

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:26-cv-01703-DLF**

SAMP v. KENNEDY
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich
Demand: \$0
Cause: 05:0706 Judicial Review of Agency Actions

Date Filed: 05/19/2026
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 890 Other Statutory Actions
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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V.

Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/19/2026	1	COMPLAINT against ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR (Fee Status \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-12430167) filed by ERICA SAMP. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit, # 2 Civil Cover Sheet, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons, # 5 Summons)(Flores, Ray) Modified to include receipt no. on 5/19/2026 (zjd). (Entered: 05/19/2026)
05/19/2026	2	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by ERICA SAMP (Flores, Ray) (Entered: 05/19/2026)
05/20/2026		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (gsk) (Entered: 05/20/2026)
05/20/2026	3	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(gsk) (Entered: 05/20/2026)
05/22/2026	4	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 22, 2026. (lcldlf1) (Entered: 05/22/2026)
05/26/2026	5	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/22/2026. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/21/2026. (Flores, Ray) (Entered: 05/26/2026)
05/28/2026	6	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 05/27/2026. (Flores, Ray) (Entered: 05/28/2026)
05/28/2026	7	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR served on 5/26/2026 (Flores, Ray) (Entered: 05/28/2026)
06/21/2026	8	NOTICE of Appearance by William Thanhauser on behalf of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR (Thanhauser, William) (Entered: 06/21/2026)

07/16/2026	9	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to the Complaint</i> by ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Thanhauser, William) (Entered: 07/16/2026)
07/17/2026		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendant's 9 Consent Motion for an Extension of Time to Respond to the Complaint. It is ORDERED that the defendant shall answer, move to dismiss, or otherwise respond to the plaintiff's 1 Complaint on or before August 11, 2026. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 17, 2026. (lcldlf1) (Entered: 07/17/2026)
08/05/2026	10	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to the Complaint</i> by ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Thanhauser, William) (Entered: 08/05/2026)
08/06/2026		MINUTE ORDER granting the defendant's 10 Consent Motion for an Extension of Time to Respond to the Complaint. It is ORDERED that the defendant shall answer, move to dismiss, or otherwise respond to the plaintiff's 1 Complaint on or before August 28, 2026. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 6, 2026. (lcldlf1) (Entered: 08/06/2026)
08/18/2026	11	Unopposed MOTION to Stay by ERICA SAMP. (Flores, Ray) (Entered: 08/18/2026)
08/18/2026		MINUTE ORDER granting the plaintiff's 11 Motion for Stay, on which the defendant does not take a position. "The power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for counsel, and for litigants." <i>Air Line Pilots Ass'n v. Miller</i>, 523 U.S. 866, 879 n.6 (1998) (citation modified). The decision whether to stay proceedings is thus an "exercise of judgment" that requires the Court to "weigh competing interests and maintain an even balance." <i>Id.</i> (citation modified). The Court concludes that a stay of proceedings is warranted here. The plaintiff represents that forthcoming agency action will likely resolve her claims. As such, at this early stage of litigation, the Court finds that a stay will promote judicial economy with no apparent hardship to the parties. <i>See Belize Soc. Dev. Ltd. v. Belize</i>, 668 F.3d 724, 732-33 (D.C. Cir. 2012). Accordingly, it is ORDERED that proceedings before this Court are STAYED through February 18, 2027. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file, on or before February 18, 2027, a joint status report requesting an extension of the stay or proposing a schedule for further proceedings, if a stipulation of dismissal has not been filed before that date. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 18, 2026. (lcldlf1) (Entered: 08/18/2026)

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