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# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:96-cv-01194-NHJ

ESSENTIAL INFO., INC, et al v. UNITED STATES INFOR.

Assigned to: Judge Norma Holloway Johnson

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Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/29/1996 Date Terminated: 11/27/1996

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text   |
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| 05/29/1996 | 1 | COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff ESSENTIAL INFO., INC, plaintiff MULTINATL. MONITOR, plaintiff CENTER FOR STUDY LAW, plaintiff TAXPAYERS ASSET PROJ, plaintiff CONSUMER PROJ. TECH., plaintiff JAMES LOVE, plaintiff MANON RESS (lkn) (Entered: 05/30/1996)   |
| 05/29/1996 |   | SUMMONS (3) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR., and non–parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (lkn) (Entered: 05/30/1996)  |
| 05/30/1996 |   | MAILED CJRA brochure, Meet and Confer list, and Notice regarding dismissal to plaintiff ESSENTIAL INFO., INC, plaintiff MULTINATL. MONITOR, plaintiff CENTER FOR STUDY LAW, plaintiff TAXPAYERS ASSET PROJ, plaintiff CONSUMER PROJ. TECH., plaintiff JAMES LOVE, plaintiff MANON RESS. (lkn) (Entered: 05/30/1996) |
| 06/05/1996 | 2 | ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR. by Madelyn Elise Johnson (jeb) (Entered: 06/07/1996)   |
| 06/27/1996 | 3 | MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR. to extend time to and including 7/31/96 to answer or otherwise respond in the matter. (lkn) (Entered: 06/28/1996)  |
| 06/27/1996 | 5 | SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL for federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR., substituting Lucinda Love, Federal Programs Branch, Civil Divison, for Madelyn E. Johnson, Asst. U.S.Attorney. (lkn) (Entered: 07/08/1996)  |
| 06/28/1996 | 4 | ORDER by Judge Norma H. Johnson: granting motion to extend time to and including 7/31/96 to answer or otherwise respond in the matter. [3–1] by UNITED STATES INFOR. (N) (adc) (Entered: 07/01/1996)  |
| 07/31/1996 | 6 | ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR. by Michael J. Haungs (lkn) (Entered: 08/01/1996)   |
| 07/31/1996 | 7 | ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1–1] by federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR (lkn) (Entered: 08/01/1996)  |
| 08/09/1996 | 8 | ORDER by Judge Norma H. Johnson: status hearing set for 3:45 9/13/96 (N) (adc) (Entered: 08/09/1996)  |
| 08/29/1996 | 9 | MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT/REPORT PURSUANT TO L.R. 206(d) filed by plaintiff ESSENTIAL INFO., INC, plaintiff MULTINATL. MONITOR, plaintiff CENTER FOR STUDY LAW, plaintiff TAXPAYERS ASSET PROJ, plaintiff   |

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|            |    | CONSUMER PROJ. TECH., plaintiff JAMES LOVE, plaintiff MANON RESS, federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR (lkn) (Entered: 08/30/1996)  |
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| 09/12/1996 | 10 | MOTION filed by federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR. for judgment on the pleadings for the defendant as to the second and third causes of action and dismissing this action with prejudice, and for summary judgment in defendant's favor as to the first cause of action; Attachments (7). (lkn) (Entered: 09/13/1996)  |
| 09/13/1996 |    | STATUS HEARING held before Judge Norma H. Johnson. Defendant's have filed a motion for summary judgment. The Court will wait for the response to the motion. Reporter: Gordon Slodysko (adc) (Entered: 09/17/1996)   |
| 09/17/1996 | 11 | STIPULATION filed and fiated by Judge Norma H. Johnson regarding briefing schedule; defendant filed and served its motion for summary judgment and for judgment on the pleadings on 9/12/96; plaintiffs will file its opposition to defendant's motion on or before 10/11/96; defendants will file its reply to plaintiffs' opposition to defendant's motion for summary judgment and judgment on the pleadings on or before 10/28/96. (N) (adc) (Entered: 09/18/1996)   |
| 10/11/1996 | 12 | CROSS MOTIONS by plaintiffs for partial summary judgment (adc) (Entered: 10/15/1996)   |
| 10/15/1996 | 13 | NOTICE OF FILING by plaintiffs: Exhibit A to Declaration of David Lesher (bjl) (Entered: 10/16/1996)   |
| 10/28/1996 | 14 | RESPONSE (OPPOSITIONS) by federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR. to statement of material facts of cross motion for partial summary judgment [12–1] by plaintiffs; Declaration (1). (lkn) (Entered: 10/29/1996)  |
| 10/28/1996 | 15 | MEMORANDUM by federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR. in opposition to cross motion for partial summary judgment [12–1] by plaintiffs. (lkn) (Entered: 10/29/1996)  |
| 10/28/1996 | 16 | REPLY by federal defendant UNITED STATES INFOR. to plaintiffs' opposition to motion for judgment on the pleadings for the defendant as to the second and third causes of action and dismissing this action with prejudice [10–1] by UNITED STATES INFOR., motion for summary judgment in defendant's favor as to the first cause of action [10–2] by UNITED STATES INFOR. (lkn) (Entered: 10/29/1996)  |
| 10/29/1996 | 17 | MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff to extend time to and including 11/12/96 to file reply to defendant's opposition to plaintiffs' cross—motion for partial summary judgment. (lkn) (Entered: 10/30/1996)   |
| 10/30/1996 | 18 | ORDER by Judge Norma H. Johnson: granting motion to extend time to and including 11/12/96 to file reply to defendant's opposition to plaintiffs' cross—motion for partial summary judgment [17–1] by plaintiffs. (N) (adc) (Entered: 10/30/1996)   |
| 11/12/1996 | 19 | REPLY by plaintiff to defendant's opposition to cross motion for partial summary judgment [12–1] by plaintiffs; Exhibit (1). (lkn) (Entered: 11/13/1996)   |
| 11/27/1996 | 20 | MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Norma H. Johnson (N) (adc) (Entered: 11/27/1996)   |
| 11/27/1996 | 21 | ORDER by Judge Norma H. Johnson: denying cross motion for partial summary judgment [12–1] by plaintiffs, granting motion for judgment on the pleadings for the defendant as to the second and third causes of action and dismissing this action with prejudice [10–1] by UNITED STATES INFOR., granting motion for summary judgment in defendant's favor as to the first cause of action [10–2] by UNITED STATES INFOR.; Count II and III of the complaint be, and hereby are, dismissed pursuant to FRCP 12(b)(6); all pending motions be, and hereby are, denied as moot; and this case be, and hereby is, closed. (N) (adc) (Entered: 11/27/1996) |
| 01/22/1997 | 22 | NOTICE OF APPEAL by plaintiff from order [21–1], entered on: Novemer 27, 1996; \$5.00 filing fee and \$100.00 docketing fee paid. Copies mailed to Michael J. Haungs, Esq. and Madelyn Elise Johnson, Esq. (lkn) (Entered: 01/23/1997)   |
| 01/23/1997 |    | TRANSMITTED PRELIMINARY RECORD on appeal [22–1] by plaintiffs to U.S. Court of Appeals (lkn) (Entered: 01/23/1997)   |

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| 01/30/1997 |    | USCA # 97–5017 assigned for appeal [22–1] by plaintiffs (lkn) (Entered: 01/31/1997)   |
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| 07/01/1998 | 23 | CERTIFIED COPY of judgment filed in USCA dated 02/10/98, on appeal [22–1] , affirming the judgment of USDC . OPINION USCA # 97–5017 (ldc) (Entered: 07/06/1998) |