

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00879-CJN**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/27/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/27/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6025743) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
04/02/2019	<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 4/1/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/1/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/1/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 4/1/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/02/2019)
04/29/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Antonia Marie Konkoly on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
04/29/2019	<u>6</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
05/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>6</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Resond to Plaintiff's Complaint, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the plaintiff shall respond to the plaintiff's Complaint on or before May 16, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 3, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/03/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint due by 5/16/2019, (hs) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/16/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
05/16/2019	<u>8</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 16, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
05/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Because the plaintiff pursues this action under the Freedom of Information Act, the initial disclosure requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(A) are not implicated and no scheduling conference need be held. See Local Civ. R. 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit to the Court on or before June 28, 2019, a joint status report, proposing a schedule for the filing of, if any, dispositive motions, oppositions thereto, and replies. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 16, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/16/2019)

05/17/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/28/2019 (hs) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Reggie B. Walton is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/28/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by September 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 14, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Additional Joint Status Report due by 9/13/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
09/13/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 09/13/2019)
09/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that Defendant's Office of Information Policy plans to complete its necessary searches by November 5, 2019, the Court declines ordering it to do so. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before November 22, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 20, 2019. (lccjn3) (Entered: 09/20/2019)
09/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/22/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/22/2019)
10/07/2019	<u>12</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Make Production</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 10/07/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
12/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before January 21, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 11, 2019. (lccjn3) (Entered: 12/11/2019)
12/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 1/21/2020. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/11/2019)
01/21/2020	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 01/21/2020)
01/28/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before March 13, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 28, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 01/28/2020)
01/28/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 3/13/2020. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/30/2020)
03/13/2020	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 03/13/2020)
03/19/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before May 22, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 19, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 03/19/2020)
03/19/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/22/2020. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/22/2020)

05/22/2020	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 05/22/2020)
05/27/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that: on or before July 2, 2020, OIP shall provide Plaintiff a draft search summary; on or before July 31, 2020, CRM shall provide Plaintiff a draft search summary and draft <i>Vaughn</i> Index; and on or before August 20, 2020, FBI shall provide Plaintiff a draft search summary and draft <i>Vaughn</i> Index. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report on or before September 18, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 27, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
07/27/2020	<u>17</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Produce Draft Search Summary and Draft Vaughn Index</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 07/27/2020)
08/03/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of Defendant's <u>17</u> Unopposed Motion for Brief Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and that on or before August 7, 2020, CRM shall provide Plaintiff a draft search summary and draft <i>Vaughn</i> index. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 3, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 08/03/2020)
08/03/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Draft Search Summary and Draft Vaughn Index due by 8/7/2020. (zkh) (Entered: 08/03/2020)
08/18/2020	<u>18</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 08/18/2020)
09/15/2020		MINUTE ORDER. After review of Defendant's <u>18</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and that the Parties shall file their next Joint Status Report by October 2, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 15, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
09/15/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/2/2020. (zcal) (Entered: 09/15/2020)
10/02/2020	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 10/02/2020)
10/06/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by <b>November 6, 2020</b> . Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 6, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 10/06/2020)
10/06/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/6/2020. (zcal) (Entered: 10/06/2020)
11/06/2020	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 11/06/2020)
11/18/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by <b>December 11, 2020</b> . Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 18, 2020. (lccjn3) Modified on 11/20/2020 (lczm). (Entered: 11/18/2020)
11/18/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/11/2020. (zcal) Modified on 11/20/2020 (zcal). (Entered: 11/18/2020)
12/11/2020	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 12/11/2020)
12/14/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file another Joint Status Report by <b>January 6, 2021</b> . Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 14, 2020. (lccjn3) (Entered: 12/14/2020)
12/14/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/6/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 12/15/2020)

