

**U.S. District Court
Middle District of Florida (Orlando)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 6:19-cv-00427-GAP-EJK**

Rominov Investment Services Inc. et al v. U.S. Department of
Homeland Security et al
Assigned to: Judge Gregory A. Presnell
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Embry J. Kidd
Cause: 05:0552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/05/2019
Date Terminated: 07/28/2020
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/05/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT for declaratory and injunctive relief against All Defendants filed by All Plaintiffs. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Proposed Summons, # <u>3</u> Exhibit A, # <u>4</u> Exhibit B, # <u>5</u> Appendix Exhibit C)(Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) Modified on 3/6/2019 to correct docket text (SJB). Modified on 3/7/2019 (LMM). (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>2</u>	NEW CASE ASSIGNED to Judge Gregory A. Presnell and Magistrate Judge Thomas B. Smith. New case number: 6:19-cv-427-Orl-31TBS. (SJB) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/07/2019	<u>3</u>	SUPPLEMENT (Signature Compliance) re <u>1</u> Complaint by Nina Valentina Ivanoff De Romer, Gustavo Johan Romer Valeri, Rominov Investment Services Inc. (Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) Modified on 3/7/2019 (LMM). (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>4</u>	RELATED CASE ORDER AND NOTICE of designation under Local Rule 3.05 – track 2. Notice of pendency of other actions due by 3/22/2019. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 3/8/2019. Copies mailed. (LAM) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/08/2019	<u>5</u>	INTERESTED PERSONS ORDER. Certificate of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement due by 3/22/2019. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 3/8/2019. Copies mailed. (LAM) (Entered: 03/08/2019)
03/11/2019		FILING FEES paid by All Plaintiffs (Filing fee \$400 receipt number ORL081168) (JP) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
03/13/2019	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS issued as to All Defendants, and U.S. Attorney. (LMM) (Entered: 03/13/2019)
03/21/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of pendency of related cases re <u>4</u> Related Case Order per Local Rule 1.04(d) by Nina Valentina Ivanoff De Romer, Gustavo Johan Romer Valeri, Rominov Investment Services Inc.. Related case(s): yes (Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) Modified on 3/22/2019 (LMM). (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/21/2019	<u>8</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement re <u>5</u> Interested persons order by Nina Valentina Ivanoff De Romer, Gustavo Johan Romer Valeri, Rominov Investment Services Inc. identifying Corporate Parent Inversiones ROMERCA, C.A., Other Affiliate Kleansmart Corporation, Other Affiliate Rominov Management Services for Rominov Investment Services Inc... (Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) (Entered: 03/21/2019)

05/17/2019	<u>9</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>1</u> Complaint by All Defendants. (Posteraro, Julie) Motions referred to Magistrate Judge Thomas B. Smith. (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/20/2019	<u>10</u>	INTERESTED PERSONS ORDER to Defendants. Certificate of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement due by 6/3/2019. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 5/20/2019. Copies mailed. (LAM) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019	<u>11</u>	ORDER granting <u>9</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response. Defendants' responses to Plaintiffs' complaint due by 6/17/2019. Signed by Magistrate Judge Thomas B. Smith on 5/20/2019. (Smith, Thomas) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/21/2019		Set/reset deadlines/hearings: for Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Attorney General of the United States, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Answer due by 6/17/2019. (LMM) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
05/28/2019	<u>12</u>	CERTIFICATE of interested persons and corporate disclosure statement re <u>10</u> Interested persons order by Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Attorney General of the United States, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (Posteraro, Julie) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
06/17/2019	<u>13</u>	MOTION to Dismiss Complaint by All Defendants. (Posteraro, Julie) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/28/2019	<u>14</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against U.S. Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services filed by All Plaintiffs. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Exhibit, # <u>3</u> Exhibit, # <u>4</u> Proposed Summons)(Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) Modified on 7/1/2019 (LMM). (Entered: 06/28/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>15</u>	SUMMONS issued as to Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (LMM) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>16</u>	ENDORSED ORDER denying as moot <u>13</u> motion to dismiss; an amended complaint has been filed (doc#14). Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 7/11/2019. (Presnell, Gregory) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>17</u>	ANSWER and affirmative defenses to <u>14</u> Amended Complaint by Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.(Posteraro, Julie) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/23/2019	<u>18</u>	ORDER that this case is hereby converted to a Track One case and the requirement to file a Case Management Report is waived. Instead, it is ORDERED that Defendants (or counsel on their behalf) shall answer in writing the interrogatories by August 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 7/23/2019. (TKW) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
07/25/2019	<u>19</u>	Case Reassigned to Magistrate Judge Embry J. Kidd. New case number: 6:19-cv-427-Orl-31EJK. Magistrate Judge Thomas B. Smith no longer assigned to the case. (MAA) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
08/14/2019	<u>20</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to 8/23/19 to Respond to Court's Order dkt 18 by All Defendants. (Posteraro, Julie) Modified on 8/15/2019 (AC). (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/14/2019		Set deadline as to <u>18</u> Order Response due by 8/23/2019. (AC) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/15/2019	<u>21</u>	ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>20</u> Motion to extend time. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 8/15/2019. (Presnell, Gregory) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/23/2019	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Filing by Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security re <u>18</u> Order (Attachments: # <u>1</u>

