# Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023 Under the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act)

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### A. Introduction

This report is prepared by the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) pursuant to the requirements of Title II, Section 203, of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act or Act). The Act requires federal agencies to submit an annual report to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability; the Senate Committee on the Judiciary; the House Committee on the Judiciary; the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and the US. Attorney General.

This report contains data and analysis concerning equal employment opportunity (EEO) complaints activity at ACUS (zero formal or informal complaints for the current reporting year, FY 2023). ACUS is 100% committed to maintaining an environment that provides equal employment opportunity to its total approximate workforce of 11 full-time employees, as well as job applicants.

- B. Federal Court Cases Arising under the Federal Antidiscrimination or Whistleblower Laws
  - 1. As shown below in Table 1, ACUS had **zero** Federal Court Cases Pending or Resolved in FY 2023.

TABLE 1
Federal Court Cases Pending or Resolved in FY 2023, Separated by Statute

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964	0
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967	0
Rehabilitation Act of 1973	0
Whistleblower Protection Act	0
Equal Pay Act of 1963	0

2. Status or Disposition of Federal Court Cases Including the Amount of Money Required to be Reimbursed to the Judgement Fund and any Budget Adjustments Relating to the Judgement Fund.

Table 2 shows the status and disposition of federal court cases, by statute. Since there were no federal court cases and no data to report, the numerical values are all zero.

TABLE 2 Status of Federal Court Cases in FY 2023, by Statute

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964	0
Pending	0
Dismissed	0
Settled	0
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967	0
Pending	0
Dismissed	0
Settled	0
Rehabilitation Act of 1973	0
Pending	0
Dismissed	0
Settled	0
Whistleblower Protection Act	0
Pending	0
Dismissed	0
Settled	0
Equal Pay Act of 1963	0
Pending	0
Dismissed	0
Settled	0

C. Employees Disciplined for Conduct Inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination or Whistleblower Laws

Table 3 shows that there were zero findings of discrimination, and therefore, zero employees disciplined for having been found to have engaged in discrimination in violation of civil rights laws.

TABLE 3
Employees Disciplined for Conduct Inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination or Whistleblower Laws in FY 2023

<b>Employees Disciplined in Connection with Federal</b>					
Court Cases					
Number of Findings	0				
Number of Employees Disciplined					
<b>Employees Disciplined Whether or Not in Connection</b>					
with Federal Court Cases					
Number of Employees Disciplined	0				

### D. Final Year-End No FEAR Act Data for FY 2023

Attached as Appendix 1 is ACUS's final year-end No Fear Act Data for FY 2023.

# E. ACUS's Discipline Policy for Conduct Inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination or Whistleblower Laws

ACUS's FY 2023 policy statement in support of this section is attached as Appendix 2. ACUS takes seriously its obligations to maintain a professional, anti-discriminatory, and anti-retaliatory workplace. The agency's annual policy statement is issued to current employees, new employees upon onboarding, and posted on its website to notify job applicants. Employees engaging in prohibited conduct may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

### F. Data Analysis

### Introduction

This section is intended to provide data and trend analysis on the bases and issues in formal EEO complaints for FY 2022 and FY 2023. The bases protected by EEO statutes are race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, genetic information, and retaliation. Table 4 shows that no complaints were filed.

### **Number of Formal EEO Complaints and Number of Filers**

Fiscal Year	Number of Complaints Filed	Number of Complainants	Repeat Filers
2023	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0

### 1. Trends

Due to insufficient data (i.e., a single complaint in approximately ten years), no trends can be identified other than the fact that complaints are very rare at ACUS.

### 2. Causal Analysis

Again, there is insufficient data to make a causal assessment except to note that complaint activity is likely the result of a culture of agency compliance.

### 3. Knowledge Gained

An assessment conducted by agency leaders and supervisors revealed no particular concerns relative to the agency's performance. The main takeaway from the agency's historical data

is that complaints are rare. The agency continues to be vigilant in its efforts to comply with EEO, antiretaliation, and whistleblower laws.

