

**U.S. District Court  
District of Maryland (Baltimore)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00108-ADC**

Alexander v. Food and Drug Administration  
Assigned to: Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/14/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/14/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Food and Drug Administration ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number 0416-9700545.), filed by George Caleb Alexander. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Exhibit, # <u>5</u> Exhibit, # <u>6</u> Exhibit, # <u>7</u> Exhibit, # <u>8</u> Exhibit, # <u>9</u> Exhibit, # <u>10</u> Exhibit, # <u>11</u> Exhibit, # <u>12</u> Exhibit, # <u>13</u> Exhibit, # <u>14</u> Exhibit, # <u>15</u> Exhibit, # <u>16</u> Exhibit, # <u>17</u> Exhibit, # <u>18</u> Exhibit, # <u>19</u> Summons)(DaCosta, Jennifer) (Entered: 01/14/2022)
01/14/2022	<u>2</u>	MOTION to Appear Pro Hac Vice for Stephen Stich (Filing fee \$100, receipt number 0416-9701349.) by George Caleb Alexander(DaCosta, Jennifer) (Entered: 01/14/2022)
01/18/2022	3	PAPERLESS ORDER granting <u>2</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice on behalf of Stephen Stich. Directing attorney Stephen Stich to register online for CM/ECF at <a href="http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/electronic-case-filing-registration">http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/electronic-case-filing-registration</a> . Signed by Clerk on 1/18/2022. (dm4, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/18/2022)
01/19/2022	4	QC NOTICE: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by George Caleb Alexander was filed incorrectly. <i>**The following attachments or exhibits are missing – Summons for U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. To correct this problem, file Summons for U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General using the event Notice (Other) and link Summons for U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General to <u>1</u>.</i> (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/19/2022)
01/19/2022	5	NOTICE of Case Assignment. This case has been assigned to Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner. George Caleb Alexander or counsel for George Caleb Alexander are required to review and comply with the Magistrate Judge Pilot Project Procedures which can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> . Pursuant to Standing Order 2019-07, which can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> , counsel has 14 days from the date of this notice to file their consent, or decline to consent to proceed before a U.S. Magistrate Judge which can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> . To file your consent, go to <i>Civil &gt; Other Filings &gt; Other Documents &gt; 25 Pct Mag – Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge</i> . To file your declination, go to <i>Civil &gt; Other Filings &gt; Other Documents &gt; 25 Pct Mag – Decline to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge</i> . Failure to file a consent or declination will result in issuance of an Order to Show Cause. Please review the case management order that has been issued in this case. Magistrate Election Form due by 2/2/2022. (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/19/2022)
01/19/2022	<u>6</u>	Case Management Order. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 1/19/2022. (ols, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/19/2022)
01/19/2022	<u>7</u>	NOTICE by George Caleb Alexander re <u>1</u> Complaint, <i>Summons for U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General</i> (Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 01/19/2022)
01/20/2022	<u>8</u>	Summons Issued 60 days as to Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General(kk5s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/20/2022)
02/17/2022	<u>10</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by George Caleb Alexander. Food and Drug Administration served on 2/16/2022, answer due 4/18/2022.(Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 02/17/2022)