01/05/2021	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/05/2021)
01/07/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, the Court hereby adopts the following briefing schedule: Defendant shall file its summary judgment motion by <b>February 25, 2021</b> ; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by <b>March 25, 2021</b> ; Defendant shall file its combined opposition and reply by <b>April 22, 2021</b> ; and Plaintiff shall reply by <b>May 20, 2021</b> . Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 7, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 01/07/2021)
01/07/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 2/25/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/25/2021. Cross Motions due by 3/25/2021. Response to Cross Motions due by 4/22/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/22/2021. Reply to Cross Motions due by 5/20/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 01/07/2021)
02/18/2021	<u>23</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Move for Summary Judgment</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 02/18/2021)
02/19/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendant's <u>23</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The Court thus adopts the following amended briefing scheduling: Defendant shall file its summary judgment motion by <b>March 11, 2021</b> ; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by <b>April 8, 2021</b> ; Defendant shall file its combined opposition and reply by <b>May 6, 2021</b> ; and Plaintiff shall reply by <b>June 3, 2021</b> . Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 19, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 02/19/2021)
02/19/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 3/11/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/8/2021. Cross Motions due by 4/8/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/6/2021. Response to Cross Motions due by 5/6/2021. Reply to Cross Motions due by 6/3/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 02/22/2021)
03/11/2021	<u>24</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Michael G. Seidel, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Jonathan M. Breyan, # <u>4</u> Declaration of Courtney J. O'Keefe, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>6</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 03/11/2021)
04/02/2021	<u>25</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition</i> , by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/02/2021)
04/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Plaintiff's <u>25</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The Court thus adopts the following amended briefing schedule: Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment by April 15, 2021; Defendant shall file its combined opposition and reply by May 13, 2021; and Plaintiff shall reply by June 10, 2021. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 12, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 04/12/2021)
04/12/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 4/15/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/15/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/13/2021. Response to Cross Motions due by 5/13/2021. Reply to Cross Motions due by 6/10/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 04/12/2021)
04/15/2021	<u>26</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>24</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Statement of Material Facts as to Which There Is No Issue and Further Statement of Material Facts in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Decl. of Ramona R. Cotca, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
04/15/2021	<u>27</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Statement of Material Facts as to Which There Is No Issue and Further Statement of Material Facts in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Decl. of Ramona R. Cotca, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed

		Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 04/15/2021)
05/10/2021	<u>28</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>To Extend Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 05/10/2021)
05/11/2021		ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE of Provisional/Government Not Certified Status re <u>28</u> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia).  Your attorney renewal/government certification has not been received. As a result, your membership with the U.S. District & Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia is not in good standing, and you are not permitted to file. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.9, you must immediately correct your membership status by following the appropriate instructions on this page of our website: <a href="https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions-and-renewal-information">https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions-and-renewal-information</a> .  Please be advised that the presiding judge in this case has been notified that you are currently not in good standing to file in this court. Renewal Due by 5/18/2021. (znmw) Modified on 5/11/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021		NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: re Notice of Provisional/Government Not Certified Status was entered in error; please disregard. (znmw) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/13/2021		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the government's <u>28</u> Unopposed Motion to Extend Briefing Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The government shall file its combined Opposition and Reply by <b>June 22, 2021</b> , and Plaintiff shall file its Reply by <b>July 20, 2021</b> . Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 13, 2021. (lccjn3) (Entered: 05/13/2021)
05/13/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Reply to Cross Motions due by 6/22/2021. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/22/2021. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/20/2021. (zcal) (Entered: 05/13/2021)
06/22/2021	<u>29</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>27</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Statement of Material Facts as to Which There Is No Issue and Further Statement of Material Facts in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion</i> filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Declaration of Courtney J. OKeefe, # <u>2</u> Second Declaration of Michael G. Seidel, # <u>3</u> Second Declaration of Jonathan M. Breyan, # <u>4</u> Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Facts and Supplemental Statement of Facts)(Konkoly, Antonia) Modified docket event/text on 6/23/2021 (eg). (Entered: 06/22/2021)
06/22/2021	<u>30</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>24</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Declaration of Courtney J. OKeefe, # <u>2</u> Second Declaration of Michael G. Seidel, # <u>3</u> Second Declaration of Jonathan M. Breyan, # <u>4</u> Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Facts and Supplemental Statement of Facts)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 06/22/2021)
07/20/2021	<u>31</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>27</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>with Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Statement of Material Facts as to Which There Is No Issue and Further Statement of Material Facts in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion (with Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Supplemental Statement of Material Facts)</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration (2nd of Ramona R. Cotca with Exhibits))(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 07/20/2021)
03/28/2022	<u>32</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 28, 2022. (lccjn3) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
03/28/2022	<u>33</u>	ORDER. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on March 28, 2022. (lccjn3) (Entered: 03/28/2022)
08/23/2022	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/23/2022)
11/04/2022	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 11/04/2022)

