U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03636-RCL

MOON v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE Date Filed: 12/04/2023 **INSPECTOR GENERAL et al** Jury Demand: Plaintiff Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth Mandamus & Other (Other) Related Case: <u>1:23-cv-03641-RCL</u> Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act **Plaintiff**

DARNELL W. MOON

Nature of Suit: 540 Prisoner Petition: Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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V.

Defendant

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Defendant

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/04/2023		Initiating Pleading & IFP Application Received on 12/04/2023. A copy of the docket sheet has been mailed to the address of record for the pro se party. (zsl) (Entered: 12/14/2023)

12/04/2023	1	COMPLAINT against All Defendants with Jury Demand filed by DARNELL W.
		MOON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(zsl) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
12/04/2023	2	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by DARNELL W. MOON. (zsl) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
12/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis <u>2</u> is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall assign this case directly to Judge Royce Lamberth as related to Civil Action No. 23–3641 (RCL). Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on 12/19/23. (psu2) (Entered: 12/19/2023)
12/20/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (zsl) (Entered: 12/20/2023)
12/31/2023	<u>3</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL with Jury Demand filed by DARNELL W. MOON.(znmw) (Entered: 01/02/2024)
01/12/2024	<u>4</u>	NEW Pro Se Consent To Receive Notices of Electronic Filing by DARNELL W. MOON (znmw) (Entered: 01/16/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE to Court and Request for Documents by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>6</u>	NOTICE to the Court and Request for Issuance of a Summons by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
02/26/2024	7	NOTICE of Change of Address by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Change of Financial Circumstances by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
03/01/2024	2	SUMMONS (5) Issued as to EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General; sent to U.S. Marshals Service. (znmw) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE served on 3/7/2024 (zdp) (Entered: 03/08/2024)
03/08/2024	11	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS served on 3/7/2024; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL served on 3/7/2024, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/07/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/7/2024. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/6/2024.) (zdp) (Entered: 03/08/2024)
03/14/2024	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/14/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/13/2024. (zdp) (Entered: 03/15/2024)
03/14/2024	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 03/15/2024)
03/29/2024	<u>14</u>	NOTICE to the Court by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
04/04/2024	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephanie R. Johnson on behalf of EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 04/04/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>16</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Amended Complaint</i> by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

		(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Certificate of Service)(Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>17</u>	ORDER granting Motion <u>16</u> for Extension of Time to Respond. Response to plaintiff's amended complaint due by $5/16/2024$. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on $4/12/2024$. (lcrcl2) (Entered: $04/12/2024$)
04/12/2024	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>19</u>	MOTION to Vacate <i>THE COURT'S DECEMBER 19, 2023, MINUTE ORDER</i> <i>GRANTING PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA</i> <i>PAUPERIS,</i> MOTION to Stay <i>ALL PROCEEDINGS</i> by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Certificate of Service)(Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>20</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL re <u>16</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to</i> <i>Amended Complaint</i> . (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
06/03/2024	<u>21</u>	RESPONSE re <u>19</u> MOTION to Vacate <i>THE COURT'S DECEMBER 19, 2023,</i> <i>MINUTE ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED</i> <i>IN FORMA PAUPERIS</i> MOTION to Stay <i>ALL PROCEEDINGS</i> filed by DARNELL W. MOON. (zdp) (Entered: 06/06/2024)
06/03/2024	<u>22</u>	MOTION for Hearing, MOTION for Sanctions by DARNELL W. MOON. (zdp) (Entered: 06/06/2024)
06/06/2024	<u>23</u>	ORDER denying Motion <u>19</u> to Vacate and Stay: For the reasons stated in the Order, it is hereby ORDERED that defendants' motion is DENIED. Defendants shall respond to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint <u>3</u> by 06/17/2024. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/06/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 06/06/2024)
06/13/2024	<u>24</u>	ORDER denying Motion <u>22</u> for Hearing; denying Motion <u>22</u> for Sanctions: For the reasons stated in the Order, it is hereby ORDERED that plaintiff's Motion for Sanctions is DENIED and plaintiff's Motion for Hearing is DENIED. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/13/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 06/13/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>25</u>	ANSWER to <u>3</u> Amended Complaint by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.(Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/18/2024	<u>26</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by William J. Harrington on behalf of INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Substituting for attorney Stephanie R. Johnson (Harrington, William) (Entered: 06/18/2024)
07/02/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Currently before the Court in this FOIA case is the <u>3</u> Amended Complaint, filed by an incarcerated Plaintiff, and Defendants' <u>25</u> Answer. The requirements of D.C. LCvR 16.3 and Federal Civil Rule 26(f) are therefore inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that, by July 16, 2024, Defendants shall file a Status Report that includes: the status of Plaintiff's FOIA requests, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA requests, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and any other pertinent issues. If appropriate, the Status Report shall also include a proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions. The Clerk of the Court shall mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff at his current address of record. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/02/2024. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 07/02/2024)
07/03/2024	<u>27</u>	DEACTIVATE Pro Se Consent To Receive Notices of Electronic Filing by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 07/11/2024)
07/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Plaintiff has filed a <u>27</u> Notice, requesting that the Clerk of Court "deactivate" his pro se <u>4</u> Consent To Receive Notices of Electronic Filing. The Court notes, however, that although Plaintiff previously consented to electronic noticing, he never moved for CM/ECF access, see D.C. LCvR 5.4(b)(2); therefore, he has not been

		permitted to file or receive service electronically. To the extent that, due to the circumstances of his current incarceration, he may not have yet received copies of certain orders, the Clerk of Court is hereby DIRECTED to mail to Plaintiff, at his current address of record, a copy of this Minute Order, an updated docket sheet, and additional courtesy copies of: the Court's Order (dated 4/12/24), ECF No. 17; the Court's Order (dated 6/6/24), ECF No. 23; the Court's Order (dated 6/13/24), ECF No. 24; and, the Court's Minute Order (dated 7/2/24). SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/12/2024. (psu3) (Entered: 07/12/2024)
07/16/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEYS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. (Johnson, Stephanie) (Entered: 07/16/2024)
07/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of Defendants' most recent <u>28</u> Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that OIG and EOUSA shall file their Motion for Summary Judgment by October 15, 2024; Plaintiff shall file his Opposition and any Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment on November 22, 2024; OIG and EOUSA shall file their Reply and any Opposition by December 23, 2024; and Plaintiff shall file his Reply, if necessary, by January 23, 2025. It is further ORDERED that Defendant IRS shall file a renewed Status Report by August 30, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 7/22/2024. (psu3) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
08/23/2024	<u>29</u>	Mail Returned as Undeliverable re Minute Order entered on 7/22/2024 Sent to Darnell W. Moon; Resent to New Address: Unknown. (smc) (Entered: 08/23/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>30</u>	STATUS REPORT by INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Harrington, William) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
09/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to Defendant IRS's most recent <u>30</u> Status Report, it is still in the process of reviewing 4,600 or more pages in response to Plaintiff's FOIA requests. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant IRS shall file a renewed Status Report by December 2, 2024, addressing in detail the status of those FOIA requests, and any other pertinent updates. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 9/23/2024. (psu3) (Entered: 09/23/2024)
09/23/2024	<u>31</u>	NOTICE to the Court Regarding Status Report by DARNELL W. MOON (zdp) (Entered: 09/26/2024)
09/24/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/2/2024. (smc) (Entered: 09/24/2024)