

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-03110-DLF**

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

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

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/17/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10426232) 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: 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 Dabney L. Friedrich. (zcb) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
10/18/2023	<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)(zcb) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
10/18/2023	<u>4</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on October 18, 2023. (lcldf1) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
11/14/2023	<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 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 11/07/2023.,

		RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 10/30/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/14/2023)
11/22/2023	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Lynch, Christopher) (Entered: 11/22/2023)
11/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The status 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 joint status report on or before December 18, 2023. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 27, 2023. (lcldf1) (Entered: 11/27/2023)
12/18/2023	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Lynch, Christopher) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Status Report, the parties shall file a joint status report on or before January 29, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 18, 2023. (lcldf1) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
01/26/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Lynch, Christopher) (Entered: 01/26/2024)
01/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Consistent with the parties' <u>8</u> Status Report, it is ORDERED as follows: the defendant may file a motion for summary judgment on or before <u>March 29, 2024</u> . The plaintiff shall file its opposition and any cross-motion for summary judgment on or before <u>April 29, 2024</u> . The defendant may file a reply and shall file its opposition to the cross-motion on or before <u>May 29, 2024</u> . The plaintiff may file any reply in support of its cross-motion on or before <u>June 13, 2024</u> . So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 29, 2024. (lcldf1) (Entered: 01/29/2024)
03/29/2024	<u>9</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Vanessa Brinkmann & Exhibits A-D, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Lynch, Christopher) (Entered: 03/29/2024)
04/25/2024	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 04/25/2024)
04/26/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the plaintiff's Consent Motion, the motion is GRANTED. The plaintiff shall file its opposition and any cross-motion for summary judgment on or before May 13, 2024. The defendant shall file any reply and opposition to the cross-motion on or before June 12, 2024. The plaintiff shall file any reply on or before June 19, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 26, 2024. (lcldf1) (Entered: 04/26/2024)
05/13/2024	<u>11</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>9</u> Motion for Summary Judgment filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Responses to and Additional Facts, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024	<u>12</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
06/12/2024	<u>13</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>12</u> Motion for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts Response to Plaintiff's Statement of Facts)(Lynch, Christopher) (Entered: 06/12/2024)
06/12/2024	<u>14</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>9</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Lynch, Christopher) (Entered: 06/12/2024)
06/20/2024	<u>15</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>12</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/20/2024)