

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00402-DLF**

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

Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/09/2024

Date Terminated: 06/03/2024

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/09/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10680956) 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: 02/09/2024)
02/09/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 02/09/2024)
02/12/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zcb) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
02/12/2024	<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)(zcb) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
02/12/2024	<u>4</u>	STANDARD ORDER for Civil Cases. See text for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 12, 2024. (lclfl1) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
03/04/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Kaitlin Kerry Eckrote on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/04/2024	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/14/2024. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/15/2024.), RETURN OF

		SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/22/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE served on 2/20/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/05/2024	<u>7</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
03/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the defendant's <u>7</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, the motion is GRANTED. The defendant shall respond to the plaintiff's complaint on or before April 15, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 5, 2024. (lcldf1) (Entered: 03/05/2024)
04/15/2024	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 04/15/2024)
04/15/2024		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 May 6, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 15, 2024. (lcldf1) (Entered: 04/15/2024)
05/06/2024	<u>9</u>	MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 05/06/2024)
05/06/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings on or before August 5, 2024. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 6, 2024. (lcldf1) (Entered: 05/06/2024)
05/31/2024	<u>10</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>with prejudice</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. (Eckrote, Kaitlin) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
06/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Stipulation of Dismissal, this action is DISMISSED with prejudice. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). The Clerk of Court is directed to close the case. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 3, 2024. (lcldf1) (Entered: 06/03/2024)