

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-03390-ACR**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 12/31/2021
Assigned to: Judge Ana C. Reyes Jury Demand: None
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/31/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8956259) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for US Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of State)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 12/31/2021)
12/31/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 12/31/2021)
01/06/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Florence Y. Pan. (zsb) (Entered: 01/06/2022)
01/06/2022	<u>3</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 Florence Y. Pan on 1/6/2022. (lcs) (Entered: 01/06/2022)

01/10/2022	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znm) (Entered: 01/10/2022)
01/22/2022	<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 1/14/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/13/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/22/2022)
01/22/2022	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 01/21/22. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/22/2022)
01/22/2022	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 1/21/2022 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/22/2022)
02/11/2022	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Cassie Snyder on behalf of All Defendants (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 02/11/2022)
02/11/2022	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 02/11/2022)
02/14/2022	<u>10</u>	ORDER directing the parties to file a joint status report proposing a schedule for litigation of this case on or before March 14, 2022. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 2/14/2022. (lcswh) (Entered: 02/14/2022)
02/14/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/14/2022. (zacr) (Entered: 02/14/2022)
03/11/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>1</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 03/11/2022)
03/14/2022		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 April 11, 2022, and every 30 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Florence Y. Pan on 3/14/2022. (lclrl) (Entered: 03/14/2022)
03/14/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/11/2022. (zacr) (Entered: 03/14/2022)
04/11/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
05/11/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 05/11/2022)
06/10/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 06/10/2022)
06/21/2022	<u>15</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....NOTICE of Appearance by Cassie Snyder on behalf of All Defendants (Snyder, Cassie) Modified on 6/21/2022 (zjf). (Entered: 06/21/2022)
06/21/2022		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>15</u> Notice of Appearance. The following error(s) need correction: Incorrect case number & Judge's initials are FYP or Refile in the correct case. (zjf) (Entered: 06/21/2022)
07/08/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 07/08/2022)
08/10/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 08/10/2022)
09/12/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 09/12/2022)
09/23/2022		Judge Florence Y. Pan has been elevated to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She is therefore no longer assigned to this case, and this matter has been reassigned to the Calendar Committee, which will oversee it until it is assigned to

		another district judge. Any questions should be directed to Judge Pan's former deputy clerk, Samantha Calloway, at 202-354-3163 or samantha_calloway@dcd.uscourts.gov. (ztnr) (Entered: 09/23/2022)
10/11/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 10/11/2022)
11/11/2022	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 11/11/2022)
12/09/2022	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 12/09/2022)
01/12/2023	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 01/12/2023)
02/13/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassie) (Entered: 02/13/2023)
02/24/2023		Case directly reassigned to District Judge Ana C. Reyes. Circuit Judge Florence Y. Pan is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 02/24/2023)
03/13/2023	<u>24</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 03/13/2023)
04/13/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 04/13/2023)
05/12/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 05/12/2023)
06/07/2023	<u>27</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Blaine Aldrich on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/12/2023	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 06/12/2023)
07/12/2023	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 07/12/2023)
08/14/2023	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
09/12/2023	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 09/12/2023)
10/11/2023	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 10/11/2023)
11/09/2023	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 11/09/2023)
12/12/2023	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 12/12/2023)
12/12/2023		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>34</u> Joint Status Report, the Court modifies the schedule set by the Minute Order of March 14, 2022. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report in 60 days and every 60 days thereafter. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 12/12/2023. (lcar3) (Entered: 12/12/2023)
02/12/2024	<u>35</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 02/12/2024)
04/11/2024	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 04/11/2024)
06/10/2024	<u>37</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 06/10/2024)

08/12/2024	<u>38</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Snyder, Cassandra) (Entered: 08/12/2024)
08/26/2024	<u>39</u>	STANDING ORDER. The Court hereby ORDERS the parties to comply with its Standing Order. See Standing Order for details. Signed by Judge Ana C. Reyes on 8/26/2024. (lcar3) (Entered: 08/26/2024)