

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:24-cv-00576-LLA**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Date Filed: 02/29/2024  
Assigned to: Judge Loren L. AliKhan 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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02/29/2024	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 405 receipt number ADCDC-10722356) 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 U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
02/29/2024	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 02/29/2024)
03/04/2024		Case Assigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. (znmw) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/04/2024	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znmw) (Entered: 03/04/2024)
03/22/2024	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by B. Kathryn Debrason on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Debrason, B.) (Entered: 03/22/2024)
03/27/2024	<u>5</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 3/12/24., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 3/20/2024 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 03/27/2024)
04/04/2024	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Complaint until May 6, 2024</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Debrason, B.) (Entered: 04/04/2024)
04/05/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendants consent motion for extension of time <u>6</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED and Defendant shall respond to the Plaintiffs' complaint on or before May 6, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 04/05/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 04/05/2024)
04/09/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Answer to complaint due by 5/6/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/09/2024)
04/12/2024	<u>7</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Patricia K. McBride on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney B. Kathryn Debrason (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/12/2024)
04/17/2024	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Debrason, B.) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
04/17/2024	<u>9</u>	ORDER directing the parties to meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report by May 9, 2024. See Order for details. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 04/17/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 04/17/2024)
04/18/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/9/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/18/2024)
05/08/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/08/2024)
05/13/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>10</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 11, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 05/13/2024. (lc1la2) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
05/13/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/11/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/13/2024)
07/11/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/11/2024)
07/12/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>11</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 11, 2024. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 07/12/24. (lc1la2) (Entered: 07/12/2024)

07/15/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/11/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/15/2024)
09/11/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/11/2024)
09/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of parties' Joint Status Report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before November 13, 2024, updating the court on the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 09/11/2024. (lc11a2) (Entered: 09/11/2024)
09/13/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 11/13/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/13/2024)
09/16/2024	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Dedra Seibel Curteman on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney Patricia K. McBride (Curteman, Dedra) (Entered: 09/16/2024)