarocca@compass—law.com, cc'd 0 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Please note the following deficiency and file/refile document as instructed , 2. Please file Return of Service event for US Attorney General. (zeg,) (Entered: 04/22/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas Anthony Quinn on behalf of UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>to Complaint</i> by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	7	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>6</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>to Complaint</i> filed by BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA. (Della Rocca, Brian) Modified docket event/text on 5/2/2022 (zeg). (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Accordingly, the defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint on or before June 1, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 29, 2022. (lcdlf3) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
05/10/2022	8	AMENDED COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE filed by BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA, Lawrence W. Doyle, John F Moynihan.(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 05/10/2022)
06/01/2022	9	ANSWER to 8 Amended Complaint by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.(Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
06/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a Meet and Confer report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the Meet and Confer report on or before July 1, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 2, 2022. (lcdlf3) (Entered: 06/02/2022)
07/01/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
07/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, they are directed to file another joint status report on or before August 5, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 1, 2022. (lcdlf3) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
08/05/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
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08/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before September 9, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 5, 2022. (lcdlf3) (Entered: 08/05/2022)
09/06/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 09/06/2022)
09/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before October 7, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 6, 2022. (lcdlf3) (Entered: 09/06/2022)
10/07/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 10/07/2022)
10/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before November 10, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 7, 2022. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 10/07/2022)
11/10/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 11/10/2022)
11/10/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before December 9, 2022. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 10, 2022. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 11/10/2022)
12/09/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 12/09/2022)
12/12/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before January 9, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 12, 2022. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 12/12/2022)
01/09/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 01/09/2023)
01/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before February 9, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 10, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 01/10/2023)
02/09/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 02/09/2023)
02/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before March 9, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 10, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 02/10/2023)
03/09/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 03/09/2023)
03/09/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before April 11, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 9, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 03/09/2023)
04/10/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 04/10/2023)
04/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before June 9, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 12, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 04/12/2023)

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06/09/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Quinn, Thomas) (Entered: 06/09/2023)
06/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before August 8, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 12, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
07/14/2023	<u>21</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by M. Jared Littman on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Thomas Anthony Quinn (Littman, M.) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
07/20/2023	<u>22</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File a Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
07/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendant's <u>22</u> Consent Motion of Time. The parties shall file a joint status report on or before September 7, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 21, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 07/21/2023)
09/07/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 09/07/2023)
09/07/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties are directed to file another joint status report by October 23, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 7, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 09/07/2023)
09/07/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/23/2023 (zjch,) (Entered: 09/08/2023)
10/19/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File a Joint Status Report</i> by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 10/19/2023)
10/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File a Joint Status Report. The parties are directed to file a joint status report on or before November 6, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 19, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 10/19/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file a joint status report on or before November 20, 2023, in which (1) the plaintiffs identify the issues to be resolved at summary judgment and (2) the parties propose a briefing schedule for summary judgment. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 6, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/17/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 11/17/2023)
11/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the following schedule will govern further proceedings: the plaintiffs shall file a motion for summary judgment on or before January 8, 2024; the defendant shall file a cross—motion for summary judgment and opposition to plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment on or before February 22, 2024; the plaintiffs shall file their reply in support of their motion for summary judgment and opposition to the defendant's cross—motion for summary judgment on or before March 25, 2024; and the defendant shall file its reply in support of its cross—motion for summary judgment on or before April 12, 2024. The Court further notes that the motion for summary judgment and opposition must comply with LCvR 7(h), which requires that each party submitting a motion for summary judgment attach a statement of material facts for which that party contends there is no genuine dispute, with numbered paragraphs and specific citations to those portions of the record upon which the party relies in fashioning the statement. The party opposing the motion must include a statement that enumerates all material facts that the party contends are genuinely disputed. The opposing party's statement must (1) restate the movant's statement of undisputed material fact in numbered paragraphs, and (2) immediately following each numbered paragraph state the opponent's response to the stated fact. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 17, 2023. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 11/17/2023)

01/08/2024	<u>27</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary</i>
		Judgment by BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA, LAWRENCE W. DOYLE, JOHN F. MOYNIHAN. (Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
01/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting the plaintiffs' <u>27</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. The plaintiffs shall file their motion for summary judgment on or before January 15, 2024; the defendant shall file its cross—motion for summary judgment and opposition to the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment on or before February 29, 2024; the plaintiffs shall file their opposition to the defendant's cross—motion and reply in support of their motion on or before April 1, 2024; and the defendant shall file its reply in support of its cross—motion on or before April 19, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 8, 2024. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
01/16/2024	<u>28</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA, LAWRENCE W. DOYLE, JOHN F. MOYNIHAN. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Declaration of Brian R. Della Rocca, # 3 Exhibit A, # 4 Exhibit B, # 5 Exhibit C, # 6 Exhibit D, # 7 Exhibit E, # 8 Exhibit F, # 9 Statement of Facts Not in Dispute, # 10 Text of Proposed Order, # 11 Certificate of Service)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
02/28/2024	<u>29</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Declaration of Janine Castorina, # 2 Statement of Facts Defendant's Statement of Material Facts and Opposition to Plaintiff's Statement of Material Facts)(Littman, M.) (Entered: 02/28/2024)
02/28/2024	<u>30</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>28</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, filed by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Janine Castorina, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts Defendant's Statement of Material Facts and Opposition to Plaintiff's Statement of Material Facts)(Littman, M.) (Entered: 02/28/2024)
03/22/2024	<u>31</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>29</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA, LAWRENCE W. DOYLE, JOHN F. MOYNIHAN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting the plaintiffs' <u>31</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. I is ORDERED that the plaintiffs shall file their opposition and reply on or before April 25, 2024. The defendant shall file its reply on or before May 20, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 22, 2024. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
04/25/2024	<u>32</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re 29 Motion for Summary Judgment, and Opposition to Defendant's Statement of Facts filed by BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA, LAWRENCE W. DOYLE, JOHN F. MOYNIHAN. (Attachments: # 1 Statement of Facts)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
04/25/2024	<u>33</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>28</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and Opposition to Defendant's Statement of Facts</i> filed by BRIAN R. DELLA ROCCA, LAWRENCE W. DOYLE, JOHN F. MOYNIHAN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts)(Della Rocca, Brian) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
05/18/2024	<u>34</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>29</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 05/18/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>35</u>	MINUTE ORDER denying the parties' <u>28 29</u> Cross Motions for Summary Judgment. See attached order for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 27, 2024. (lcdlf3) (Entered: 08/27/2024)
08/27/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Supplemental Memorandum due by 9/24/2024. (zjch,) (Entered: 08/27/2024)
09/18/2024	<u>36</u>	DECLARATION of Janine Castorina (supplemental) by UNITED STATES POSTAI SERVICE re 29 Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment . (Littman, M.) (Entered: 09/18/2024)
09/18/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The court is in receipt of the defendant's <u>36</u> Declaration of Janine Castorina (supplemental). It is ORDERED the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for further proceedings on or before September 25, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 18, 2024 (lcdlf3). (Entered:

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09/23/2024	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 09/23/2024)
09/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>37</u> Joint Status Report, the defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment on or before October 25, 2024; the Plaintiff shall file its opposition on or before November 25, 2024; and the defendant shall file its reply on or before December 9, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 23, 2024 (lcldf3). (Entered: 09/23/2024)
09/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>37</u> Joint Status Report, the following schedule shall govern further proceedings in this case: the defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before October 25, 2024; the plaintiff shall file its response on or before November 25, 2024; and the defendant shall file its reply on or before December 9, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 23, 2024. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 09/23/2024)