

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00815-BAH**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Date Filed: 05/02/2017  
Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell Jury Demand: None  
Case: [1:17-cv-00814-APM](#) Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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PROJECT, INC.**

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**Defendant**

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/02/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4937291) filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>5</u> Summons, # <u>6</u> Certificate Rule LCvR 7.1)(Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/03/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (md) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/03/2017		Case Assigned to Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (md) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/03/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Consent) (md) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/03/2017		SUMMONS Not Issued as to U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney General. (SUMMONS WERE NOT SUBMITTED AT THE TIME COMPLAINT WAS FILED) (md) (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/04/2017	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 4, 2017. (lcbah2) (Entered: 05/04/2017)
05/13/2017	<u>5</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC..(Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 05/13/2017)
05/13/2017	<u>6</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by PROTECT

		DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC..(Murphy, Allison) (Entered: 05/13/2017)
05/15/2017	<u>7</u>	SUMMONS (2) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (znmw) (Entered: 05/15/2017)
06/02/2017	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/22/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/21/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/22/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 5/22/2017 (Murphy, Allison) (Main Document 8 replaced on 6/5/2017) (znmw). (Entered: 06/02/2017)
06/09/2017	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Joseph Berns on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/09/2017)
06/09/2017	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. Case related to Case No. 1:17-cv-00814. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Copy of Unopposed Motion to Consolidate Related Cases (filed in 1:17-cv-00814))(Berns, Matthew) (Entered: 06/09/2017)
06/12/2017		CASES CONSOLIDATED. Case 17-cv-814 and 17-cv-815 have been consolidated pursuant to Minute Order filed 6/12/17. From this date forward all pleadings shall be filed ONLY in lead case number 17-cv-814 APM. The parties are advised NOT to elect to SPREAD text when filing in ECF, as this will result in repetitive docketing and emails. (td) (Entered: 06/15/2017)