

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03109-ACR**

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

Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/17/2023
Date Terminated: 05/06/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/17/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10426090) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Defense, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/17/2023)
10/17/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 10/17/2023)
10/18/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Ana C. Reyes. (zdp) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
10/18/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zdp) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
11/08/2023	<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 10/24/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/23/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 10/31/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 10/30/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/08/2023)

11/20/2023	<u>5</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 11/20/2023)
11/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>5</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Respond to the Complaint. It is ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint on or before December 15, 2023. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 11/20/2023. (lcar3) (Entered: 11/20/2023)
11/20/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Response to Complaint due by 12/15/2023. (zcdw) (Entered: 11/20/2023)
12/15/2023	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
12/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff filed this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") action on October 17, 2023. Dkt 1. Defendant filed its Answer on December 15, 2023. Dkt. 6. Cases filed under FOIA are exempt from the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) and Local Civil Rule 16.3. <i>See</i> LCvR 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a joint status report on or before January 8, 2024. The joint status report should address, among other things, (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 for a 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. Counsel shall not contact Chambers directly concerning scheduling or other matters, as Chambers personnel will not handle questions relating to the status or scheduling of pending matters, except in case of an emergency. In an emergency, Chambers can be reached at (202) 354-3350. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 12/15/2023. (lcar3) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
12/15/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 1/8/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
01/08/2024	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
03/15/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 03/15/2024)
05/03/2024	<u>9</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 05/03/2024)