

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02145-TSC**

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

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

Date Filed: 08/11/2021
Date Terminated: 03/29/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/11/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8660937) 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 Defense)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/11/2021)
08/11/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/11/2021)

08/11/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (znmng) (Entered: 08/11/2021)
08/11/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmng) (Entered: 08/11/2021)
08/18/2021	<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 8/12/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/11/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/18/2021	<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 08/17/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 8/16/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
09/13/2021	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of All Defendants (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
09/13/2021	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.(Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 09/13/2021)
09/14/2021		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 10/29/21. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 9/14/21. (DJS) (Entered: 09/14/2021)
09/16/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/29/2021. (tb) (Entered: 09/16/2021)
10/29/2021	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
10/29/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by 1/7/22 and every 30 days thereafter. To the extent the parties propose a change in the status quo, the report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 10/29/21. (DJS) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
11/02/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Report due by 1/7/2022. (tb) (Entered: 11/02/2021)
01/07/2022	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 01/07/2022)
03/08/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/08/2022)
04/20/2022	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Jeremy S. Simon on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE Substituting for attorney Christopher Charles Hair (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 04/20/2022)
05/06/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/06/2022)
06/30/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 06/30/2022)

08/07/2022	<u>15</u>	MINUTE ORDER: Having considered the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file another joint report by August 30, 2022, and every 60 days thereafter. To the extent the parties propose a change in the status quo, the report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 8/7/22. (DJS) (Entered: 08/07/2022)
08/10/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Report due by 8/30/2022. (tb) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
08/30/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 08/30/2022)
10/31/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 10/31/2022)
12/21/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 12/21/2022)
02/21/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
03/27/2023	<u>20</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 03/27/2023)
03/28/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, this case is hereby dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 03/28/2023. (lcja) (Entered: 03/28/2023)