

**U.S. District Court
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01216-RCL**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth
 Case in other court: 22-05209
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/04/2021
 Date Terminated: 07/21/2022
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text |
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| 05/04/2021 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8424878) 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 Justice)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/04/2021) |
| 05/04/2021 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/04/2021) |
| 05/05/2021 | | Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (znmg) (Entered: 05/05/2021) |

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| 05/05/2021 | <u>3</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmg) (Entered: 05/05/2021) |
| 05/13/2021 | <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 5/6/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/5/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/13/2021) |
| 05/13/2021 | <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 05/11/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/13/2021) |
| 05/13/2021 | <u>6</u> | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 5/13/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/13/2021) |
| 06/07/2021 | <u>7</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Early, Cormac) (Entered: 06/07/2021) |
| 06/08/2021 | <u>8</u> | MINUTE ORDER: Defendant's Dispositive Motion due by 7/8/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 06/08/2021. (lcrcl2) Modified on 6/9/2021 (lsj). (Entered: 06/08/2021) |
| 07/07/2021 | <u>9</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file dispositive motion</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Early, Cormac) (Entered: 07/07/2021) |
| 07/08/2021 | | MINUTE ORDER granting <u>9</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Dispositive Motion; Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Dispositive Motion due by 9/2/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/08/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 07/08/2021) |
| 09/02/2021 | <u>10</u> | MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Declaration)(Early, Cormac) (Entered: 09/02/2021) |
| 09/11/2021 | <u>11</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by James F. Peterson on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/11/2021) |
| 09/13/2021 | <u>12</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>and Set Briefing Schedule</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James). Added MOTION for Briefing Schedule on 9/14/2021 (zjf). (Entered: 09/13/2021) |
| 09/14/2021 | <u>13</u> | ORDER granting <u>12</u> Motion for Extension of Time <i>and Briefing Schedule</i> . Plaintiff's opposition to Defendant's motion for summary judgment and any cross-motion for summary judgment due by 10/14/2021. Defendant's reply in support of its motion for summary judgment and opposition to any cross-motion for summary judgment due by 10/28/2021. Plaintiff's reply in support any cross motions due by 11/5/2021. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 09/14/2021. (lcrcl2) (Entered: 09/14/2021) |
| 10/12/2021 | <u>14</u> | Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/12/2021) |
| 10/28/2021 | <u>15</u> | Memorandum in opposition to re <u>10</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>with Response to Statement of Facts</i>) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C (Decl of Brock), # <u>4</u> Exhibit D (Decl of Heily with exhibits), # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/28/2021) |
| 10/28/2021 | <u>16</u> | Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>with Pltf's Statement of Facts</i>) by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C (Decl of Brock), # <u>4</u> Exhibit D (Decl of Heily with exhibits), # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/28/2021) |
| 11/15/2021 | <u>17</u> | REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>10</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration)(Early, Cormac) (Entered: 11/15/2021) |

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| 11/15/2021 | <u>18</u> | Memorandum in opposition to re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>with Pltf's Statement of Facts</i>) filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration)(Early, Cormac) (Entered: 11/15/2021) |
| 11/23/2021 | <u>19</u> | REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment (<i>with Pltf's Statement of Facts</i>) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/23/2021) |
| 12/14/2021 | <u>20</u> | MOTION for Leave to File <i>Sur-Reply</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Proposed Sur-Reply, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Early, Cormac) (Entered: 12/14/2021) |
| 07/20/2022 | <u>21</u> | MEMORANDUM OPINION: Separate order to follow. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/20/2022.(lcrc12) (Entered: 07/20/2022) |
| 07/20/2022 | <u>22</u> | ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that defendant's <u>10</u> Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED and plaintiff's <u>16</u> Motion for Summary Judgment is DENIED. It is further ORDERED that <u>14</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File is GRANTED nunc pro tunc and <u>20</u> Motion for Leave to File <i>Sur-Reply</i> is GRANTED. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 07/20/2022. (lcrc12) (Entered: 07/20/2022) |
| 08/03/2022 | <u>23</u> | NOTICE OF APPEAL TO DC CIRCUIT COURT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Filing fee \$ 505, receipt number ADCDC-9416946. Fee Status: Fee Paid. Parties have been notified. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/03/2022) |
| 08/04/2022 | <u>24</u> | Transmission of the Notice of Appeal, Order Appealed (Memorandum Opinion), and Docket Sheet to US Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals fee was paid re <u>23</u> Notice of Appeal to DC Circuit Court. (zjf) (Entered: 08/04/2022) |
| 08/08/2022 | | USCA Case Number 22-5209 for <u>23</u> Notice of Appeal to DC Circuit Court filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (zjf) (Entered: 08/08/2022) |