		Exhibit)(Posteraro, Julie) Modified on 8/26/2019 (AC). (Entered: 08/23/2019)
09/17/2019	<u>23</u>	ENDORSED ORDER. Upon review of this case sua sponte, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file by September 27, 2019, a proposed procedure for resolution of this case. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 9/17/2019. Copies mailed. (LAM) (Entered: 09/17/2019)
09/27/2019	<u>24</u>	Joint Proposed Schedule by Nina Valentina Ivanoff De Romer, Gustavo Johan Romer Valeri, Rominov Investment Services Inc. (Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) Modified on 9/30/2019 (BIA). (Entered: 09/27/2019)
10/07/2019	<u>25</u>	ORDER setting schedule, as proposed by the parties (Doc. 24). A status report is due to be filed with the court by November 14, 2019. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 10/7/2019. (LAM) (Entered: 10/07/2019)
10/08/2019		Set/reset deadlines/hearings: Status Report due by 11/14/2019. (RDO) (Entered: 10/08/2019)
11/14/2019	<u>26</u>	NOTICE of Filing Joint Status Report by Nina Valentina Ivanoff De Romer, Gustavo Johan Romer Valeri, Rominov Investment Services Inc. (Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) Modified on 11/15/2019 (RDO). (Entered: 11/14/2019)
11/15/2019	<u>27</u>	ORDER re <u>26</u> Joint Status Report. The parties shall comply with the briefing schedule contained therein. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 11/15/2019. (LAM) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
02/21/2020	<u>28</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment and Incorporated Memorandum of Law by All Defendants. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Posteraro, Julie) Modified on 2/24/2020 (MEJ). (Entered: 02/21/2020)
02/21/2020	<u>29</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by All Plaintiffs. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 3)(Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) (Entered: 02/21/2020)
03/13/2020	<u>30</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>29</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Attorney General of the United States, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Posteraro, Julie) (Entered: 03/13/2020)
03/14/2020	<u>31</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>28</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment and Incorporated Memorandum of Law filed by Nina Valentina Ivanoff De Romer, Gustavo Johan Romer Valeri, Rominov Investment Services Inc.. (Friz-Garcia, Alexandra) (Entered: 03/14/2020)
03/27/2020	<u>32</u>	REPLY in Support of Motion re <u>28</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment and Incorporated Memorandum of Law filed by Associate Director, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Attorney General of the United States, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Posteraro, Julie) Modified on 3/30/2020 (MEJ). (Entered: 03/27/2020)
07/02/2020	<u>33</u>	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION that <u>28</u> Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment be GRANTED and <u>29</u> Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment be DENIED. Signed by Magistrate Judge Embry J. Kidd on 7/2/2020. (RMN) (Entered: 07/02/2020)
07/27/2020	<u>34</u>	ORDER adopting <u>33</u> REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. 28) is GRANTED. Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment (Doc. 29) is DENIED. The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in favor of Defendants and thereafter close the file. Signed by Judge Gregory A. Presnell on 7/27/2020. (LAM) (Entered: 07/27/2020)

07/28/2020	<u>35</u>	JUDGMENT in favor of Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services against Rominov Investment Services Inc., Gustavo Johan Romer Valeri, Nina Valentina Ivanoff De Romer. (Signed by Deputy Clerk) (MEJ) (Entered: 07/28/2020)
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