03/03/2022	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, by Food and Drug Administration.(Lazerow, Alan) (Entered: 03/03/2022)
03/08/2022	12	NOTICE of Case Assignment. This case has been assigned to Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner. Food and Drug Administration or counsel for Food and Drug Administration are required to review and comply with the Magistrate Judge Pilot Project Procedures which can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> . Pursuant to Standing Order 2019-07, which can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> , counsel has 14 days from the date of this notice to file their consent, or decline to consent to proceed before a U.S. Magistrate Judge which can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> . To file your consent, go to <i>Civil &gt; Other Filings &gt; Other Documents &gt; 25 Pct Mag – Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge</i> . To file your declination, go to <i>Civil &gt; Other Filings &gt; Other Documents &gt; 25 Pct Mag – Decline to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge</i> . Failure to file a consent or declination will result in issuance of an Order to Show Cause. Please review the case management order that has been issued in this case. Magistrate Election Form due by 3/22/2022. (kk5s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/08/2022)
03/15/2022	14	NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY re: Consent/Decline to Proceed Before a US Magistrate Judge. Food and Drug Administration must correct the following error(s): **Incorrect form used – complete the form <i>Consent to Exercise of Jurisdiction by United States Magistrate Judge</i> which can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> and refile using the event <i>25 Pct Mag Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge</i> <b>OR</b> <i>25 Pct Mag Decline to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge</i> , both located in Other Filings >Other Documents. (kk5s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/15/2022)
03/16/2022	16	PAPERLESS ORDER: In accordance with 28 USC 636(c), all parties have voluntarily consented to have Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment, and conduct all post-judgment proceedings, with direct review by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, if an appeal is filed. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 3/16/2022. (bmhs, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/16/2022)
03/21/2022	<u>17</u>	ORDER directing counsel to review the proposed scheduling order, confer, and file a joint status report no later than 4/4/2022. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 3/21/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Scheduling Order)(kk5s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/22/2022)
03/21/2022	<u>18</u>	ORDER regarding informal discovery dispute procedure. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 3/21/2022. (kk5s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 03/22/2022)
04/04/2022	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT by George Caleb Alexander(Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 04/04/2022)
04/04/2022	20	PAPERLESS ORDER approving <u>19</u> Status Report filed by George Caleb Alexander. The parties are directed to submit a joint status report by no later than May 4, 2022. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 4/4/2022. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 04/04/2022)
05/04/2022	<u>21</u>	STATUS REPORT by George Caleb Alexander(Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 05/04/2022)
05/04/2022	22	PAPERLESS ORDER approving <u>21</u> Status Report filed by George Caleb Alexander. The parties are directed to submit a joint status report by no later than June 3, 2022. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 5/4/2022. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 05/04/2022)
06/03/2022	<u>23</u>	STATUS REPORT by George Caleb Alexander(Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 06/03/2022)
06/07/2022	24	PAPERLESS ORDER approving <u>23</u> Status Report filed by George Caleb Alexander. The deadline for the submission of a joint status report is October 6, 2022. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 6/7/2022. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 06/07/2022)
10/06/2022	<u>25</u>	STATUS REPORT by George Caleb Alexander(Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 10/06/2022)
10/11/2022	26	PAPERLESS ORDER approving <u>25</u> Status Report filed by George Caleb Alexander. The parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than December 5, 2022. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 10/11/2022. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 10/11/2022)

