

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-cv-00294-CRC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/04/2022  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/04/2022	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-9022944) 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 Health and Human Services)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/04/2022	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/04/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (znmg) (Entered: 02/04/2022)
02/10/2022	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 02/10/2022)
02/23/2022	<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 2/11/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/13/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/22/22. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/23/2022)
02/23/2022	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 2/14/2022 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/23/2022)

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03/08/2022	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen DeGenaro on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 03/08/2022)
03/08/2022	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to the Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 03/08/2022)
03/09/2022		MINUTE ORDER: The Court grants the <u>8</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the Complaint. Defendant shall file an answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before April 13, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 3/9/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 03/09/2022)
04/13/2022	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 04/13/2022)
04/13/2022	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 04/13/2022)
04/14/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>10</u> Defendant's Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a Joint Status Report on or before June 17, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/14/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 04/14/2022)
06/17/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
06/17/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before September 19, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/17/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 06/17/2022)
09/16/2022	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 09/16/2022)
09/19/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before November 16, 2022. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 09/19/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 09/19/2022)
11/16/2022	<u>13</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Plaintiff's Status Report</i> ) by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 11/16/2022)
11/22/2022		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>13</u> Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before January 16, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 11/22/2022. (lccrc3) (Entered: 11/22/2022)
01/13/2023	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 01/13/2023)
01/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before March 17, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 01/17/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 01/17/2023)
03/17/2023	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 03/17/2023)
03/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before May 16, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 03/21/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 03/21/2023)
05/16/2023	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 05/16/2023)
05/25/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before August 16, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 05/25/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 05/25/2023)
08/16/2023	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 08/16/2023)

08/16/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 16, 2023. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/16/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/16/2023)
10/16/2023	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 10/16/2023)
10/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further Joint Status Report on or before December 15, 2023. The status report should specify how many pages from the initial searches (i.e., the 501 pages located in response to FOIA request 2021-01666 and the 95 pages located in response to FOIA request 2021-01667) remain out for consultation and how many pages from the NIH search remain out for consultation. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 10/18/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 10/18/2023)
12/15/2023	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
12/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>19</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by February 14, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/18/2023. (lccrc3) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
02/14/2024	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
02/14/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by April 15, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/14/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 02/14/2024)
04/15/2024	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 04/15/2024)
04/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>21</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by June 14, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/17/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
06/14/2024	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 06/14/2024)
06/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>22</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby directed to file a further joint status report by August 14, 2024. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 6/17/2024. (lccrc3) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
08/14/2024	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Di Liberto, Meredith) (Entered: 08/14/2024)
08/14/2024		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file a further joint status report by October 10, 2024. If disputes persist, the report shall include a proposed briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 8/14/24. (lccrc3) (Entered: 08/14/2024)