

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02545-LLA**

AMERICA FIRST LEGAL FOUNDATION v. FEDERAL  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION et al  
Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/31/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/31/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10317800) filed by AMERICA FIRST LEGAL FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons)(Ding, Michael) (Entered: 08/31/2023)
08/31/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zljn) (Entered: 08/31/2023)
08/31/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 08/31/2023)
09/05/2023	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 5, 2023. (lcbah4) (Entered: 09/05/2023)
09/14/2023	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jacob Meckler on behalf of AMERICA FIRST LEGAL FOUNDATION (Meckler, Jacob) (Entered: 09/14/2023)
09/15/2023	<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 9/5/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/5/2023. (Meckler, Jacob) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
09/15/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General Sept. 13, 2023. (Meckler, Jacob) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
09/15/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 9/13/2023 (Meckler, Jacob) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
09/29/2023	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kenneth A. Adebajo on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (Adebajo, Kenneth) (Entered: 09/29/2023)
10/05/2023	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Adebajo, Kenneth) (Entered: 10/05/2023)
10/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) GRANTING defendants' <u>9</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond, and DIRECTING defendants to answer or otherwise respond to the <u>1</u> Complaint by November 21, 2023. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 10, 2023. (lcbah4) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
10/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendants' Answer or otherwise Response to the Complaint due by 11/21/2023. (zalh) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
11/21/2023	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Bonnie Devany on behalf of All Defendants (Devany, Bonnie) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
11/21/2023	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.(Devany, Bonnie) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
11/21/2023	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL – by Bonnie Devany on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Substituting for attorney Kenneth A. Adebajo. (See docket entry <u>10</u> to view document). (mg) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
12/14/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. Judge Beryl A. Howell is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 12/14/2023)

01/23/2024	<u>13</u>	ORDER. The court ORDERS the parties to meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before February 22, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 01/23/2024. (lc1a2) Modified on 1/24/2024 (zcdw). (Entered: 01/23/2024)
01/24/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/22/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/24/2024)
02/22/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Devany, Bonnie) (Entered: 02/22/2024)
02/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report, which, if necessary, includes a proposed schedule, on or before March 22, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 02/22/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 02/22/2024)
02/25/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 3/22/2024 (zcdw) (Entered: 02/25/2024)
03/22/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Devany, Bonnie) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report, which, if necessary, includes a proposed schedule, on or before May 21, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 03/22/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/24/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint status report and proposed schedule due by 5/21/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/24/2024)
05/21/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Devany, Bonnie) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
05/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report, which, if necessary, includes a proposed schedule, on or before July 22, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 05/23/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 05/23/2024)
05/27/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/22/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/27/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Devany, Bonnie) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report, which, if necessary, includes a proposed briefing schedule, on or before September 20, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 07/23/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 07/23/2024)
07/24/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/20/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/24/2024)
09/23/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Devany, Bonnie) (Entered: 09/23/2024)
09/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 22, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 09/23/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 09/23/2024)