

United States Court of Appeals  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

GEORGE A. FISHER  
CLERK

535-3300

Date May 13, 1986

Docket No. 86-5289 Harold Weisberg v. William H. Webster, Director, FBI, et al.

Harold Weisberg  
7627 Old Receiver Rd.  
Frederick, MD 21701

- District Court Appeal  
 Tax Court Appeal  
 Bankruptcy Court Appeal

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Your appeal has been filed and docketed under the docket number shown above. Please include this number on all papers you file in this case.

Enclosed is the docketing statement required by Rule 7(d) of the General Rules of this Court. It is your responsibility to complete this statement and file it in the Clerk's Office within 20 days of the date of this letter.

This docketing statement is being furnished to you under the following circumstances:

- You are the first attorney shown on the notice of appeal in this case. Copies of the docketing statement are *not* being furnished to any other attorney whose name may appear as counsel for appellant on the notice of appeal.
- You signed the notice of appeal as a *pro se* litigant.
- You signed the notice of appeal as trial counsel. We note from the District Court docket entries that you were appointed as counsel under the Criminal Justice Act. Please complete and return the attached docketing statement.
- The notice of appeal was signed by appellant proceeding in proper person. A copy of the docketing statement is being furnished to the *pro se* appellant under separate letter. In view of the fact that you were trial counsel, we are enclosing a copy of the docketing statement. If you are representing the appellant, please complete and return the attached docketing statement. If you are not representing the appellant, please refer to the third paragraph of the instruction sheet attached to the docketing statement.

Please note that the face page of the docketing statement contains instructions for the completion and execution of that form. An original and three copies of the signed docketing statement should be returned to the Clerk's Office, in person between the hours of 9 A.M. & 4 P.M. or by mail, at the following address:

George A. Fisher, Clerk  
US Court of Appeals for DC Circuit  
US Courthouse, Room 5423  
Washington, DC 20001

Of course, copies of this docketing statement should be served upon all parties of record in the trial court proceedings.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE A. FISHER, Clerk



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**DEFINITIONS**

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4. "Private Civil" means any civil case in which the United States or an officer or agency thereof is not a party.
5. "Original Proceeding" means an application for issuance by this Court of a writ of mandamus or prohibition or other extraordinary writ, or a writ of habeas corpus.
6. "Substantially the same issues" means issues that are directly involved in other cases of which counsel is aware, which probably should be resolved in the same way as the issues presented in this case and would probably be governed by the decision in this case. (The purpose of this inquiry is to aid the Court in scheduling and coordinating the handling of cases. The response to this question does not require counsel to perform any additional research into pending cases and is not binding on any counsel in their discussion of the significance of other cases in their briefs.)

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