

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02075-LLA**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/18/2023
Date Terminated: 06/04/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/18/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10214352) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/18/2023)
07/18/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/18/2023)
07/19/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zljn) (Entered: 07/19/2023)
07/19/2023	<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)(zljn) (Entered: 07/19/2023)
07/19/2023	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/19/2023. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 07/19/2023)
08/02/2023	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/20/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/19/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/27/2023.,

		RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 7/27/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/02/2023)
08/18/2023	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christian Daniel on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/18/2023	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before September 15, 2023, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall appear by video for an Initial Scheduling Conference on September 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m, before Judge Randolph D. Moss. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/18/2023. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/18/2023		***ENTERED IN ERROR*** MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before August 25, 2023, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference to be held on September 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 8. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/18/2023. (lcrdm3) Modified on 8/23/2023 (zglw). (Entered: 08/18/2023)
08/18/2023		Set/Reset Hearings: Scheduling Conference set for 9/22/2023 at 10:00 AM before Judge Randolph D. Moss to be held by video. (zglw) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
09/15/2023	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
09/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>8</u> , the Court hereby ORDERS the parties file a further joint status report on or before October 13, 2023. It is further ORDERED that the Initial Scheduling Conference currently set for September 22, 2023, is hereby VACATED and RESCHEDULED for October 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m, by video teleconferencing. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/15/23. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 09/15/2023)
10/13/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 10/13/2023)
10/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>9</u> , the Court hereby ORDERS the parties file a further joint status report on or before November 21, 2023. It is further ORDERED that the Initial Scheduling Conference currently set for October 20, 2023, is hereby VACATED and RESCHEDULED for November 28, 2023, at 2:00 p.m, by video teleconferencing. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/16/23. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
11/21/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
11/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>10</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the Initial Scheduling Conference set for Nov. 28, 2023, is VACATED and RESCHEDULED for Jan. 30, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., by video teleconferencing. It is further ORDERED that the parties file a further joint status report on or before Jan. 5, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/21/23. (lcrdm2) (Entered: 11/21/2023)
12/15/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. Judge Randolph D. Moss is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
01/05/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 01/05/2024)

01/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the January 30, 2024 Initial Scheduling Conference is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a status report on or before March 5, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 01/08/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
01/11/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 3/5/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 01/11/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another status report on or before April 4, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 03/05/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/05/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/4/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
04/04/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Daniel, Christian) (Entered: 04/04/2024)
04/04/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another status report on or before June 3, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 04/04/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 04/04/2024)
04/04/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/3/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/04/2024)
06/03/2024	<u>14</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>Without Prejudice</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/03/2024)
06/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' stipulation of dismissal <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the case is DISMISSED without prejudice. The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to terminate this case. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 06/03/2024. (lc1a2) (Entered: 06/03/2024)