

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00557-BAH**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY
Assigned to: Judge Beryl A. Howell
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/28/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/28/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10719647) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Atty for D.C., # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons DHS)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/28/2024)
02/28/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 02/28/2024)
02/29/2024	<u>3</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC..(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
03/01/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zed) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/01/2024	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zed) (Entered: 03/01/2024)
03/07/2024	<u>5</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 7, 2024. (lcbah2) (Entered: 03/07/2024)
03/25/2024	<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 3/6/2024. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/5/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/14/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S.

		DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 3/8/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/25/2024)
04/05/2024	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/10/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) GRANTING defendant's unopposed <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Respond, and DIRECTING defendant to answer or otherwise respond to plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint by May 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on April 10, 2024. (lcbah4) (Entered: 04/10/2024)
04/11/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Answer due by 5/6/2024. (zalh) (Entered: 04/11/2024)
05/06/2024	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 05/06/2024)
08/08/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING plaintiff to SHOW CAUSE, by August 16, 2024, why this case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.23. The parties have yet to file their Joint Meet and Confer Report, which was due on June 6, 2024, 30 days after defendant filed its <u>8</u> Answer. See <u>5</u> Standing Order & para 4.a. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 8, 2024. (lcbah2) (Entered: 08/08/2024)
08/12/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff Show Cause due by 8/16/2024. (mac) (Entered: 08/12/2024)
08/12/2024	<u>9</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE re Order, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 08/12/2024)
08/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), upon consideration of plaintiff's <u>9</u> Response to Order to Show Cause, DIRECTING plaintiff to file a Joint Meet and Confer by August 30, 2024. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 13, 2024. (lcbah2) (Entered: 08/13/2024)
08/14/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff Joint Meet & Confer Statement due by 8/30/2024. (mac) (Entered: 08/14/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Venguswamy, Kartik) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, DIRECTING the parties to file, by October 29, 2024, and every 60 days thereafter, a joint status report advising the Court of the status of this matter, whether any disputes remain between the parties, and, if so, proposing a schedule to govern further proceedings. Signed by Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 30, 2024. (lcbah2) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
08/30/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/29/2024. (zalh) (Entered: 08/30/2024)