

**U.S. District Court
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-02418-APM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
 Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/14/2021
 Date Terminated: 04/29/2024
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/14/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8732020) 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 Health and Human Services)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 09/14/2021)
09/14/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 09/14/2021)
09/15/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zsb) (Entered: 09/15/2021)

09/15/2021	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 09/15/2021)
09/22/2021	<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 9/17/2021. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/17/2021. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 09/22/2021)
09/22/2021	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 09/22/21. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 09/22/2021)
09/22/2021	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 9/21/2021 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 09/22/2021)
10/08/2021	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Kathryn B. Blankenberg, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–8789846. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 10/08/2021)
10/08/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Attorney Kathryn B. Blankenberg is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/8/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/08/2021)
10/08/2021	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kathryn Brooke Blankenberg on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Blankenberg, Kathryn) (Entered: 10/08/2021)
10/21/2021	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marcia Kay Sowles on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 10/21/2021)
10/21/2021	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, (<i>nunc pro tunc</i>) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 10/21/2021)
10/21/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>10</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time, Nunc Pro Tunc, in Which to Answer Plaintiff's Complaint. Defendant shall file its answer on or before October 27, 2021. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/21/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/21/2021)
10/27/2021	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 10/27/2021)
10/28/2021	<u>12</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before November 10, 2021. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion to stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/28/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/28/2021)
11/10/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Blankenberg, Kathryn) (Entered: 11/10/2021)
11/11/2021		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by February 11, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/11/2021. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/11/2021)

02/11/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 02/11/2022)
02/11/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by May 2, 2022, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/11/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 02/11/2022)
05/02/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 05/02/2022)
05/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by May 23, 2022, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 5/2/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/02/2022)
05/23/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 05/23/2022)
05/23/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by July 15, 2022, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 5/23/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/23/2022)
07/15/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 07/15/2022)
07/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by August 15, 2022, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/17/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/17/2022)
08/15/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Sowles, Marcia) (Entered: 08/15/2022)
08/15/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 23, 2022, which advises whether any disputed issues remain and, if so, proposes a schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/15/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/15/2022)
08/15/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 9/23/2022 (zjch,) (Entered: 08/16/2022)
09/20/2022	<u>19</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Blankenberg, Kathryn) (Entered: 09/20/2022)