Hon. Richard A. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MEGAN MING FRANCIS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Defendant.

No. 2:19-cv-1317-RAJ

SIXTH JOINT STATUS REPORT

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Pursuant to the Court's March 12, 2021 Scheduling Order, plaintiffs Megan Ming Francis, Matthew J. Connelly, Mary L. Dudziak, Matthew L. Jones, Hiroshi Motomura, Campaign for Accountability, and the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and defendant United States Department of Justice ("Defendant") respectfully submit this Joint Status Report regarding Plaintiffs' Freedom of Information Act request for all Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC") formal written opinions[1] issued prior to February 15, 1994.

As described in the Fifth Joint Status Report, ECF No. 24, the parties agreed to a plan to complete processing of Plaintiffs' FOIA request and resolve this matter. The only remaining issue is Plaintiffs' request for Attorneys' Fees, which Defendant is evaluating. The parties propose that they submit either a settlement agreement and stipulation of dismissal or a seventh Joint Status Report advising the Court of any need for further proceedings by April 16, 2021.

DATED: March 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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[1] As defined in Plaintiffs' FOIA request.

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