

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00625-APM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/09/2021  
Date Terminated: 11/12/2021  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/09/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8289556) 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/09/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (adh, ) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/10/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u>

		Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 03/10/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/26/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/25/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/16/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 3/22/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
04/26/2021	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/26/2021	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Consent to Assignment to Magistrate Judge by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/26/2021	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/26/2021	<u>10</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before May 10, 2021. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for a stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/26/2021. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/29/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
04/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by July 29, 2021, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 4/29/2021. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/29/2021)
06/28/2021	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paul Cirino on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 06/28/2021)
07/23/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
07/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by October 21, 2021, that proposes a schedule for further proceedings, if necessary. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/23/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/23/2021)
10/21/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 10/21/2021)
10/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by November 21, 2021, that proposes a schedule for further proceedings, if necessary. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/21/2021. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
11/12/2021	<u>15</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 11/12/2021)