## U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01197-APM

FRANK LLP v. CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

BUREAU

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/24/2019 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

## **Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/24/2019	1	COMPLAINT against CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–6080697) filed by FRANK LLP. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D, # 5 Civil Cover Sheet, # 6 Summons CFPB, # 7 Summons US AG, # 8 Summons US Atty – DC)(Frank, Gregory) (Entered: 04/24/2019)
04/24/2019	2	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by FRANK LLP (Frank, Gregory) (Entered: 04/24/2019)
04/25/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zef, ) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
04/25/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: #

		1 Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 04/25/2019)
05/07/2019	4	ENTERED IN ERRORNOTICE of Filing of Proof of Service by FRANK LLP (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit s of Process Server Chad Haltom, # 2 Exhibit Reflecting Certified Mailings per FRCP 4(i))(Frank, Gregory) Modified on 5/8/2019 (zjf). (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/08/2019		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re 4 Notice (Other) was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading using the "Service of Process" event. (jf) (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/08/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU served on 4/26/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/26/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/26/2019. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/26/2019.) (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit s of Process Server Chad Haltom, # 2 Exhibit Reflecting Certified Mailings per FRCP 4(i))(Frank, Gregory) Modified on 5/14/2019 to correct serve/answer due date (jf). (Entered: 05/08/2019)
05/28/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU.(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
05/29/2019	7	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before June 12, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall include (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); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/29/2019. (lcapm1) Modified to add main document on 5/29/2019 (zjd). (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/12/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FRANK LLP. (Frank, Gregory) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/17/2019	9	ORDER. The parties have advised the court that discussions are still ongoing to resolve this case. The parties shall file notice with the court immediately if such a resolution is reached. If no agreement is reached, the court sets the following schedule for further proceedings in this matter: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment shall be due on or before August 1, 2019; Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment shall be due on or before September 9, 2019; Defendant's Reply and Opposition shall be due on or before October 21, 2019; and Plaintiff's Reply shall be due on or before October 31, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/17/2019. (lcapm1) Modified to add document on 6/18/2019 (zjd). (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/17/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/1/2019. Plaintiff's Cross–Motion and Opposition due by 9/9/2019. Defendant's Reply and Opposition due by 10/21/2019. Plaintiff's Reply due by 10/31/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 06/18/2019)
07/29/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Dispositive Motion And Related Filings</i> by CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
07/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting 10 Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Enlargement of Time. Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment shall be due on or before October 3, 2019; Plaintiff's Opposition and any Cross–Motion shall be due on or before November 26, 2019; Defendant's Reply and Opposition to any Cross–Motion shall be due on or before December 30, 2019; Plaintiff's Reply in support of any Cross–Motion shall be due on or before January 14, 2020. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/29/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/29/2019)

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07/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/3/2019. Plaintiff's Opposition and Cross–Motion due by 11/26/2019. Defendant's Reply and Opposition due by 12/30/2019. Plaintiff's Reply due by 1/14/2020. (zjd) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (Attachments: # 1 Declaration (Declaration of Deborah Morris), # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/24/2019	<u>12</u>	MOTION Leave To File An Under Seal, Ex Parte and In Camera Declaration (with proposed order) re 11 MOTION for Summary Judgment by CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU (Nebeker, William) Modified event on 10/25/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 10/24/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>13</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>11</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by FRANK LLP. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts pursuant to Local Rule 7(h), # <u>2</u> Declaration of Gregory A. Frank, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Frank, Gregory) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>14</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by FRANK LLP (Attachments: # 1 Statement of Facts pursuant to Local Rule 7(h), # 2 Declaration of Gregory A. Frank, # 3 Text of Proposed Order)(Frank, Gregory) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
12/30/2019	<u>15</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>11</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 12/30/2019)
12/30/2019	<u>16</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 12/30/2019)
04/13/2020	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU Substituting for attorney W. Mark Nebeker (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 04/13/2020)
08/05/2020	<u>18</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION re: Defendant's 11 Motion for Summary Judgment, Plaintiff's 14 Cross—Motion for Summary Judgment, and Defendant's 12 Motion for Leave to File an Under Seal, Ex Parte and In Camera Declaration. See the attached Memorandum Opinion for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/5/2020. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/05/2020)
08/05/2020	<u>19</u>	ORDER. For the reasons set forth in the court's <u>18</u> Memorandum Opinion, the court grants in full Defendant's <u>11</u> Motion for Summary Judgment; grants Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion for Leave to File an Under Seal, Ex Parte and In Camera Declaration; and denies Plaintiff's <u>14</u> Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/5/2020. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/05/2020)