

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00742-TSC**

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

Date Filed: 03/14/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff**JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/14/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10755238) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Department of Homeland Security, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons US Attorney)(Francescon, Patrick O.) Modified on 3/17/2024 to correct complaint filer (zcb). (Entered: 03/14/2024)
03/14/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/14/2024)
03/17/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. (zcb) (Entered: 03/17/2024)
03/17/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zcb) (Entered: 03/17/2024)
04/10/2024	<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 3/25/2024. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/24/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/1/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 3/28/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Francescon, Patrick) (Entered: 04/10/2024)
04/23/2024	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Fithawi Berhane on behalf of All Defendants (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 04/23/2024)

04/23/2024	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 04/23/2024)
04/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER: GRANTING Defendant's <u>6</u> Consent Motion for Extension. Defendant's response to the Complaint is due 5/24/24. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 4/24/2024. (lca) (Entered: 04/24/2024)
05/24/2024	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
05/28/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Before the court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of LCvR 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil procedure appear to be inapplicable. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and propose a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule shall address the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, whether and when either party anticipates filing a dispositive motion, and any other pertinent issues. The parties shall file a joint status report that addresses these issues no later than 6/28/2024. The joint status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 5/28/2024. (lca) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
05/28/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/28/2024. (znbn) (Entered: 05/28/2024)
06/28/2024	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Francescon, Patrick) (Entered: 06/28/2024)
07/01/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional status report on or before August 30, 2024 updating the court as to the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request. To the extent the parties request a change in the status quo, the status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 7/1/2024. (lca) (Entered: 07/01/2024)
08/30/2024	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 08/30/2024)
09/03/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional status report on or before October 31, 2024 updating the court as to the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request. To the extent the parties request a change in the status quo, the status report shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Signed by Judge Tanya S. Chutkan on 9/3/2024. (lca) (Entered: 09/03/2024)