## CIVIL COVER SHEET

JS-44 (Rev. 11/2020 DC)												
I. (a) PLAINTIFFS	INIC				DEFENDANTS							
JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.				انا	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE					-		
(b) COUNTY OF RESIDEN	CEOFFIRSTL	ISTED PLAINTIFF 11001		COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT								
(EXC	CEPT IN U.S. F	PLAINTIFF CASES)			NOTE: IN	LAND CONDE	(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) D CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED					
	AME, ADDRES	S, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	.)	ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)								
Paul Orfanedes Judicial Watch, Inc.												
425 Third St, SW, S	Suite 800											
Washington, DC 20												
(202) 646-5172												
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION			III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX FOR									
(PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)			PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) <u>FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY!</u> PTF DFT PTF DFT									
1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	_	deral Question S. Government Not a Party)	Citize	n of this	State	<b>O</b> 1	<b>O</b> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place		0 4	<b>O</b> 4	
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2 U.S. Government	_	versity	Citizen of An		other State 2		<b>O</b> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place		place O 5	<b>O</b> 5	
Defendant		(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in item III)							ess in Another Stat	mee -		
	1 a	ities in item iii)		n or Sub en Count		<b>O</b> 3	3 O 3 Foreign		Nation	<b>O</b> 6	<b>O</b> 6	
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IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT												
_	in one categ	ory, A-N, that best repre	sents y	our Ca	use of Act	tion and	one in a	corresp	onding Nature o	f Suit)		
O A. Antitrust		Personal Injury/	1	<b>O</b> C.	Admin		Agenc	y		porary Res		
	I. N.	<i>lalpractice</i>			Review					r/Prelimina	ıry	
410 Antitrust	310 Ai	rplane		<u> </u>	l Medicare	Act			Injun	ection		
		irplane Product Liability		Social Security				Any nature of suit from any category				
		ssault, Libel & Slander ederal Employers Liability		861 HIA (1395ff)  862 Black Lung (923)					may be selected case assignment	ay be selected for this category of		
	340 M								case assignment.			
345 Marine Product Liability			863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) 864 SSID Title XVI					*(If Antitrust, then A governs)*				
	350 Motor Vehicle			865 RSI (405(g))								
		otor Vehicle Product Liabil ther Personal Injury	ity	Other Statutes								
		edical Malpractice	891 Agricultural Acts									
365 Product Liability			893 Environmental Matters									
		ealth Care/Pharmaceutical	890 Other Statutory Actions (If   Administrative Agency is   Involved)									
		ersonal Injury Product Liab sbestos Product Liability										
	308 A	spesios Product Liability										
O E. General Civil (Other) OR O F. Pro Se General Civil												
Real Property		<b>Bankruptcy</b>			Federal	Tax Suits						
210 Land Condemnation 422 Appeal 28 USC					870 Taxes (US plaintiff or				Immigration			
220 Foreclosure 423 Withdrawal 28			USC 157		defendant) 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC			470 Racketeer Influenced				
230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land  Prisoner Petitions					7609			& Corrupt Organization 480 Consumer Credit				
245 Tort Product Liability 535 Death Penalty					Forfeiture/Penalty			485 Telephone Consumer				
290 All Other Real Property 540 Mandamus & Ot			iner		625 Drug Related Seizure of			Protection Act (TCPA)				
Personal Property 555 Prison Condition			ıs		Property 21 USC 881				Satellite TV			
370 Other Fraud 560 Civil Detainee – C					690	690 Other			850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange			
371 Truth in Lending of Confinement					Other Statutes			896 Arbitr	-			
Damage Property Property Property Rights					375 False Claims Act			899 Administrative Procedure				
385 Property Damage 820 Copyrights					376 Qui Tam (31 USC			Act/Review or Appeal of				
Product Liability 830 Patent					3729(a)) 400 State Reapportionment			Agency Decision  950 Constitutionality of State				
835 Patent – Abbrevi Drug Application					430 Banks & Banking			Statutes				
840 Trademark			11		450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc			890 Other Statutory Actions				
880 Defend Trade Se 2016 (DTSA)			crets Act of		460 Deportation 462 Naturalization			(if not administrative agency review or Privacy Act)				
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O G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255	O H. Employment Discrimination	O I. FOIA/Privacy Act	O J. Student Loan							
530 Habeas Corpus — General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus — Alien Detainee	442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation)	X 895 Freedom of Information Act 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act)	152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)							
	*(If pro se, select this deck)*	*(If pro se, select this deck)*								
K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)  710 Fair Labor Standards Act 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 740 Labor Railway Act 751 Family and Medical Leave Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)  441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)  443 Housing/Accommodations  440 Other Civil Rights  445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment  446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other  448 Education	M. Contract  110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholder's Suits 190 Other Contracts 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise	N. Three-Judge Court  441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act)							
V. ORIGIN										
O 1 Original Proceeding Proceeding Court O 3 Remanded from Appellate Court O 4 Reinstated or Reopened or Reopened district (specify) O 6 Multi-district O 7 Appeal to District Judge from Mag. Direct File Judge										
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) 5 U.S.C. Section 552, Freedom of Information Act. Defendant is unlawfully withholding public records.										
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT  CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23  DEMAND \$  JURY DEMAND:  Check YES only if demanded in complaint YES  NO X										
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	(See instruction) YES	NO 🗶 If yes, p	lease complete related case form							
DATE:02/26/2024	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF REC	cord/s/ Paul O	rfanedes							

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- I. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed only if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.