4. Actions Planned to Improve ACUS's Equal Employment Opportunity Program

ACUS will continue to educate its leaders and employees about the importance of EEO principles and requirements in order to maintain its nearly complaint-free history. ACUS also pledges to hold its entire workforce accountable for maintaining high standards in EEO.

### G. No FEAR Act Training Plan

The No FEAR Act requires agencies to provide training for their employees on the rights and remedies under Federal antidiscrimination, retaliation, and whistleblower protection laws. New employees are required to complete interactive training on the No FEAR Act within the first week of their employment. The annual policy notice also serves as a training tool, as do EEO posters that are posted in frequently accessed areas of the agency.

# Appendix 1

# **ACUS No FEAR Data for FY 2023**

Complaint Astivity		Comp Previous	arative Fiscal Y		a			
Complaint Activity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Number of Complaints Filed	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Number of Complainants	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Repeat Filers	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Complaints by Basis Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple	]	Com Previous	parative Fiscal Y		ta			
bases. The sum of the bases may not equal total complaints filed.	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Race	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Color	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Reprisal	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Sex	0	0	1	0	0	0		
National Origin	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Equal Pay Act	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Age	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Genetic Information	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Non-EEO basis	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Complaints by Issue  Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple issues. The sum of the issues may not equal total		Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data						
issues. The sum of the issues may not equal total complaints filed.	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Appointment/Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Complaints by Issue  Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple	I		parative Fiscal Y	Data Year Dat	ta	
issues. The sum of the issues may not equal total complaints filed.	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assignment of Duties	0	0	0	0	0	0
Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conversion to Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinar	y Action	n				
Demotion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	0	0	0	0	0	0
Removal	0	0	1	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duty Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evaluation Appraisal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Examination/Test	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harass	ment					
Non-Sexual	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Examination	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pay (Including Overtime)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Promotion/Non-Selection	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reassign	nment					
Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0
Directed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reasonable Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Complaints by Issue  Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple	I		parative Fiscal Y	Data Zear Dat	a	
issues. The sum of the issues may not equal total complaints filed.	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Retirement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Termination	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terms/Conditions of Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Time and Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Processing Time	]		parative Fiscal	e Data Year Da	ta	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Complaints pending (for any length of time) during fiscal year	0	0	1	0	0	0
Average number of days in investigation stage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average number of days in final action stage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Complaints pending (for any length of time) during fiscal year where hearing was requested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average number of days in investigation stage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average number of days in final action stage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Complaints pending (for any length of time) during fiscal year where hearing was not requested	0	0	1	0	0	0
Average number of days in investigation stage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average number of days in final action stage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Complaints Dismissed by Agency		Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data								
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023				
Total Complaints Dismissed by Agency	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Average days pending prior to dismissal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Complaints Withdrawn by Complainants										
Total complaints Withdrawn by Complainants	0	0	0	0	0	0				

	Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data											
Total Final Actions Finding Discrimination	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Number Findings	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Without Hearing	0		0		0		0		0		0	
With Hearing	0		0		0		0		0		0	

Findings of Discrimination Rendered by  Basis  Note: Compleints can be filed alleging		Comparative Data (Sec. 1614.705 Previous Fiscal Year Data										
Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple bases. The sum of the bases may	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		20	)23
not equal total complaints and findings.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Number Findings	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Race	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Color	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Religion	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reprisal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Sex	0		0		0		0		0		0	
National Origin	0		0		0		0		0		0	

Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Basis	omparative Data (Sec. 1614.705 Previous Fiscal Year Data											
Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple bases. The sum of the bases may	20	)18	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
not equal total complaints and findings.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Age	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Disability	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Genetic Information	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Non-EEO	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Findings After Hearing	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Race	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Color	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Religion	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reprisal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Sex	0		0		0		0		0		0	
National Origin	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Equal Pay Act	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Age	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Disability	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Genetic Information	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Non-EEO	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Findings Without Hearing	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Race	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Color	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Religion	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reprisal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Sex	0		0		0		0		0		0	

Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Basis	Comparative Data (Sec. 1614.705 Previous Fiscal Year Data											
Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple bases. The sum of the bases may		2018		)19	20	20	2021		2022		20	)23
not equal total complaints and findings.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
National Origin	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Equal Pay Act	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Age	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Disability	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Genetic Information	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Non-EEO	0		0		0		0		0		0	

	Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data											
	20	2018		2019		2020		21	2022		20	)23
Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Issue	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Number Findings	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Appointment/Hire	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Assignment of Duties	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Awards	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Conversion to Full-time	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Di	scipl	inary	Acti	on								
Demotion	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reprimand	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Suspension	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Removal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Duty Hours	0		0		0		0		0		0	

	Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data											
	20	2018		2019		)20	2021		2022		20	)23
Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Issue	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Evaluation Appraisal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Examination/Test	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Harassment												
Non-Sexual	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Sexual	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Medical Examination	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Pay (Including Overtime)	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Promotion/Non-Selection	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reassignment												
Denied	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Directed	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reasonable Accommodation	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reinstatement	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Retirement	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Termination	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Terms/Conditions of Employment	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Time and Attendance	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Training	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Findings After Hearing	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Appointment/Hire	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Assignment of Duties	0		0		0		0		0		0	

	Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data											
F'. I'm of D'	20	)18	20	)19	2020		2021		2022		20	)23
Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Issue	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Awards	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Conversion to Full-time	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Disciplinary Action												
Reprimand	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Suspension	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Removal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Duty Hours	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Evaluation Appraisal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Examination/Test	0		0		0		0		0		0	
	Hai	rassm	ent									
Non-Sexual	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Sexual	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Medical Examination	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Pay (Including Overtime)	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Promotion/Non-Selection	0		0		0		0		0		0	
	Reas	signn	nent									
Denied	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Directed	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reasonable Accommodation	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reinstatement	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Retirement	0		0		0		0		0		0	

	Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data											
Eindings of Discoincia stion Dondonal ha	20	2018		)19	2020		2021		2022		20	)23
Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Issue	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Termination	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Terms/Conditions of Employment	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Time and Attendance	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Training	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Findings Without Hearing	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Appointment/Hire	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Assignment of Duties	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Awards	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Conversion to Full-time	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Di	scipli	inary	Acti	ion								
Reprimand	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Suspension	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Removal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Duty Hours	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Evaluation Appraisal	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Examination/Test	0		0		0		0		0		0	
	Hai	rassm	ent									
Non-Sexual	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Sexual	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Medical Examination	0		0		0		0		0		0	

	Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data											
	20	18	20	)19	20	020	20	2021		022	20	)23
Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Issue	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pay (Including Overtime)	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Promotion/Non-Selection	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reassignment												
Denied	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Directed	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reasonable Accommodation	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Reinstatement	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Retirement	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Termination	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Terms/Conditions of Employment	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Time and Attendance	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Training	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Other	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Pending Complaints Filed in Previous Fi	scal	Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data										
Years by Status		20	)18	20	19	202	0	2021		2022	2	023
Total complaints from previous Fiscal Years			0	(	)	0		0		0		0
Total Complainants			0	(	)	0		0		0	0	
Numbe	er coi	nplai	nts p	endi	ng							
Investigation			0	(	)	0		0		0		0
Hearing			0	(	)	0		0		0		0
Final Agency Action			0	(	)	0		0		0		0
Appeal with EEOC Office of Federal Operat	ions		0	(	)	0		0		0		0

Complaint Investigations		Comparative Data Previous Fiscal Year Data								
-	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023				
Pending Completion Where Investigation Exceeds Required Time Frames	0	0	0	0	0	0				

# Appendix 2