

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00454-DLF**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE et al
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/16/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/16/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10694798) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons USAO, # <u>5</u> Summons AG, # <u>6</u> Summons FBI, # <u>7</u> Summons DOJ)(Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/16/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 02/16/2024)

02/16/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zrtw) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/16/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 02/16/2024)
02/20/2024	<u>4</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 20, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 02/20/2024)
04/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The plaintiff filed the Complaint in this action on February 16, 2024, against two defendants. As of the date of this order, the public docket reflects that the plaintiff has yet to file proof of service of either defendant. The Court directs the plaintiff's attention to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), which provides in pertinent part that if a defendant is not served within 90 days after the complaint is filed, the court, on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff, must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be made within a specified time. But if the plaintiff shows good cause for the failure, the court must extend the time for service for an appropriate period. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). Unless service is waived, proof of service must be made to the court. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(l)(1). To avoid the finality of a mandatory dismissal of this action against the defendants, it is ORDERED that the plaintiff must, on or before <u>May 16, 2024</u> , either cause process to be served upon the defendants and proof of service to be filed with the Court or establish good cause for the failure to do so. The failure to make such filings will result in dismissal of this case. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 17, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
05/02/2024	<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 4/23/2024. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/23/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/26/24., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION served on 4/26/2024; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 4/26/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Lewis, Emma) (Entered: 05/02/2024)
05/13/2024	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kaitlin Kerry Eckrote on behalf of All Defendants (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendants' <u>7</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond. The defendants shall file an answer or otherwise respond to the plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint on or before June 24, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 13, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 6/24/2024, (zjch,) (Entered: 05/14/2024)
06/24/2024	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
06/25/2024		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 25, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 25, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 06/25/2024)
07/11/2024	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Loree Stark on behalf of AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Stark, Loree) (Main Document 9 replaced on 7/12/2024) (mg). (Entered: 07/11/2024)
07/25/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Stark, Loree) (Entered: 07/25/2024)

07/25/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before September 23, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 25, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 07/25/2024)
09/23/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 09/23/2024)
09/23/2024		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 November 22, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 23, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 09/23/2024)