12/05/2022	<u>27</u>	STATUS REPORT by George Caleb Alexander(Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 12/05/2022)
12/06/2022	28	PAPERLESS ORDER approving <u>27</u> Status Report filed by George Caleb Alexander. The parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than June 6, 2023. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 12/6/2022. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 12/06/2022)
12/16/2022	<u>29</u>	MOTION to Appear Pro Hac Vice for Kelsey Eberly (Filing fee \$100, receipt number AMDDC-10329262.) by George Caleb Alexander(DaCosta, Jennifer) (Entered: 12/16/2022)
12/19/2022	30	PAPERLESS ORDER granting <u>29</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice on behalf of Kelsey Eberly. Directing attorney Kelsey Eberly to register for pro hac vice filing in the District of Maryland through PACER at <a href="https://pacer.uscourts.gov/">https://pacer.uscourts.gov/</a> if attorney has not already done so. The <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> option must be selected when registering. Signed by Clerk on 12/19/2022. (mh4s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
12/21/2022	<u>31</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by George Caleb Alexander(Stich, Stephen) (Entered: 12/21/2022)
12/22/2022	32	PAPERLESS ORDER granting <u>31</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Attorney Stephen Stich terminated. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 12/22/2022. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 12/22/2022)
06/06/2023	<u>33</u>	STATUS REPORT by George Caleb Alexander(Eberly, Kelsey) (Entered: 06/06/2023)
06/07/2023	34	PAPERLESS ORDER approving <u>33</u> Status Report filed by George Caleb Alexander. The parties are directed to file a joint status report by no later than September 6, 2023 updating the court on the status of the case. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 6/7/2023. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
07/20/2023	<u>35</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by George Caleb Alexander(Eberly, Kelsey) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
07/20/2023	36	PAPERLESS ORDER granting <u>35</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Attorney Kelsey Rinehart Eberly terminated. Signed by Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner on 7/20/2023. (dwcs, Chambers) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
09/05/2023	<u>37</u>	Status Report Submitted ( <i>Joint Status Report</i> ) by Food and Drug Administration (Lazerow, Alan) (Entered: 09/05/2023)
09/21/2023		Case Reassigned to Magistrate Judge Adam B Abelson. Magistrate Judge Beth P. Gesner no longer assigned to the case. (kns, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/21/2023)
09/21/2023		Case Reassigned to Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite. Magistrate Judge Adam B Abelson no longer assigned to the case. (kns, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/21/2023)
09/25/2023	38	PAPERLESS ORDER approving <u>37</u> Status Report. The parties are directed to file a joint status report by no later than December 6, 2023 updating the court on the status of the case. Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 9/25/2023. (Chambers) (Entered: 09/25/2023)
12/05/2023	<u>39</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint Status Report</i> ) by Food and Drug Administration(Lazerow, Alan) (Entered: 12/05/2023)
12/06/2023	<u>40</u>	MARGINAL ORDER Approving <u>39</u> STATUS REPORT (Joint Status Report)filed by Food and Drug Administration. Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 12/6/2023. (kb3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 12/06/2023)
01/19/2024	<u>41</u>	MOTION to Strike <i>Appearance of Alan Lazerow</i> by Food and Drug Administration (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Wilson, Michael) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
01/19/2024	<u>42</u>	ORDER granting <u>41</u> MOTION to Strike <i>Appearance of Alan Lazerow</i> . Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 1/19/2024. (kb3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
02/08/2024	<u>43</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint</i> ) by Food and Drug Administration(Wilson, Michael) (Entered: 02/08/2024)

02/08/2024	<u>44</u>	MARGINAL ORDER APPROVING <u>43</u> STATUS REPORT (Joint) filed by Food and Drug Administration. Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 2/8/2024. (kb3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
04/24/2024	<u>45</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint</i> ) by Food and Drug Administration(Wilson, Michael) (Entered: 04/24/2024)
04/25/2024	<u>46</u>	MARGINAL ORDER APPROVING <u>45</u> Status Report(Joint) filed by Food and Drug Administration. Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 4/25/2024. (kb3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
05/20/2024	<u>47</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint</i> ) by Food and Drug Administration(Wilson, Michael) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
05/20/2024	<u>48</u>	MARGINAL ORDER APPROVING <u>47</u> STATUS REPORT (Joint) filed by Food and Drug Administration. Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 5/20/2024. (kb3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>49</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint</i> ) by Food and Drug Administration(Wilson, Michael) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
07/24/2024	<u>50</u>	MARGINAL ORDER APPROVING <u>49</u> STATUS REPORT (Joint) filed by Food and Drug Administration. Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 7/24/2024. (kb3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 07/24/2024)
09/18/2024	<u>51</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint</i> ) by Food and Drug Administration(Wilson, Michael) (Entered: 09/18/2024)
09/18/2024	<u>52</u>	MARGINAL ORDER APPROVING <u>51</u> Status Report(Joint) filed by Food and Drug Administration. Signed by Magistrate Judge A. David Copperthite on 9/18/2024. (kb3s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/18/2024)
09/20/2024	<u>53</u>	MOTION to Appear Pro Hac Vice for Stacy Livingston (Filing fee \$100, receipt number AMDDC-11501054.) by George Caleb Alexander(DaCosta, Jennifer) (Entered: 09/20/2024)
09/23/2024	54	PAPERLESS ORDER granting <u>53</u> Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice on behalf of Stacy Livingston. Directing attorney Stacy Livingston to register for pro hac vice filing in the District of Maryland through PACER at <a href="https://pacer.uscourts.gov/">https://pacer.uscourts.gov/</a> if attorney has not already done so. The <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> option must be selected when registering. Signed by Clerk on 9/23/2024. (mh4s, Deputy Clerk) (Entered: 09/23/2024)