

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-01397-PLF**

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

Date Filed: 05/14/2024  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/14/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10895327) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of Homeland Security, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/14/2024)
05/14/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/14/2024)
05/15/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Paul L. Friedman. (znmw) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/15/2024	<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)(znmw) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/15/2024	<u>4</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons U,S. Attorney for DC, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Atty General)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/15/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (2) Reissued Electronically as to U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjm) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/31/2024	<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 5/20/2024. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/19/2024.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States

		Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/28/2024., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 5/28/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 05/31/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua Ontell on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/17/2024	<u>8</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to the Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/17/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant shall file its response to plaintiff's <u>1</u> Complaint on or before July 19, 2024. Signed by Judge Paul L. Friedman on June 17, 2024. (lcmo) (Entered: 06/17/2024)
06/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 7/19/2024. (tj) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
06/27/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 7/19/2024. (tj) (Entered: 06/27/2024)
07/19/2024	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Ontell, Joshua) (Entered: 07/19/2024)
07/22/2024	<u>10</u>	ORDER directing the parties to meet and confer and file joint status report on or before August 5, 2024. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Paul L. Friedman on July 22, 2024. (lcmo) (Entered: 07/22/2024)
08/05/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/05/2024)
08/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER: in light of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another joint status report on or before October 8, 2024. Signed by Judge Paul L. Friedman on August 5, 2024. (lcmo) (Entered: 08/05/2024)