

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00204-CJN**

INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK v. AGENCY  
FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY et al  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/23/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/23/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10639734) filed by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>7</u> Summons to AHRQ, # <u>8</u> Summons to HHS, # <u>9</u> Summons to USAG, # <u>10</u> Summons to USAO)(Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
01/23/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 01/23/2024)
01/24/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zrtw) (Entered: 01/24/2024)
01/24/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrtw) (Entered: 01/24/2024)
02/02/2024	<u>4</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- R. Scott Pietrowski, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-10665074. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/02/2024)
02/12/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by B. Kathryn Debrason on behalf of All Defendants (Debrason, B.) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
02/14/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY served on 1/30/2024 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
02/14/2024	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/24/2024. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/23/2024. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
02/14/2024	<u>8</u>	ERRATA by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK re <u>6</u> Summons Returned Executed as to Federal Defendant. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
02/23/2024	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Debrason, B.) (Entered: 02/23/2024)
02/24/2024	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 2/22/2024 (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/24/2024)
02/24/2024	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/23/2024. (Brehm, Elizabeth) (Entered: 02/24/2024)
02/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The Court having considered the <u>4</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice, and it appearing to the Court that the attorney referenced therein meets the requirements for pro hac vice admission under Local Civil Rule 83.2(c), it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that R. Scott Pietrowski is ADMITTED to practice before the Court pro hac vice. <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a)</b> <a href="#">Click for instructions</a> So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on

		February 26, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
02/27/2024	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Richard Scott Pietrowski on behalf of INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK (Pietrowski, Richard) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
04/23/2024	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Kimberly Stratton on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney B.Kathryn Debrason (Stratton, Kimberly) (Entered: 04/23/2024)
05/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3, the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) are inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before June 3, 2023. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); (5) the possibility of prioritizing documents responsive to Plaintiff's request[s] and any discussions regarding whether Plaintiff's request[s] can be narrowed; and (6) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. So ORDERED by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 19, 2024. (lccjn2) (Entered: 05/19/2024)
05/19/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/3/2024 (zcam) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
06/03/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Stratton, Kimberly) (Entered: 06/03/2024)
08/05/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Stratton, Kimberly) (Entered: 08/05/2024)
09/26/2024	<u>16</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by INFORMED CONSENT ACTION NETWORK. (Pietrowski, Richard) (Entered: 09/26/2024)