

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-01399-JMC**

LANIER LAW FIRM v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES et al
Assigned to: Judge Jia M. Cobb
Related Case: [1:24-cv-01461-JMC](#)
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/14/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/14/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</i> (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10895766) filed by LANIER LAW FIRM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>4</u> Summons for Attorney General of the United

		States, # <u>5</u> Summons for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, # <u>6</u> Summons for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, # <u>7</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney's Office)(Munn, Charles) (Attachment 3 replaced on 5/15/2024) (znmw). (Entered: 05/14/2024)
05/14/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by LANIER LAW FIRM (Munn, Charles) (Entered: 05/14/2024)
05/14/2024	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James Woodside Orth, I on behalf of LANIER LAW FIRM (Orth, James) (Entered: 05/14/2024)
05/15/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Jia M. Cobb. (znmw) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General on May 24, 2024. (Munn, Charles) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES served on 5/24/2024 (Munn, Charles) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 5/28/2024 (Munn, Charles) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
05/31/2024	<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 5/24/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/23/2024. (Munn, Charles) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Dimitar Georgiev–Remmel on behalf of CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Georgiev–Remmel, Dimitar) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. Case related to Case No. 24–1461. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Lanier I FOIA Request, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Lanier II FOIA Request)(Georgiev–Remmel, Dimitar) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/24/2024	<u>11</u>	MOTION to Dismiss by CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Georgiev–Remmel, Dimitar) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
07/08/2024	<u>12</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> Motion to Dismiss <i>and Motion for Leave to Supplement Complaint</i> filed by LANIER LAW FIRM. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – Proposed Supplemental Complaint, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A – FOIA Request, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B – FOIA Response)(Munn, Charles) (Entered: 07/08/2024)
07/12/2024	<u>13</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>11</u> MOTION to Dismiss <i>and Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Supplement Complaint</i> filed by CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Georgiev–Remmel, Dimitar) (Entered: 07/12/2024)
07/25/2024	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY by LANIER LAW FIRM (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum Opinion and Order)(Munn, Charles) (Entered: 07/25/2024)
07/25/2024	<u>15</u>	RESPONSE re <u>14</u> NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY by CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Georgiev–Remmel, Dimitar) Modified docket text on 7/26/2024 (zdp). (Entered: 07/25/2024)
08/26/2024	<u>16</u>	ORDER denying <u>11</u> Motion to Dismiss and granting <u>12</u> Motion for Leave to Supplement Complaint. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on August

		26, 2024. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 08/26/2024)
08/27/2024	<u>17</u>	NOTICE of <i>Supplemental Complaint</i> by LANIER LAW FIRM re <u>1</u> Complaint,, (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B)(Munn, Charles) (Entered: 08/27/2024)
09/09/2024	<u>18</u>	ANSWER to Complaint <i>ECF No. 17</i> by CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Georgiev–Remmel, Dimitar) (Entered: 09/09/2024)
09/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the Parties confer and submit a joint proposed schedule for further proceedings, which shall include a proposed schedule for the processing and release of responsive records or for briefing dispositive motions, by September 24, 2024. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on September 10, 2024. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 09/10/2024)
09/24/2024	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Georgiev–Remmel, Dimitar) (Entered: 09/24/2024)