U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-01397-RDM

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Assigned to: Judge Randolph D. Moss Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

<u>Plaintiff</u>

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.

Date Filed: 05/17/2023 Jury Demand: None Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

represented by Michael Bekesha

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V.

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/17/2023	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10074584) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC

		(Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Department of the Treasury, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/17/2023	2	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/17/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zljn) (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/17/2023	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (zljn) (Main Document 3 replaced on 5/17/2023) (zljn). (Entered: 05/17/2023)
05/18/2023	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives set forth in the attached Standing Order. See document for details. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/18/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 05/18/2023)
07/25/2023	<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 7/20/2023. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/19/2023.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/6/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY served on 7/6/2023 (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Bekesha, Michael) Modified on 7/26/2023 to correct date of service (zjm). (Entered: 07/25/2023)
07/26/2023	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by B. Kathryn Debrason on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Debrason, B. Kathryn) (Entered: 07/26/2023)
08/01/2023	2	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to Plaintiff's Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Debrason, B. Kathryn) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
08/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's unopposed motion for extension of time to respond to complaint, Dkt. 7, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to the complaint in this action on or before August 15, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/1/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
08/15/2023	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.(Debrason, B.) (Entered: 08/15/2023)
08/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER: It is ORDERED that, on or before August 22, 2023, the parties shall confer and file a joint status report addressing (1) any documents still to be produced pursuant to FOIA; (2) an anticipated schedule for processing and producing any such documents; and (3) any substantive areas of disagreement between the parties. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall appear for an Initial Scheduling Conference to be held on September 7, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., in Courtroom 8. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/15/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 08/15/2023)
08/22/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Debrason, B.) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
08/23/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. 9, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before October 23, 2023. It is further ORDERED that the initial scheduling conference originally set for September 7, 2023 is hereby VACATED. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 08/23/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 08/23/2023)
10/23/2023	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Truong, John) (Entered: 10/23/2023)
10/24/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>10</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before December 23, 2023. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/24. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 10/24/2023)

12/18/2023	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Tabitha Bartholomew on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 12/18/2023)
12/22/2023	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 12/22/2023)
12/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before February 23, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/22/2023. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 12/22/2023)
02/22/2024	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Debrason, B.) (Entered: 02/22/2024)
02/22/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>13</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before April 23, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 2/22/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 02/22/2024)
04/23/2024	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Fithawi Berhane on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney B. Kathryn Debrason and Tabitha Bartholomew (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 04/23/2024)
04/23/2024	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 04/23/2024)
04/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>15</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before June 24, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/23/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 04/23/2024)
05/24/2024	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Bartholomew, Tabitha) (Entered: 05/24/2024)
06/24/2024	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
06/24/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report, Dkt. <u>17</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before September 24, 2024. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 6/24/2024. (lcrdm3) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
09/24/2024	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY. (Berhane, Fithawi) (Entered: 09/24/2024)