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1 Apr 7, 2025	COMPLAINT against AMY GLEASON, INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES, KEITH SONDERLING, DONALD TRUMP, U.S. DOGE SERVICE, U.S. DOGE SERVICE TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION, U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, RUSSELL VOUGHT ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-11596866) filed by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.	

(Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons, # 5 Summons, # 6 Summons, # 7 Summons, # 8 Summons, # 9 Summons)(Fried, Rachel) (Entered: 04/07/2025)

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2 Apr 7, 2025 NOTICE of Appearance by Rachel L. Fried on behalf of AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Fried, Rachel) (Entered: 04/07/2025)

3 Apr 7, 2025 Main Doc Notice of Appearance  
NOTICE of Appearance by Kayla Minton Kaufman on behalf of AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Minton Kaufman, Kayla) (Main Document 3 replaced on 4/8/2025) (mg). (Entered: 04/07/2025)

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NOTICE of Appearance by Orlando Economos on behalf of AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Economos, Orlando) (Main Document 4 replaced on 4/8/2025) (mg). (Entered: 04/07/2025)

5 Apr 7, 2025 Main Doc Notice of Appearance  
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6 Apr 8, 2025 ERRATA by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION re 1 Complaint,.. (Attachments: # 1 Summons, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons, # 5 Summons, # 6 Summons, # 7 Summons, # 8 Summons, # 9 Summons, # 10 Summons)(Fried, Rachel) (Entered: 04/08/2025)

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7	Apr 8, 2025	<p>MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Chris C. Gair, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-11599308. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Exhibit)(Fried, Rachel) (Attachment 1 replaced on 4/9/2025) (mg). (Entered: 04/08/2025)</p> <p>Main Doc                      Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice</p>
8	Apr 8, 2025	<p>MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Ingrid Yin, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-11599391. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Exhibit)(Fried, Rachel) (Attachment 1 replaced on 4/9/2025) (mg). (Entered: 04/08/2025)</p> <p>Main Doc                      Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice</p>
9	Apr 8, 2025	<p>MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- John N. Gallo, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-11599437. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Exhibit)(Fried, Rachel) (Attachment 1 replaced on 4/9/2025) (mg). (Entered: 04/08/2025)</p> <p>Main Doc                      Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice</p>
10	Apr 8, 2025	<p>MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Vilia M. Dedinas, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-11599458. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Exhibit)(Fried, Rachel) (Attachment 1 replaced on 4/9/2025) (mg). (Entered: 04/08/2025)</p> <p>Main Doc                      Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice</p>
11	Apr 9, 2025	<p>SUMMONS (10) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zljn) (Entered: 04/09/2025)</p> <p>Main Doc                      Summons Issued Electronically as to AUSA</p>

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NOTICE of Appearance by Heidi L Gonzalez on behalf of All Defendants (Gonzalez, Heidi) (Entered: 04/10/2025)

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MOTION for Preliminary Injunction by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (Attachments: # 1 Memorandum in Support, # 2 Declaration Alan Inouye, # 3 Exhibit A, # 4 Exhibit B, # 5 Exhibit C, # 6 Exhibit D, # 7 Exhibit E, # 8 Declaration Rita Adams, # 9 Declaration Elizabeth Bradley, # 10 Declaration Carl Cooper, # 11 Declaration Mary Davis Fournier, # 12 Declaration Tiffany Jacobson, # 13 Declaration Homa Naficy, # 14 Declaration James Neal, # 15 Declaration Dana Newman, # 16 Declaration Carrie Willson, # 17 Declaration Jane Billinger, # 18 Declaration Robert Francis, # 19 Declaration Yonah Gaber, # 20 Declaration Patrick Johnston, # 21 Text of Proposed Order)(Fried, Rachel) (Entered: 04/10/2025)

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Att 2 Declaration Alan Inouye

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Att 4 Exhibit B (/docket/69856318/13/4/american-library-association-v-sonderling/)

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Att 8 Declaration Rita Adams (/docket/69856318/13/8/american-library-association-v-sonderling/)

Att 9 Declaration Elizabeth Bradley

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Att 19 Declaration Yonah Gaber  
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Att 20 Declaration Patrick Johnston

Att 21 Text of Proposed Order

Apr 10, 2025 MINUTE ORDER granting 7 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and that Chris C. Gair be, and hereby is, admitted pro hac vice in this case. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 4/10/2025. (lcrjl1)

Apr 10, 2025 Order on Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice

Apr 10, 2025 MINUTE ORDER granting 8 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and that Ingrid Yin be, and hereby is, admitted pro hac vice in this case. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 4/10/2025. (lcrjl1)

Apr 10, 2025 MINUTE ORDER granting 9 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and that John N. Gallo be, and hereby is, admitted pro hac vice in this case. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 4/10/2025. (lcrjl1)

Apr 10, 2025 MINUTE ORDER granting 10 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and that Vilia M. Dedinas be, and hereby is, admitted pro hac vice in this case. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 4/10/2025. (lcrjl1)

14 Apr 11, 2025 NOTICE of Appearance by Chris Gair on behalf of AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Gair, Chris) (Entered: 04/11/2025)

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15 Apr 11, 2025 NOTICE of Appearance by John N. Gallo on behalf of AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Gallo, John) (Entered: 04/11/2025)

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16 Apr 11, 2025 NOTICE of Appearance by Vilia M Dedinas on behalf of AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Dedinas, Vilia) (Entered: 04/11/2025)

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17 Apr 11, 2025 NOTICE of Appearance by Ingrid Yin on behalf of AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Yin, Ingrid) (Entered: 04/11/2025)

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18 Apr 16, 2025 NOTICE of Appearance by Julia Alexandra Heiman on behalf of All Defendants (Heiman, Julia) (Entered: 04/16/2025)

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19 Apr 16, 2025 PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE re 13 MOTION for Preliminary Injunction Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule by AMY GLEASON, INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES, KEITH SONDERLING, DONALD TRUMP, U.S. DOGE SERVICE, U.S. DOGE SERVICE TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION, U.S. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, RUSSELL VOUGHT. (Heiman, Julia) (Entered: 04/16/2025)

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20 Apr 17, 2025 MOTION for Leave to File Supplement the Record by AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Alex Albright, # 2 Declaration John Dichtl, # 3 Declaration Steve Potash, # 4 Text of Proposed Order)(Fried, Rachel) (Entered: 04/17/2025)

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Apr 17, 2025 MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' 19 Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that defendants' opposition to plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction is due by April 21, 2025 by midnight, and plaintiffs' reply in support of their motion is due April 28, 2025 by 10:00 AM. It is further ORDERED that a hearing on plaintiffs' motion is set for April 30, 2025 at 4:00 PM in Courtroom 18 (In Person) before Judge Richard J. Leon. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Richard J. Leon on 4/17/2025. (lcrjl1)