

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01194-CKK**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY

Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly

Case: [1:21-cv-02824-CKK](#)

Related Case: [1:23-cv-00612-CKK](#)

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.**

Date Filed: 05/03/2021

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Defendant**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND  
SECURITY**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/03/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8416163) 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 Homeland Security)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/03/2021)
05/03/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/03/2021)
05/03/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (adh, ) (Entered: 05/03/2021)
05/03/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh, ) (Entered: 05/03/2021)
05/05/2021	<u>4</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 05/05/2021. (DM) (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/14/2021	<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 5/6/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/5/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u>

		Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
05/14/2021	<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 05/11/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
05/14/2021	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 5/14/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
06/04/2021	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
06/04/2021	<u>9</u>	ORDER. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on June 4, 2021. (lcckk1) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
06/04/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/2/2021. (dot) (Entered: 06/04/2021)
07/02/2021	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 07/02/2021)
07/05/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received and reviewed the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report. The parties shall submit another Joint Status Report by or before August 20, 2021. If the parties still plan to move forward with summary judgment briefing in this matter, they should submit a complete proposed briefing schedule within their forthcoming joint status report. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on July 5, 2021. (lcckk1) (Entered: 07/05/2021)
07/05/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/20/2021. (dot) (Entered: 07/06/2021)
08/20/2021	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
08/23/2021		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received and reviewed the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report. The parties shall submit another joint status report by or before September 15, 2021, addressing whether any disputes remain at that time which require dispositive motions. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on August 23, 2021. (lcckk1) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
08/23/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/15/2021. (kt) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
09/15/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 09/15/2021)
09/16/2021	<u>13</u>	ORDER. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on September 16, 2021. (lcckk1) (Entered: 09/16/2021)
09/16/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's Cross Motion due by 11/30/2021. Response to Cross Motion due by 1/4/2022. Reply to Cross Motion due by 1/14/2022. Defendant's Summary Judgment Motion due by 10/29/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 11/30/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 1/4/2022. Defendant's Vaughn Index due by 10/29/2021. (dot) (Entered: 09/17/2021)
10/29/2021	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Kevin Tyrrell, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
11/30/2021	<u>15</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Statement of Facts attached</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/30/2021)
11/30/2021	<u>16</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Statement of Facts attached</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/30/2021)

01/04/2022	<u>17</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>14</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>and Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Facts and Additional Facts in Support of Motion</i> filed by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 01/04/2022)
01/04/2022	<u>18</u>	RESPONSE re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Statement of Facts attached and Response to Plaintiff's Further Statement of Facts and Additional Facts</i> filed by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 01/04/2022)
01/14/2022	<u>19</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>16</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Statement of Facts attached</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 01/14/2022)
01/25/2023	<u>20</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. Case related to Case No. 1:21-cv-02824-BAH. (Snyder, Hilarie) (Entered: 01/25/2023)
06/28/2023	<u>21</u>	ORDER granting <u>14</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and denying <u>16</u> Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close this case. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on June 28, 2023. (lcckk1) (Entered: 06/28/2023)
06/28/2023	<u>22</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION re <u>21</u> Order. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on June 28, 2023. (lcckk1) (Entered: 06/28/2023)