U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-00696-BAH

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Assigned to: Judge Beryl A. Howell Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Plaintiff

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.

Date Filed: 03/16/2021 Date Terminated: 04/28/2023 Jury Demand: None Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/16/2021	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–8306793) 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

		Health and Human Services)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/16/2021)
03/16/2021	2	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/16/2021)
03/17/2021		Case Assigned to Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zsb) (Entered: 03/17/2021)
03/17/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 03/17/2021)
03/18/2021	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 18, 2021. (lcbah2) (Entered: 03/18/2021)
04/02/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/26/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/25/2021. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/02/2021)
04/02/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/02/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/02/2021)
04/02/2021	7	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 4/1/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/02/2021)
04/26/2021	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Derek S. Hammond on behalf of All Defendants (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
04/26/2021	2	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 04/26/2021)
05/10/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/26/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, in light of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit, by July 30, 2021, a joint status report explaining the status of defendant's searches and productions to date and proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 26, 2021. (lcbah2) (Entered: 05/26/2021)
05/26/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/30/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 05/26/2021)
07/30/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 07/30/2021)
07/31/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, in light of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to submit, by September 30, 2021, a joint status report explaining the status of defendant's searches and productions to date and proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 30, 2021. (lcbah2) (Entered: 07/31/2021)
08/02/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/30/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/02/2021)
09/30/2021	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James F. Peterson on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/30/2021)
09/30/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC (Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/30/2021)
10/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by November 30, 2021, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 1, 2021. (lcbah2) (Entered: 10/01/2021)

10/04/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/30/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
11/30/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
11/30/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by January 31, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on November 30, 2021. (lcbah2) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
12/01/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/31/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 12/01/2021)
01/31/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
01/31/2022	16	MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by March 31, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on January 31, 2022. (lcbah2) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
01/31/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/31/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 01/31/2022)
03/31/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
03/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by May 31, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 31, 2022. (lcbah2) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
03/31/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/31/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
05/31/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
06/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by July 1, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on June 1, 2022. (lcbah2) (Entered: 06/01/2022)
06/02/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2022 (ztg) (Entered: 06/02/2022)
06/03/2022	<u>19</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Thomas Duffey on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 06/03/2022)
07/01/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
07/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by September 1, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on July 1, 2022. (lcbah2) (Entered: 07/01/2022)
07/05/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/1/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
08/31/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 08/31/2022)
09/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by November 1, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 2, 2022. (lcbah2) (Entered: 09/02/2022)

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09/06/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/1/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 09/06/2022)
11/01/2022	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Duffey, Thomas) (Entered: 11/01/2022)
11/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by December 20, 2022, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on November 1, 2022. (lcbah2) (Entered: 11/01/2022)
11/02/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2022. (ztg) (Entered: 11/02/2022)
12/20/2022	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 12/20/2022)
12/20/2022		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by January 20, 2023, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on December 20, 2022. (lcbah2) (Entered: 12/20/2022)
12/21/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/20/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 12/21/2022)
01/20/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 01/20/2023)
01/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>24</u> Joint Status Report, the parties to file, by March 21, 2023, another joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on January 20, 2023. (lcbah2) (Entered: 01/20/2023)
01/23/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/21/2023. (ztg) (Entered: 01/23/2023)
03/21/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/21/2023)
03/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), upon consideration of the parties' <u>25</u> Joint Status Report, DIRECTING the parties to file, <u>by April 28, 2023</u> , another joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties, and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings, if a notice of voluntary dismissal has not been filed by then. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 21, 2023. (lcbah2) (Entered: 03/21/2023)
03/22/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/28/2023. (ztg) Modified deadline on 3/22/2023 (ztg). (Entered: 03/22/2023)
04/26/2023	<u>26</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 04/26/2023)
04/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DISMISSING this matter, with prejudice, pursuant to the parties' <u>26</u> Stipulation of Dismissal and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The Clerk of Court is directed to close this case. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on April 27, 2023. (lcbah2) (Entered: 04/27/2023)