11/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Parties' <u>35</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the next Joint Status Report in this matter be filed on or before December 2, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 14, 2022. (lccjn3) (Entered: 11/14/2022)
11/14/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/2/2022. (zcal) (Entered: 11/14/2022)
12/02/2022	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex. 1)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 12/02/2022)
12/06/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the Joint Status Report <u>36</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file the next report on or before December 16, 2022. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 6, 2022. (lccjn3) (Entered: 12/06/2022)
12/06/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/16/2022. (zkh) (Entered: 12/06/2022)
12/16/2022	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) Modified Docket Text on 12/19/2022 (zed). (Entered: 12/16/2022)
12/21/2022		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>37</u> Interim Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a Joint Status Report on January 6, 2023, and every 14 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 21, 2022. (lccjn3) (Entered: 12/21/2022)
12/21/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/6/2023. (zsmc) (Entered: 12/21/2022)
01/06/2023	<u>38</u>	STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex. 1)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/06/2023)
01/07/2023	<u>39</u>	NOTICE <i>Regarding Plaintiff's Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re <u>38</u> Status Report (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 01/07/2023)
01/20/2023	<u>40</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex. 1)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/20/2023)
01/24/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>40</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall appear before the Court for a hearing in Courtroom 17 on February 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 24, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 01/24/2023)
01/24/2023		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference scheduled for 2/16/2023, at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 17– In Person before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (ztg) (Entered: 01/24/2023)
02/14/2023	<u>41</u>	Emergency MOTION to Continue <i>and Consent Motion</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 02/14/2023)
02/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>41</u> Consent Motion to Continue, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is granted. The status conference currently set for February 16, 2023, is reset for February 23, 2023, in Courtroom 17 at 2:00 PM. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 14, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 02/14/2023)
02/14/2023		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference RESET for 2/23/2023 at 02:00 PM in Courtroom 17– In Person before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcam) (Entered: 02/15/2023)
02/16/2023	<u>42</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kathryn Brooke Blankenberg on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Blankenberg, Kathryn) (Entered: 02/16/2023)
02/17/2023	<u>43</u>	Consent MOTION to Continue <i>Hearing</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 02/17/2023)
02/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>43</u> Consent Motion to Continue, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is granted. The status conference currently set for February 23, 2023, is reset for March 9, 2023, in Courtroom 17 at 1:00 PM. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on February 21, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 02/21/2023)
02/21/2023		Set/Reset Hearings: Status Conference RESET for 3/9/2023 at 01:00 PM in Courtroom 17– In Person before Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zcam) (Entered: 02/21/2023)

03/09/2023		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Carl J. Nichols: Scheduling Conference held on 3/9/2023. The Court directed the parties to meet and confer and submit a Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 3/17/2023. (Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman). (jth) (Entered: 03/09/2023)
03/17/2023	<u>44</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE ( <i>Joint</i> ) by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/17/2023)
04/03/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>44</u> Proposed Briefing Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant file its Motion for Summary Judgment on or before May 25, 2023; Plaintiff to file its Opposition and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment on or before July 10, 2023; Defendant to file its Opposition and Reply on August 18, 2023; and Plaintiff to file its Reply on September 18, 2023. In the event Plaintiff files a Rule 56(d) motion, the Court will stay this briefing schedule pending resolution of the Rule 56(d) motion. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on April 3, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 04/03/2023)
04/04/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant Motion For Summary Judgment due by 05/25/2023. Plaintiff Opposition And Cross-Motion For Summary Judgment due by 07/10/2023. Defendant Opposition And Reply due by 08/18/2023. Plaintiff Reply due 9/18/2023. (mac) (Entered: 04/04/2023)
05/01/2023	<u>45</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF STATUS CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, before Judge Carl J. Nichols, held on March 9, 2023. Page Numbers: 1–28. Date of Issuance: May 1, 2023. Court Reporter: Lorraine Herman. Telephone number: 202–354–3196. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u></p> <p>For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi–page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.</p> <p><b>NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS:</b> The parties have twenty–one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at <a href="http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov">www.dcd.uscourts.gov</a>.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 5/22/2023. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 6/1/2023. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 7/30/2023.(Herman, Lorraine) (Entered: 05/01/2023)</p>
05/18/2023	<u>46</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Brief Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 05/18/2023)
05/18/2023	<u>47</u>	ERRATA by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re <u>46</u> Motion for Extension of Time to. (Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 05/18/2023)
05/19/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>46</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment on or before June 1, 2023. Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross–motion, or, alternatively, its Rule 56(d) motion, on or before July 17, 2023. Defendant shall file its reply in support of its motion and its opposition to Plaintiffs motion on or before August 17, 2023. Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of its motion on or before September 18, 2023. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on May 19, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 05/19/2023)
06/01/2023	<u>48</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Kara Cain, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Jeanette Gonzalez–Rivera, # <u>4</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 06/01/2023)
06/05/2023	<u>49</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Lauren M. Burke on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Burke, Lauren) (Entered: 06/05/2023)



