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**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:26-cv-01697-DLF**

MUGE AKSU v. GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Case in other court: D.C. Superior Court, 2026-CAB-002871  
Cause: 28:1331 Fed. Question

Date Filed: 05/18/2026  
Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
Nature of Suit: 446 Civil Rights: Americans  
with Disabilities - Other  
Jurisdiction: Diversity

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05/18/2026	<a href="#"><u>1</u></a>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from D.C. Superior Court, case number 2026-CAB-002871 Filing fee \$ 405, receipt number ADCDC-12428897 filed by THE GEORGE

		WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit B, # <a href="#">3</a> Civil Cover Sheet)(Robins, Jennifer) (Entered: 05/18/2026)
05/18/2026	<a href="#">2</a>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jennifer Robins on behalf of THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (Robins, Jennifer) (Entered: 05/18/2026)
05/18/2026	<a href="#">3</a>	NOTICE of Appearance by Timothy Intelisano on behalf of THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (Intelisano, Timothy) (Entered: 05/18/2026)
05/19/2026		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (gsk) (Entered: 05/19/2026)
05/19/2026	<a href="#">6</a>	MOTION for CM/ECF Password, MOTION for ADA Accommodations by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit B, # <a href="#">3</a> Certificate of Service) (znmw) (Entered: 05/22/2026)
05/19/2026	<a href="#">7</a>	<b>REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE REVIEW.</b> The attached document requires leave to file: HANDE MUGE AKSU - Objection to Removal. Reason(s): Incorrect court caption/case number. Document is not signed. (znmw) (Entered: 05/22/2026)
05/20/2026	<a href="#">4</a>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (Robins, Jennifer) (Entered: 05/20/2026)
05/20/2026	<a href="#">5</a>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 20, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/20/2026)
05/20/2026	<a href="#">8</a>	Second MOTION for CM/ECF Password by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (znmw) (Entered: 05/22/2026)
05/21/2026	<a href="#">9</a>	Receipt on 05/21/2026 of ORIGINAL FILE, certified copy of transfer order and docket sheet from Superior Court. Superior Court Number 2026-CAB-002871. (zjm) (Entered: 05/22/2026)
05/23/2026		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <i>pro se</i> plaintiff's <a href="#">6</a> <a href="#">8</a> Motions for Electronic Notice and CM/ECF User Name and Password, the motions are GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART without prejudice. It is ORDERED that the plaintiff shall receive electronic notice of filings. As to his request for CM/ECF filing credentials, pursuant to U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Local Rule 5.4(b)(2), in order to obtain a CM/ECF user name and password, a <i>pro se</i> party must file a written motion "describing the party's access to the internet, confirming the capacity to file documents and receive filings electronically on a regular basis, and certifying that he or she either has successfully completed the entire Clerk's Office on-line tutorial or has been permitted to file electronically in other federal courts." It is ORDERED that the plaintiff shall clarify whether he has completed the entire tutorial available at <a href="https://media.dcd.uscourts.gov/ecf2d/">https://media.dcd.uscourts.gov/ecf2d/</a> . To the extent the plaintiff seeks further accommodations, he shall file a motion that outlines the specific accommodations he seeks. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 23, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/23/2026)
05/23/2026		MINUTE ORDER re <a href="#">7</a> <b>Request for Leave to File Review.</b> Leave to file is denied. The plaintiff's <a href="#">7</a> Motion has the wrong court and case caption and is not signed by the <i>pro se</i> plaintiff. The plaintiff is directed to refile his motion in compliance with all local rules. The Clerk of Court is directed to notify the Pro Se party electronically. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 23, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/23/2026)
05/26/2026	<a href="#">10</a>	MOTION to Dismiss <i>Complaint</i> by GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Memorandum in Support, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit A to Memorandum, # <a href="#">3</a> Text of Proposed Order)(Robins, Jennifer) (Entered: 05/26/2026)

