

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03194-RCL**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY  
Assigned to: Judge Royce C. Lamberth  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/25/2023  
Date Terminated: 03/07/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/25/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10445976) 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)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/25/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
10/26/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (zdp) (Entered: 10/26/2023)
10/26/2023	<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)(zdp) (Entered: 10/26/2023)
11/14/2023	<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 10/26/2023. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/25/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/01/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 10/31/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 11/14/2023)

11/21/2023	<u>5</u>	Amended 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)(Bardo, John) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>6</u>	ORDER granting Motion <u>5</u> for Extension of Time to Respond. Response due by 12/11/2023. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 11/21/2023. (lcrl2) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
12/11/2023	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Bardo, John) (Entered: 12/11/2023)
12/13/2023	<u>8</u>	ORDER: Local Rule 16.3(b)(10) exempts parties to a FOIA action from typical scheduling order requirements. Instead, the government has the burden to produce a Vaughn index with a supporting dispositive motion. The Court therefore ORDERS the government to file the index and supporting motion within 30 days. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 12/13/2023. (lcrl2) (Entered: 12/13/2023)
01/10/2024	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File a Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Bardo, John) (Entered: 01/10/2024)
01/12/2024	<u>10</u>	ORDER granting Motion <u>9</u> for Extension of Time to File Motion for Summary Judgment. Defendant shall file a motion for summary judgment by 2/26/2024. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 1/12/2024. (lcrl2) (Entered: 01/12/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration Tyrell Declaration, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Bardo, John) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>12</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>with Prejudice</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 03/07/2024)