

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02288-KBJ**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE et al
Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
Case: 1:20-cv-00694-KBJ
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/19/2020
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/19/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants (<i>US Department of State and US Department of Defense</i>) (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7484041) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for US Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for US State Department, # <u>5</u> Summons for US Department of Defense)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 08/19/2020)
08/19/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 08/19/2020)
08/19/2020	<u>3</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Case related to Case No. 1:20-cv-00694-KBJ. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 08/19/2020)
08/20/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (zsb) (Entered: 08/20/2020)
08/20/2020	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: #

		<u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 08/20/2020)
08/20/2020	<u>5</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 8/20/2020. (jag) (Entered: 08/20/2020)
09/05/2020	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/31/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/30/2020. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 09/05/2020)
09/05/2020	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 08/31/20. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 09/05/2020)
09/05/2020	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 8/31/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 09/05/2020)
09/05/2020	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 8/31/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 09/05/2020)
09/15/2020	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benton Gregory Peterson on behalf of All Defendants (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/30/2020	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
10/05/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall review this Court's <u>5</u> General Order and Guidelines Applicable to FOIA Cases, and promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for disclosure or briefing motions for summary judgment, on or before 10/19/2020. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 10/5/2020. (jaga) (Entered: 10/05/2020)
10/19/2020	<u>12</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) Modified on 10/19/2020 (zjf). (Entered: 10/19/2020)
10/19/2020		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>12</u> Status Report was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading using the correct event (MEET AND CONFER) (zjf) (Entered: 10/19/2020)
10/19/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 12/18/2020, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 10/19/2020. (jag) (Entered: 10/19/2020)
12/18/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Joint Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 12/18/2020)
12/21/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 2/18/2021, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 12/21/2020. (jag) (Entered: 12/21/2020)
02/18/2021	<u>14</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) Modified on

		2/18/2021 (zjf). (Entered: 02/18/2021)
02/18/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Document No. re <u>14</u> Status Report was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile said pleading using the MEET & CONFER event. (zjf) (Entered: 02/18/2021)
02/22/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 02/22/2021)
03/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 4/19/2021, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for future proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 3/19/2021. (jag) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
04/19/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 04/19/2021)
04/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 6/21/2021, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 4/20/2021. (jag) (Entered: 04/20/2021)
06/21/2021	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
06/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 8/23/2021, the parties shall file a further joint status report. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/22/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/22/2021)
06/22/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/23/2021. (zgdf) (Entered: 06/23/2021)
06/29/2021		Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has been elevated to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She is therefore no longer assigned to this case, and this matter has been reassigned to the Calendar Committee, which will oversee it until it is assigned to another district judge. Any questions should be directed to Judge Jackson's former deputy clerk, Gwendolyn Franklin, at 202-354-3145 or gwen_franklin@dcd.uscourts.gov. (rj) (Entered: 06/29/2021)
08/23/2021	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
08/24/2021		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the representations in the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before October 25, 2021, the parties shall file a further joint status report. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/24/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 08/24/2021)
08/25/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/25/2021. (zgdf) (Entered: 08/25/2021)
10/25/2021	<u>19</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
10/25/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/9/2021. (zacr) (Entered: 10/26/2021)
10/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 9, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/25/2021. (lcrc2) (Entered: 10/26/2021)
10/26/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/9/2021. (adh,) (Entered: 10/26/2021)