

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01922-RDM

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY
Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/03/2023
Date Terminated: 10/13/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/03/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10179045) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Homeland Security, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/03/2023)
07/03/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/03/2023)
07/05/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zcb) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/05/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/05/2023	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/5/2023. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 07/05/2023)
07/26/2023	<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 7/6/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/5/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/12/2023.,

		RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 7/11/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/26/2023)
08/04/2023	<u>6</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Escher, Sam) (Entered: 08/04/2023)
08/04/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's motion to extend time to respond to complaint, Dkt. <u>6</u> , it is ORDERED that Defendant's time to respond to the complaint is tolled pending further order of the Court. It is further ORDERED that Plaintiff respond to Defendant's motion to extend time, Dkt. <u>6</u> , on or before August 11, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/4/2023. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 08/04/2023)
08/04/2023	<u>7</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order,, Set Deadlines, <i>Re Def's Motion to Extend Time</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/04/2023)
08/05/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's motion to extend time to respond to the complaint, Dkt. <u>6</u> , and Plaintiff's response, Dkt. <u>7</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall respond to the complaint on or before September 6, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/5/2023. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 08/05/2023)
09/06/2023	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Escher, Sam) (Entered: 09/06/2023)
09/06/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before October 13, 2023, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear by video for an Initial Scheduling Conference on October 20, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., before Judge Randolph D. Moss. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/6/2023. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 09/06/2023)
10/12/2023	<u>9</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/12/2023)
10/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the Plaintiff's Stipulation of Dismissal, Dkt. <u>9</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the case is DISMISSED with prejudice, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Each party is to bear its own costs and attorney's fees. It is further ORDERED that the Initial Scheduling Conference on October 20, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. is VACATED. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate this case. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/13/2023. (lcrdm1) (Entered: 10/13/2023)