05/26/2026		MINUTE ORDER. Pursuant to <i>Fox v. Strickland</i> , 837 F.2d 507 (D.C. Cir. 1988), the plaintiff is advised that failure to respond to the defendant's pending <a href="#">10</a> Motion to Dismiss by June 16, 2026, may result in the Court (1) treating the motions as conceded, (2) ruling on the defendant's motion based on the defendant's arguments alone; or (3) dismissing the plaintiff's claims for failure to prosecute. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the plaintiff shall file a response to the defendants <a href="#">10</a> Motion to Dismiss, or seek an extension of time to do so, on or before June 16, 2026, or the Court will dismiss this case for failure to prosecute. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 26, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/26/2026)
05/27/2026	<a href="#">11</a>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <a href="#">10</a> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Complaint</i> by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (znmw) (Entered: 05/27/2026)
05/27/2026	<a href="#">12</a>	MOTION for CM/ECF Password, MOTION for ADA Accommodations, MOTION for Waiver of PACER fees by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Memorandum in Support, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit A, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit B, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit C, # <a href="#">5</a> Certificate of Service)(znmw) (Entered: 05/27/2026)
05/27/2026	<a href="#">13</a>	Memorandum in opposition to re <a href="#">10</a> MOTION to Dismiss <i>Complaint</i> filed by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit B, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit C, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit D, # <a href="#">5</a> Certificate of Service)(znmw) (Entered: 05/28/2026)
05/27/2026	<a href="#">14</a>	MOTION to Remand to Maryland Circuit Court by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit B, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit D, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit E, # <a href="#">5</a> Text of Proposed Order, # <a href="#">6</a> Certificate of Service)(znmw) (Entered: 05/28/2026)
05/29/2026		MINUTE ORDER dismissing the plaintiff's <a href="#">11</a> Motion for Extension of Time to File Opposition in light of the plaintiff's filing her <a href="#">13</a> Opposition. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 29, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/29/2026)
05/29/2026		<p>MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are the plaintiff's <a href="#">12</a> Emergency Motions for various forms of relief. The Court construes the motions as requesting four types of relief. For the following reasons, the motions are denied without prejudice.</p> <p>First, the <i>pro se</i> plaintiff once again requests CM/ECF filing access and electronic service by email. The Court has already allowed the plaintiff to receive electronic service by email. <i>See</i> May 23, 2026, Minute Order. As for her request for a CM/ECF user name and password, the Court previously directed the plaintiff to Local Civil Rule 5.4(b)(2), which requires a <i>pro se</i> plaintiff to file a written motion "describing the party's access to the internet, confirming the capacity to file documents and receive filings electronically on a regular basis, and certifying that he or she either has successfully completed the entire Clerk's Office on-line tutorial or has been permitted to file electronically in other federal courts." Accordingly, the plaintiff shall file a motion that complies with Rule 5.4(b)(2), and the motion must include a certification that the plaintiff has "either has successfully completed the entire Clerk's Office on-line tutorial or has been permitted to file electronically in other federal courts."</p> <p>Second, the plaintiff seeks "equitable financial assistance." To the extent that the plaintiff seeks to proceed <i>in forma pauperis</i>, this request is moot because on April 30, 2026, the plaintiff was granted leave to proceed without prepayment by the D.C. Superior Court, <i>see</i> Dkt. 1-2, at 3, and her IFP status carried over to this Court after the case was removed. In so far as the plaintiff seeks to waive CM/ECF fees, once the plaintiff files a motion for CM/ECF user name and password that complies with Local Rule 5.4(b)(2), and if the Court grants that motion, the plaintiff will be able to access the docket free of charge. Should the plaintiff elect to use PACER instead of CM/ECF, the Court has no authority to waive the plaintiff's PACER fees, nor does it have authority to waive other litigation expenses.</p>

