

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01927-TSC

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY

Assigned to: Judge Tanya S. Chutkan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/16/2021

Date Terminated: 04/29/2022

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/16/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8606000) 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 Homeland Security)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zsb) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/16/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/29/2021	<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 7/23/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/22/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/29/2021)
07/29/2021	<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 07/29/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul)

		(Entered: 07/29/2021)
07/29/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 7/27/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/29/2021)
08/19/2021	<u>7</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
08/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Granting Consent <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Plaintiff shall answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint by 10/24/21. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/19/21. (DJS) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
08/20/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 10/24/2021. (tb) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
10/22/2021	<u>8</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (McBride, Patricia) Modified on 10/22/2021 (zeg). (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/22/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re <u>8</u> Status Report was entered in error and counsel was instructed to refile the correct pleading. (zeg) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/22/2021	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 12/9/22. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/28/21. (DJS) (Entered: 10/28/2021)
11/02/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/9/2022. (tb) (Entered: 11/02/2021)
12/09/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(znmw) (Entered: 12/10/2021)
12/28/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report and proposed order by 2/24/22. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 12/28/21. (DJS) (Entered: 12/28/2021)
12/29/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/24/2022. (jth) (Entered: 12/29/2021)
02/23/2022	<u>11</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
04/28/2022		MINUTE ORDER: This action is dismissed consistent with the parties' Joint Stipulation of Dismissal. Each party to bear its own costs. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 4/28/22. (DJS) (Entered: 04/28/2022)