

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-01760-TJK**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE et al

Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/29/2020  
Date Terminated: 06/06/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/29/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( <i>U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission</i> ) ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-7279993) 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 US Department of Justice, # <u>5</u> Summons for US Securities and Exchange Commission)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/30/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (adh, ) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/14/2020	<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 7/8/2020. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/7/2020. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/14/2020)
07/14/2020	<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 7/10/2020. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/14/2020)
07/14/2020	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 7/8/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/14/2020)
07/14/2020	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION served on 7/7/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 07/14/2020)
07/23/2020	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Alan Burch on behalf of All Defendants (Burch, Alan) (Entered: 07/23/2020)
08/07/2020	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.(Burch, Alan) (Entered: 08/07/2020)
08/07/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by September 8, 2020. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/7/2020. (lctjk1) (Entered: 08/07/2020)

08/07/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule or Disclosure due by 9/8/2020. (zkh) (Entered: 08/07/2020)
09/08/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Burch, Alan) (Entered: 09/08/2020)
09/09/2020		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by October 8, 2020, and every sixty days thereafter, until the Court orders otherwise. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/9/2020. (lctjk1) (Entered: 09/09/2020)
09/28/2020	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Katherine Boyd Palmer–Ball on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Alan Burch (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 09/28/2020)
10/08/2020	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 10/08/2020)
12/07/2020	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 12/07/2020)
02/08/2021	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 02/08/2021)
04/08/2021	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 04/08/2021)
06/07/2021	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. (Palmer–Ball, Katherine) (Entered: 06/07/2021)
07/31/2021	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Blake Weiner on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Palmer–Ball (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 07/31/2021)
08/06/2021	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/06/2021	<u>19</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal of Claim Against Defendant U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
10/05/2021	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 10/05/2021)
12/06/2021	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Weiner, Blake) (Entered: 12/06/2021)
02/04/2022	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
04/05/2022	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 04/05/2022)
05/02/2022	<u>24</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brenda A. Gonzalez–Horowitz on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Blake Weiner (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 05/02/2022)
05/05/2022	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gonzalez–Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 05/05/2022)
06/06/2022	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 06/06/2022)
08/09/2022	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 08/09/2022)
10/07/2022	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Gonzalez Horowitz, Brenda) (Entered: 10/07/2022)
12/08/2022	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 12/08/2022)

02/08/2023	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/08/2023)
04/07/2023	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 04/07/2023)
05/24/2023	<u>32</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/24/2023)