

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:95-cv-01356-PLF**

BALENGER v. U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE  
Assigned to: Judge Paul L. Friedman  
Demand: \$0  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/21/1995  
Date Terminated: 12/21/1995  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/21/1995	1	COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER; exhibits (2) (bm) (Entered: 07/24/1995)
07/21/1995		SUMMONS (3) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE , and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (bm) (Entered: 07/24/1995)
07/24/1995		MAILED CJRA brochure, Meet and Confer list, and Notice regarding dismissal to plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER . (bm) (Entered: 07/24/1995)
08/24/1995	2	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE by Dara A. Corrigan (ks) (Entered: 08/25/1995)
08/24/1995	3	MOTION filed by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE to stay proceedings ; Declaration (1) (ks) (Entered: 08/25/1995)
09/11/1995	4	MOTION filed by plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER to extend time to 9/12/95 to respond to defendant's motion to stay proceedings (ks) (Entered: 09/12/1995)
09/12/1995	5	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 9/12/95 to respond to defendant's motion to stay proceedings [4-1] by MARK J. BALENGER (N) (bm) (Entered: 09/12/1995)

09/12/1995	6	RESPONSE by plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER in opposition to motion to stay proceedings [3-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE . (ks) (Entered: 09/13/1995)
09/18/1995	7	MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT/REPORT PURSUANT TO L.R. 206(d) filed by plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER, federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE . (ks) (Entered: 09/19/1995)
09/19/1995	8	REPLY by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE to response to motion to stay proceedings [3-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE (ks) (Entered: 09/20/1995)
09/19/1995	9	MOTION filed by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE to extend time to 10/11/95 to answer complaint [1-1] (ks) (Entered: 09/20/1995)
09/21/1995	10	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 10/11/95 to answer complaint [1-1] [9-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE (N) (bm) (Entered: 09/21/1995)
09/21/1995	11	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to stay proceedings [3-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE; staying this action until 10/11/95; no discovery shall take place until further order of the Court. (N) (bm) (Entered: 09/21/1995)
09/21/1995		SCHEDULING NOTICE: Meet Confer hearing set for 9:15 10/23/95 . before Judge Paul L. Friedman . (bm) (Entered: 09/21/1995)
10/11/1995	12	MOTION filed by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE to extend time to 10/17/95 to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint [1-1] , and to stay of proceedings (blj) (Entered: 10/12/1995)
10/13/1995	14	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 10/17/95 to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint [1-1] [12-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ; Answer extended to 10/17/95 for U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, granting motion for stay of proceedings until 10/17/95 [12-2] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE; and that no discovery shall take place until further order of the Court. (N) (ks) (Entered: 10/18/1995)
10/17/1995	13	ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1-1] by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE . (blj) (Entered: 10/18/1995)
10/23/1995		MEET AND CONFER STATUS HEARING before Judge Paul L. Friedman: Motion for summary judgment due by 11/13/95 . Response to motion for summary judgment due 11/22/95 . Reply to motion for summary judgment due by 12/5/95 . Status conference set for 9:30 12/13/95 Reporter: Zephyra Hatcher (bm) (Entered: 10/23/1995)
10/25/1995	15	SCHEDULING ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman Case assigned to the Standard track (track two). , dispositive motions due 11/13/95 ; response to dispositive motions due 11/22/95 ; reply to dispositive motions due 12/5/95 ; status hearing and motions hearing set for 9:30 12/13/95 ; setting forth instructions to counsel (N) (ks) (Entered: 10/25/1995)
11/13/1995	16	MOTION filed by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE for summary judgment ; exhibits (2) (blj) (Entered: 11/14/1995)
11/22/1995	17	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER to extend time to respond to defendant's motion for summary judgment (blj) Modified on 11/24/1995 (Entered: 11/24/1995)
11/28/1995	18	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to respond to defendant's motion for summary judgment [17-1] by MARK J. BALENGER; response to dispositive motions due by 11/29/95; reply to dispositive motions due by 12/12/95 (N) (bm) (Entered: 11/28/1995)
11/29/1995	19	MEMORANDUM by plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER in opposition to motion for summary judgment [16-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE (blj) (Entered: 11/30/1995)
12/11/1995	20	REPLY by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE to response to memorandum in opposition response [19-1] by MARK J. BALENGER . (blj) (Entered: 12/12/1995)

12/20/1995		MOTION HEARING and STATUS CONFERENCE before Judge Paul L. Friedman granted motion for summary judgment [16-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE for reasons stated on the record; dismissing the case from the docket Reporter: Santa Zizzo (bm) (Entered: 12/20/1995)
12/21/1995	21	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion for summary judgment [16-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE for reasons stated in open court; dismissing complaint [1-1] (N) (bm) (Entered: 12/21/1995)
12/27/1995	22	MOTION filed by plaintiff MARK J. BALENGER for attorneys' fees and costs against U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE ; Attachment (1) (blj) (Entered: 12/28/1995)
01/11/1996	23	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE to extend time respond to plaintiff's motion for attorneys' fees and cost (blj) (Entered: 01/16/1996)
01/17/1996	24	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : granting motion to extend time to 1/25/96 to respond to plaintiff's motion for attorneys' fees and cost [23-1] by U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE (N) (bm) (Entered: 01/17/1996)
01/24/1996	25	RESPONSE by federal defendant U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE to motion for attorneys' fees and costs against U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE [22-1] by MARK J. BALENGER (blj) (Entered: 01/25/1996)
05/23/1996	26	ORDER by Judge Paul L. Friedman : denying motion for attorneys' fees and costs against U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE [22-1] by MARK J. BALENGER (N) (bm) (Entered: 05/23/1996)