

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00968-JEB**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 04/05/2019  
Assigned to: Chief Judge James E. Boasberg Date Terminated: 04/28/2023  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/05/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6043884) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of State)(Lee, Eric) (Entered: 04/05/2019)

04/05/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/05/2019		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (zef, ) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/05/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/15/2019	<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 4/12/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/12/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/12/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/12/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Lee, Eric) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
05/02/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Diana Viggiano Valdivia on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/13/2019	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall confer and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by May 28, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/13/2019. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/28/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 05/14/2019)
05/28/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
05/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by July 30, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/28/2019. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
05/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/30/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER ADOPTING the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report. The Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by September 30, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 07/31/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
07/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/30/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
09/30/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 09/30/2019)
10/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by December 30, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/1/2019. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/30/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
12/30/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 12/30/2019)
01/02/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by March 23, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/2/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 01/02/2020)
01/03/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/23/2020. (nbn) (Entered: 01/06/2020)

03/23/2020	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 03/23/2020)
03/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by June 23, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/23/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 03/23/2020)
03/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/23/2020. (nbn) (Entered: 03/24/2020)
06/23/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 06/23/2020)
06/24/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by July 23, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/24/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 06/24/2020)
06/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/23/2020. (znbn) (Entered: 06/25/2020)
07/23/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
07/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by August 24, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 07/23/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
07/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/24/2020. (znbn) (Entered: 07/24/2020)
08/24/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 08/24/2020)
08/24/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by September 23, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 08/24/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 08/24/2020)
08/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/23/2020. (znbn) (Entered: 08/25/2020)
09/23/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 09/23/2020)
09/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by October 23, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 09/23/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 09/23/2020)
09/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/23/2020. (znbn) (Entered: 09/24/2020)
10/23/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 10/23/2020)
10/26/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by November 23, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/26/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 10/26/2020)
10/26/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/23/2020. (znbn) (Entered: 10/26/2020)
11/23/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 11/23/2020)
11/24/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by December 23, 2020. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/24/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 11/24/2020)

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11/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/23/2020. (znbn) (Entered: 11/24/2020)
12/23/2020	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 12/23/2020)
12/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by January 22, 2021. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/23/2020. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 12/23/2020)
12/23/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/22/2021. (znbn) (Entered: 12/29/2020)
01/22/2021	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 01/22/2021)
01/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by March 19, 2021. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/22/2021. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 01/22/2021)
03/19/2021	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 03/19/2021)
03/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by May 18, 2021. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/22/2021. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 03/22/2021)
03/22/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/18/2021. (nbn) (Entered: 03/22/2021)
05/18/2021	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 05/18/2021)
05/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by July 19, 2021. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/18/2021. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 05/18/2021)
05/18/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/19/2021. (znbn) (Entered: 05/20/2021)
07/19/2021	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by October 4, 2021. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/19/2021. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 07/19/2021)
07/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/4/2021. (nbn) (Entered: 07/20/2021)
10/04/2021	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by December 20, 2021. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/04/2021. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/04/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2021. (znbn) (Entered: 10/05/2021)
12/20/2021	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 12/20/2021)
12/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by February 18, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/20/2021. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 12/20/2021)

12/21/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/18/2022 (lsj) (Entered: 12/21/2021)
02/18/2022	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
02/18/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by April 19, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/18/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
02/18/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/19/2022. (znbn) (Entered: 02/18/2022)
04/19/2022	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 04/19/2022)
04/19/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>26</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by June 21, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/19/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 04/19/2022)
04/19/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/21/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 04/19/2022)
04/19/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/21/2022. (znbn) (Entered: 04/20/2022)
06/21/2022	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 06/21/2022)
06/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>27</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by August 22, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/21/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 06/21/2022)
06/21/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/22/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 06/22/2022)
08/22/2022	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 08/22/2022)
08/22/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>28</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by October 21, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/22/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 08/22/2022)
08/22/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/21/2022. (znbn) (Entered: 08/24/2022)
10/14/2022	<u>29</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Diana V. Valdivia (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 10/14/2022)
10/20/2022	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 10/20/2022)
10/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>30</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by December 21, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/20/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 10/20/2022)
10/20/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/21/2022. (nbn) (Entered: 10/21/2022)
12/19/2022	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
12/19/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>31</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by February 17, 2023. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/19/2022. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
12/19/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 2/17/2023 (lsj) (Entered: 12/19/2022)
02/01/2023	<u>32</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brian J. Levy on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Robert A. Caplen (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 02/01/2023)

02/17/2023	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 02/17/2023)
02/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>33</u> Joint Status Report and ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report by May 17, 2022. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/17/2023. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 02/17/2023)
02/17/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/17/2023. (nbn) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
04/28/2023	<u>34</u>	NOTICE of Voluntary Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Lee, Eric) (Entered: 04/28/2023)