

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02846-DLF**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/26/2023
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/26/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 402, receipt number ADCDC-10378612) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Agency, # <u>3</u> Summons USAG, # <u>4</u> Summons USAO)(Francescon, Patrick) Modified on 10/4/2023 to correct payment information (zljn). (Entered: 09/26/2023)
09/26/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Francescon, Patrick) (Entered: 09/26/2023)
09/27/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zljn) (Entered: 09/27/2023)
09/27/2023	<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: 09/27/2023)

09/27/2023	<u>4</u>	ERRATA to USAO Summons by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. re <u>1</u> Complaint,. (Francescon, Patrick) (Entered: 09/27/2023)
09/28/2023	<u>5</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on September 28, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 09/28/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>6</u>	SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney. (mg) Modified docket text on 10/13/2023 (mg). (Entered: 10/11/2023)
10/25/2023	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/12/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/11/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/18/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 10/23/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Francescon, Patrick) (Entered: 10/25/2023)
11/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Service on the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia was effected by email on October 12, 2023. See Decl. of Cristina Rotaru ¶ 4, Dkt. 7-1. Under Rule 12(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, "[t]he United States, a United States agency, or a United States officer or employee sued only in an official capacity must serve an answer to a complaint, counterclaim, or crossclaim within 60 days after service on the United States attorney." Accordingly, the defendant shall file its answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before December 11, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 13, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Allyson Scher on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Scher, Allyson) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Elizabeth J. Shapiro on behalf of All Defendants (Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/13/2023	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Shapiro, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
11/13/2023		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a Meet and Confer report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the Meet and Confer report on or before December 13, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 13, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 11/13/2023)
12/13/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Scher, Allyson) (Entered: 12/13/2023)
12/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before March 13, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 14, 2023. (lcldf2) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
03/13/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Scher, Allyson) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
03/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before June 17, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 13, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 03/13/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Scher, Allyson) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before September 17, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 17, 2024. (lcldf2) (Entered: 06/17/2024)