

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02271-LLA**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/07/2023  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff****JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.**

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**Defendant****UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/08/2023	<u>3</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Atty General, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Bekesha, Michael) Modified document number on 8/9/2023 (znmw). (Entered: 08/08/2023)
08/08/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 08/08/2023)
08/08/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10257868) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC..(Bekesha, Michael) Modified document number on 8/9/2023 (znmw). (Entered: 08/08/2023)
08/09/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zcb) (Entered: 08/09/2023)
08/09/2023	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 08/09/2023)
08/16/2023	<u>5</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 08/16/23. (DM) (Entered: 08/16/2023)
09/08/2023	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Christopher A. Eiswerth on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 09/08/2023)

09/08/2023	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 09/08/2023)
09/11/2023	<u>8</u>	ORDER instructing parties to meet and confer and file joint status report by OCTOBER 23, 2023. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 9/11/23. (lcckk3) (Entered: 09/11/2023)
09/11/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Meet & Confer Statement due by 10/23/2023. (dot) (Entered: 09/19/2023)
09/13/2023	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/9/2023. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/8/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 8/17/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 8/17/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 09/13/2023)
10/23/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 10/23/2023)
10/27/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, in which the parties indicate that Defendant's search for responsive records is ongoing. The Court ORDERS the parties to file a Joint Status Report by DECEMBER 8, 2023 and every sixty (60) days thereafter providing an update as to Defendant's processing of Plaintiff's FOIA request. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 10/27/23. (lcckk3) (Entered: 10/27/2023)
10/27/2023		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/8/2023 (lsj) (Entered: 10/27/2023)
12/08/2023	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 12/08/2023)
12/15/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 12/15/2023)
02/06/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 02/06/2024)
04/08/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 04/08/2024)
06/07/2024	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 06/07/2024)
08/06/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Eiswerth, Christopher) (Entered: 08/06/2024)