

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-02010-ABJ**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/23/2020  
Date Terminated: 05/27/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/23/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7376687) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Education, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for D.C.)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
07/23/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
07/23/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (adh, ) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
07/23/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 07/23/2020)

08/02/2020	<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 7/31/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/30/2020. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 08/02/2020)
08/02/2020	<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 07/31/20. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 08/02/2020)
08/02/2020	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 7/30/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 08/02/2020)
08/31/2020	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 08/31/2020)
09/01/2020	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before September 29, 2020.SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 9/1/2020. (lcabj3) (Entered: 09/01/2020)
09/01/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff by 9/29/2020. (jth) (Entered: 09/01/2020)
09/29/2020	<u>9</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 09/29/2020)
09/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>9</u> status report, defendant must submit another status report by November 30, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 9/30/2020. (lcabj3) (Entered: 09/30/2020)
11/30/2020	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 11/30/2020)
11/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>10</u> status report, defendant must submit another status report by January 29, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/30/20. (lcabj2) (Entered: 11/30/2020)
01/28/2021	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Mussenden, Paul) (Entered: 01/28/2021)
01/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>11</u> status report, defendant must submit another status report by March 30, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/30/21. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/30/2021)
02/05/2021	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Diana Viggiano Valdivia on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Substituting for attorney Paul A. Mussenden (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 02/05/2021)
03/29/2021	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 03/29/2021)
03/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>13</u> status report, the parties must submit a joint status report by June 4, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/30/21. (lcabj2) (Entered: 03/30/2021)
06/04/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
06/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>14</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by September 3, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 6/7/21. (lcabj2) (Entered: 06/07/2021)
09/03/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 09/03/2021)

09/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>15</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by December 2, 2021. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 9/13/21. (lcabj2) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
11/30/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
11/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>16</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by March 2, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/30/2021. (lcabj2) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
03/02/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 03/02/2022)
03/07/2022		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>17</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another joint status report by May 31, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 03/07/2022. (lcabj2) (Entered: 03/07/2022)
05/27/2022	<u>18</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>with Prejudice</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 05/27/2022)