07/17/2023	<u>50</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Plf's Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration Blankenberg Declaration, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Exhibit Index, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1, # <u>5</u> Exhibit Exhibit 2, # <u>6</u> Exhibit Exhibit 3, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order Plf's Proposed Order)(Blankenberg, Kathryn) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
07/17/2023	<u>51</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>48</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Plf's Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration Blankenberg Declaration, # <u>3</u> Exhibit Exhibit Index, # <u>4</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1, # <u>5</u> Exhibit Exhibit 2, # <u>6</u> Exhibit Exhibit 3, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order Plf's Proposed Order)(Blankenberg, Kathryn) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
07/17/2023	<u>52</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Memorandum in opposition to re <u>48</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (See Docket Entry <u>50</u> to view document). (zed) Modified on 7/18/2023 as a duplicate to DE <u>51</u> (zed). (Entered: 07/18/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>53</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>To Extend Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>53</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. The government shall file its combined opposition to Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and reply in support of its own motion for summary judgment on or before September 8, 2023. Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of its motion on or before October 10, 2023. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 14, 2023. (lccjn3) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/14/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment and Response to Cross Motion due by 9/8/2023. Plaintiff's Reply to Cross Motion due by 10/10/2023. (zkh) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
09/05/2023	<u>54</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>To Extend Briefing Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 09/05/2023)
10/19/2023	<u>55</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>50</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Declaration of Kara Cain, # <u>2</u> Third Declaration of Courtney J. O'Keefe, # <u>3</u> Second Declaration of Jeanette Gonzalez-Rivera, # <u>4</u> Third Declaration of Jonathan M. Breyan, # <u>5</u> Declaration of Shannon R. Hammer, # <u>6</u> Statement of Facts)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 10/19/2023)
10/19/2023	<u>56</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>48</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Declaration of Kara Cain, # <u>2</u> Third Declaration of Courtney J. O'Keefe, # <u>3</u> Second Declaration of Jeanette Gonzalez-Rivera, # <u>4</u> Third Declaration of Jonathan M. Breyan, # <u>5</u> Declaration of Shannon R. Hammer, # <u>6</u> Statement of Facts)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 10/19/2023)
10/24/2023	<u>57</u>	NOTICE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Fourth Declaration of Courtney J. O'Keefe)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 10/24/2023)
11/08/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of Defendants <u>54</u> Second Unopposed Motion to Extend Briefing Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that this case shall proceed according to the following revised schedule nunc pro tunc: (1) Defendant shall file its combined opposition to Plaintiffs motion for summary judgment and reply in support of its own motion for summary judgment on or before October 19, 2023; and (2) Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of its motion on or before November 21, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 11/8/2023.(lccnj3) (Entered: 11/08/2023)
11/21/2023	<u>58</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>50</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Cotca Decl. with Ex. 1)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
12/19/2023	<u>59</u>	MOTION for Leave to File <i>Sur-Reply</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (Proposed Sur-Reply), # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed

		Order)(Konkoly, Antonia) (Entered: 12/19/2023)
01/02/2024	<u>60</u>	RESPONSE re <u>59</u> MOTION for Leave to File <i>Sur-Reply</i> filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex. A)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/02/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>61</u>	ORDER granting <u>48</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and denying <u>50</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 3/21/2024. (lccjn3) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
03/21/2024	<u>62</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 3/21/2024. (lccjn3) (Entered: 03/21/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>63</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Chris E. Mendez on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Antonia Konkoly (Mendez, Chris) (Entered: 04/03/2024)