## U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01855-CRC

# JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

## <u>Plaintiff</u>

## JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.

Date Filed: 06/26/2023 Date Terminated: 04/08/2024 Jury Demand: None Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

## represented by Meredith Leigh Di Liberto

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## **Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/26/2023	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–10165004) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Department of Homeland Security, # <u>3</u> Summons US Atty for DC, # <u>4</u> Summons US Atty General)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/26/2023)
06/26/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/26/2023)
06/27/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (zljn) (Entered: 06/27/2023)
06/27/2023	<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)(zljn) (Entered: 06/27/2023)

07/20/2023	<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 6/28/2023. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/28/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/6/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 7/5/2023 (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
07/27/2023	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Erika Kirstie Oblea on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 07/27/2023)
07/27/2023	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 07/27/2023)
07/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by August 10, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 07/27/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 07/27/2023)
08/10/2023	7	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 08/10/2023)
08/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or by October 9, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/11/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/11/2023)
10/06/2023	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 10/06/2023)
10/10/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report on or by December 8, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/10/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 10/10/2023)
11/27/2023	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of All Defendants (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
12/08/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 12/08/2023)
12/11/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by February 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/11/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 12/11/2023)
02/06/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/06/2024)
02/07/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by April 8, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/7/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
04/06/2024	<u>12</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal ( <i>Joint Stipulation of Dismissal</i> ) by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 04/06/2024)
04/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>12</u> parties' Joint Stipulation of Dismissal, this case is hereby dismissed with prejudice. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/8/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 04/08/2024)