

Introduction

A little about me...



WHO DO WE HAVE IN THE ROOM?

NAME?
YEARS IN FOIA?
YEARS IN FOIA LITIGATION?

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Why do requesters go to FOIA Litigation?

How & Where do requesters file?

Agenda The Culture in the Office

The process involved...

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Why do request FOIA Litigation	

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FOIA Litigation – Why?

Requester may file suit after the final agency decision

Challenge Redactions

Challenge Searches

*Requesters must first exhaust administrative remedies

Failure to respond timely *Appeal not required

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Where do cases get filed? Jurisdiction & Venue

• U.S. District Courts

Where?

✓ Home Residence

✓ Employment Address✓ Where Records are Located

✓ District Court in Washington, DC

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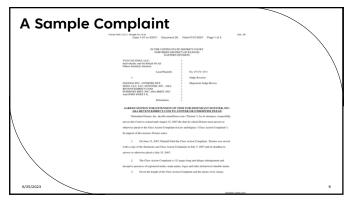
Let's Talk Culture in Litigation Deadlines, Deadlines!	
Case Ownership Must have case coverage Productions No Two Cases are Identical	
TeamWork makes the DreamWork	

We have a New Case...

A complaint has been filed...
A complaint is the pleading that starts a case. Essentially, a document that sets forth a jurisdictional basis for the court's power, the plaintiff's cause of action, and a demand for judicial relief.

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Some Common Terms... What's a:

- Complaint
- Answer
- Production
- Status Report
- Declaration
- Vaughn
- Plaintiff
- AUSA

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15 Key Steps in the Process

- 1.Complaint Filed
- 2.Gathering Information
- 3.Responsive Pleading
- 4. Tasking and Monitoring Searches
- 5.Drafting Search Descriptions
- 6.Review of Records
- 7.Production Schedules

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15 Key Steps in the Process cont'd

- 8. Processing Consultations from Other Agencies
- 9. Productions
- 10. Status Reports
- 11. Status Conferences
- 12. Settlements
- 13. Motions for Summary Judgment and Court Filings
- 14. Declarations and Vaughn Indexes
- 15. Reaching Settlement on Fees and Costs after the Conclusion of a Case

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We've now gone over ALL the Who, What, When, Where and How of FOIA LITIGATION. Hope you've found the time spent here to be helpful, leaving you enlightened with a basic background and understanding. Remember, every case is different and you will learn something new with each case.

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