

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00538-JMC**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 02/26/2024  
Assigned to: Judge Jia M. Cobb 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
02/26/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10714735) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of State, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for DC)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
02/26/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/26/2024)
02/27/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Jia M. Cobb. (mg) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
02/27/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(mg) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
03/15/2024	<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 3/4/2024. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/3/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/11/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 3/11/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/15/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brian J. Levy on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 04/03/2024)
04/03/2024	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Levy, Brian) (Entered: 04/03/2024)

04/04/2024		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the Parties confer and submit a joint proposed schedule for further proceedings, which shall include a proposed schedule for the processing and release of responsive records or for briefing dispositive motions, by April 18, 2024. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on April 4, 2024. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 04/04/2024)
04/05/2024	<u>7</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Consent MOTION to Transfer Case by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Levy, Brian). Added MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response on 4/5/2024 (zdp). Modified on 4/5/2024 (zdp) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/05/2024		NOTICE OF ERROR regarding <u>7</u> Consent MOTION to Transfer Case MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. The following error(s) need correction: Incorrect court case number. Please refile. (zdp) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/18/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Levy, Brian) (Entered: 04/18/2024)
04/19/2024	<u>9</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER: The Court has reviewed the Parties' Status Report <u>8</u> and DIRECTS the Parties to file another joint status report by July 18, 2024. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall file joint status reports every 90 days thereafter until further order of the Court. See attached document for details. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on April 19, 2024. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 04/19/2024)
07/18/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Levy, Brian) (Entered: 07/18/2024)