

**U.S. District Court
Southern District of Ohio (Cincinnati)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-00682-DRC**

The Cincinnati Enquirer v. United States Department of Justice
Assigned to: Judge Douglas R. Cole
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/20/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/20/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT for Violation of FOIA-5 U.S.C. 552 against United States Department of Justice (Filing fee \$ 402 paid – receipt number: AOHSDC-9653752), filed by The Cincinnati Enquirer, a division of Gannett GP Media, Inc.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>6</u> Summons Form) (Greiner, John) (Entered: 10/20/2023)

10/20/2023	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by Plaintiff The Cincinnati Enquirer, a division of Gannett GP Media, Inc.. (Greiner, John) (Entered: 10/20/2023)
10/20/2023		If this case is referred, it will be to Magistrate Judge Stephanie K. Bowman. (bjc) (Entered: 10/20/2023)
10/20/2023	<u>3</u>	Summons Issued as to United States Department of Justice. (bjc) (Entered: 10/20/2023)
02/01/2024	<u>4</u>	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE – The Enquirer is ORDERED to show cause, in writing and within twenty–one (21) days, why the complaint should not be dismissed for failure of service. Alternatively, The Enquirer is INSTRUCTED to notify the Court, in writing and within twenty–one (21) days, should it require additional time to cure a failure of service, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i)(4)(A). Signed by Judge Michael R. Barrett on 2/1/2024. (kkz) (Entered: 02/01/2024)
02/08/2024	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time New date requested 4/8/2024. by Plaintiff The Cincinnati Enquirer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – Declaration of Darren W. Ford) (Ford, Darren) (Entered: 02/08/2024)
02/14/2024		NOTATION ORDER: For good cause shown, Plaintiff's motion for an extension of time to effectuate service is GRANTED. Plaintiff The Cincinnati Enquirer shall now have up to and including 4/8/24 to perfect service on Defendant United States Department of Justice. Signed by Judge Michael R. Barrett on 2/14/24. (kkz) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed as to Defendant United States Department of Justice. United States Department of Justice served on 2/23/2024, answer due 4/23/2024. (Ford, Darren) Modified on 3/6/2024 (eh). (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/06/2024		Reset Deadlines re doc. <u>6</u> : United States Department of Justice answer due 4/23/2024. (eh) (Entered: 03/06/2024)
03/06/2024	<u>7</u>	Clerk's CERTIFICATE of Mailing re <u>1</u> Complaint and <u>3</u> Summons Issued. (eh) (Entered: 03/06/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>8</u>	STIPULATION <i>Stipulated Extension of Time, from March 18, 2024 to April 8, 2024</i> , by Defendant United States Department of Justice. (Stark, John) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
03/08/2024		Reset Deadlines: United States Department of Justice answer due 4/8/2024 per Doc. <u>8</u> . (bjc) (Entered: 03/08/2024)
03/15/2024	<u>9</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed as to Cincinnati U.S. Attorney's Office. (kh) Modified docket text on 3/18/2024 (kh). (Entered: 03/15/2024)
03/18/2024	<u>10</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed as to Columbus U.S. Attorney's Office. (kh) (Entered: 03/18/2024)
03/26/2024	<u>11</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed as to Defendant United States Department of Justice. (kh) (Entered: 03/26/2024)
03/29/2024	<u>12</u>	Document 12 was inadvertently filed and has been restricted. (kev) Modified text and security on 4/1/2024 (kev). (Entered: 03/29/2024)
04/01/2024	<u>13</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed as to Defendant United States Department of Justice. (kev) (Entered: 04/01/2024)
04/08/2024	<u>14</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by United States Department of Justice. (Jerome, Simon) (Entered: 04/08/2024)
04/08/2024	<u>15</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by Defendant United States Department of Justice re <u>14</u> Answer to Complaint (Jerome, Simon) (Entered: 04/08/2024)
04/09/2024		NOTICE of Deadline: Rule 26(f) Report due by 5/6/2024. Please visit www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/FPbarrett to obtain copies of the Court's required Rule 26(f) report and joint final pretrial order forms as well as its trial procedures. (kkz) (Entered: 04/09/2024)

05/06/2024	<u>16</u>	RULE 26(f) REPORT by Defendant United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix) (Jerome, Simon) (Entered: 05/06/2024)
05/20/2024	<u>17</u>	STATUS REPORT (<i>Joint</i>) by Defendant United States Department of Justice. (Jerome, Simon) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
05/21/2024		Notation Order: Pursuant to the joint request <u>17</u> , the parties have up to and including 5/24/2024 to finalize a briefing schedule and complete Section G of their Rule 26(f) report. Signed by Judge Michael R. Barrett on 5/21/2024. (kkz) (Entered: 05/21/2024)
05/24/2024	<u>18</u>	RULE 26(f) REPORT (<i>Joint Addendum</i>) by Defendant United States Department of Justice. (Jerome, Simon) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
06/06/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/23/2024. (kkz) (Entered: 06/06/2024)
08/23/2024	<u>19</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by Defendant United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Def's Memorandum of Points + Authorities in Supp. of MSJ, # <u>2</u> Statement of Material Facts as to Which There Is No Genuine Issue, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order, # <u>4</u> Affidavit Declaration of Patrice Parker Hale) (Jerome, Simon) (Entered: 08/23/2024)
09/05/2024	<u>20</u>	ORDER REASSIGNING CASE. Case reassigned to Judge Matthew W. McFarland for all further proceedings. Judge Michael R. Barrett no longer assigned to case. Signed by Judge Michael R. Barrett on 9/5/2024. (kkz) (Entered: 09/05/2024)
09/06/2024	<u>21</u>	ORDER REASSIGNING CASE. Case reassigned to Judge Douglas R. Cole for all further proceedings. Judge Matthew W. McFarland no longer assigned to case. Signed by Judge Matthew W. McFarland on 09/06/2024. (kaf) (Entered: 09/06/2024)
09/13/2024	<u>22</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>19</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Plaintiff The Cincinnati Enquirer. (Greiner, John) (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/23/2024	<u>23</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>19</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment New date requested 10/11/2024. by Defendant United States Department of Justice. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order) (Jerome, Simon) (Entered: 09/23/2024)
09/26/2024		NOTATION ORDER granting <u>23</u> Unopposed Motion to Extend Defendant's Deadline to File a Reply Memorandum in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment. Reply due by 10/11/2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Douglas R. Cole on 9/26/24. (sct) (Entered: 09/26/2024)