

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03019-RDM**

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER v.  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY et al  
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/11/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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PUBLIC DEFENDER**

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10/11/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10412006) filed by NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Summons, # <u>7</u> Summons)(Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
10/11/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (znmw) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/11/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by M. Jared Littman on behalf of All Defendants (Littman, M.) (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT served on 10/20/2023 (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Main Document 5 replaced on 11/7/2023) (zjm). (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 10/18/2023 (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Main Document 6 replaced on 11/7/2023) (zjm). (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/19/2023. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Main Document 7 replaced on 11/7/2023) (zjm). (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/06/2023	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/19/2023. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/18/2023. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Main Document 8 replaced on 11/7/2023) (zjm). (Entered: 11/06/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendants' consent motion for extension of time to respond, Dkt. <u>9</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendants shall respond to the complaint in this matter on or before December 20, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/15/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 11/15/2023)
12/19/2023	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.(Littman, M.) (Entered: 12/19/2023)
12/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before January 19, 2024, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference on February 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 8, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/20/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
01/19/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 01/19/2024)

01/21/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before March 4, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/21/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 01/21/2024)
01/30/2024	<u>12</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Order <i>to Remove Status Hearing from Calendar</i> by NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 01/30/2024)
01/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's unopposed motion to remove status hearing from calendar, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The hearing scheduled for February 2, 2024 is hereby VACATED. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/30/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 01/30/2024)
01/31/2024	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear <i>of Law Student Certification</i> by NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER (Gutman, Jeffrey) Modified on 2/1/2024 to correct event (zjm). (Entered: 01/31/2024)
02/05/2024	<u>14</u>	MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's motion for leave to appear of law student certification, Dkt. <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/5/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 02/05/2024)
03/04/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/04/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 18, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/4/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before June 17, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/12/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
06/12/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 06/12/2024)
06/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before August 30, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/13/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 06/13/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Littman, M.) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>18</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before September 30, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/30/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
09/19/2024	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Student Attorney Certification <i>for Nicholas Kitevski</i> by NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/19/2024)
09/19/2024	<u>20</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Student Attorney Certification <i>for Melissa Rettig</i> by NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER. (Gutman, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/19/2024)
09/23/2024	<u>21</u>	MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for Leave for Student Attorney Appearance, Dkt. <u>19</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED.

		See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/24/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 09/23/2024)
09/23/2024	<u>22</u>	ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for Leave for Student Attorney Appearance, Dkt. <u>20</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/24/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 09/23/2024)