		<p>Third, the plaintiff seeks "disability-related access to court relief" and "disability accommodations." To the extent that the plaintiff seeks an extension of her deadline to respond to the defendant's pending <a href="#">10</a> Motion to Dismiss, the request is moot in light of the plaintiff's <a href="#">12</a> Opposition. To the extent that the plaintiff seeks any other accommodations, she must identify the specific accommodations she seeks.</p> <p>And fourth, the plaintiff seeks an order directing the defendant to pay her \$225,000 "as equitable relief to reimburse litigation expenses and outstanding credit card debts caused by Defendant's removal of this action to federal court." This request is premature. The Court will address any motions for fees following the resolution of the defendant's pending <a href="#">10</a> Motion to Dismiss and the plaintiff's <a href="#">14</a> Motion to Remand.</p> <p>The plaintiff is further directed to review the Court's manual for <i>pro se</i> litigants available here: <a href="https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/ProSeHandbookDDC%20Dec-2023.pdf">https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/ProSeHandbookDDC%20Dec-2023.pdf</a></p> <p>So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 29, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/29/2026)</p>
05/29/2026	<a href="#">15</a>	Renewed MOTION for CM/ECF Password, MOTION for ADA Accommodations by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Supplement, # <a href="#">2</a> Certificate of Service)(znmw) (Entered: 06/01/2026)
05/29/2026	<a href="#">16</a>	Second Renewed MOTION for CM/ECF Password, MOTION for ADA Accommodations by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (znmw) (Entered: 06/01/2026)
05/29/2026	<a href="#">17</a>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re 5/29/2026 Minute Order filed by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (znmw) (Entered: 06/01/2026)
06/02/2026		<p>MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are the <i>pro se</i> plaintiff's <a href="#">15</a> Renewed Motion for CM/ECF Access, Disability Accommodations, Access-to-Justice Relief, and Response to the Court's May 29, 2026 Minute Order; her <a href="#">16</a> Renewed Motion for CM/ECF Access, Electronic Filing Privileges, Disability Accommodations, and Related Relief; and her <a href="#">17</a> Reply to Minute Order and Supplemental Request for Relief.</p> <p>The motions are granted in part and denied in part. The plaintiff's request for CM/ECF user name and password is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court shall provide the plaintiff with instructions for accessing the Court's electronic filing system. The plaintiff's request for "remote participation when necessary" due to her disability is also GRANTED with respect to hearings for which videoconference proceedings are authorized. The plaintiff's request for interim monetary relief is DENIED. Any claims for damages will be assessed after the Court enters judgment.</p> <p>So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 2, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 06/02/2026)</p>
06/02/2026	<a href="#">18</a>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <a href="#">10</a> Motion to Dismiss, filed by GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. (Robins, Jennifer) Modified link on 6/3/2026 (znmw). (Entered: 06/02/2026)
06/02/2026	<a href="#">19</a>	Memorandum in opposition to re <a href="#">14</a> MOTION to Remand to State Court filed by GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. (See Docket Entry <a href="#">18</a> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 06/03/2026)
06/03/2026	<a href="#">20</a>	MOTION for Emergency Relief by HANDE MUGE AKSU. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit A, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit B, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit C, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit E (No exhibit D filed), # <a href="#">5</a> Certificate of Service) (znmw) (Entered: 06/03/2026)

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MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court is the pro se plaintiff's 20 Emergency Motion for Equality of Arms, Access to Justice, Litigation Assistance, and Appropriate Equitable Relief. The Court has previously ruled on the plaintiff's generic requests for accommodations and has provided her with the accommodations it can, namely CM/ECF access and remote participation in hearings where authorized. The Court cannot provide assistance with the plaintiff's litigation expenses, and any request for attorney's fees from the defendant is premature.

The plaintiff also seeks appointment of counsel in this civil case. Indigence alone is not a basis for appointment of counsel. *See Williams v. Court Servs. & Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia*, 878 F. Supp. 2d 263, 266 (D.D.C. 2012). And the plaintiff does not indicate what efforts, if any, she has undertaken to secure counsel on her own. At this early stage of proceedings, the Court cannot determine whether the nature and complexity of this action warrants appointment of counsel or evaluate the potential merit of the plaintiff's claims. Having weighed the factors set forth Local Rule 83.11(b)(3), the Court concludes that appointment of counsel is not warranted at this time. The Court will revisit the question after resolving the defendant's pending motion to dismiss and the plaintiff's motion to remand.

For any further questions, the Court again directs the plaintiff to the Court's pro se manual: <https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/ProSeHandbookDDC%20Dec-2023.pdf>

Accordingly, the plaintiff's 20 motion is denied without prejudice.

So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 3, 2026. (lcldf3) (Entered: 06/03/2026)

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