

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-03389-APM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/31/2021
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/31/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-8956254) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for US Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of Justice)(Cotca, Ramona)

		(Entered: 12/31/2021)
12/31/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 12/31/2021)
01/06/2022		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zsb) (Entered: 01/06/2022)
01/11/2022	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(znm) (Entered: 01/11/2022)
01/22/2022	<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 1/14/2022. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/13/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/22/2022)
01/22/2022	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 01/21/22. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/22/2022)
01/22/2022	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 1/21/2022 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of David Rothstein)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 01/22/2022)
02/10/2022	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Anna Davis Walker on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 02/10/2022)
02/10/2022	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer <i>or Otherwise Respond</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 02/10/2022)
02/10/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer Complaint. Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint on or before March 16, 2022. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/10/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 02/10/2022)
03/16/2022	<u>9</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/16/2022)
03/16/2022	<u>10</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before March 30, 2022. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion to stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. See the attached Order for additional details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/16/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/16/2022)
03/30/2022	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/30/2022)
03/31/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 29, 2022, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/31/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/31/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Erika Kirstie Oblea on behalf of All Defendants (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
04/29/2022	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 04/29/2022)
05/01/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 28, 2022, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 5/1/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/02/2022)

06/28/2022	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Oblea, Erika) (Entered: 06/28/2022)
06/30/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by August 26, 2022, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/30/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/30/2022)
08/26/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 08/26/2022)
08/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 27, 2022, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/26/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/26/2022)
09/26/2022	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 09/26/2022)
09/26/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by October 27, 2022, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/26/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 09/26/2022)
10/26/2022	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 10/26/2022)
10/27/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 1, 2022, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/27/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/27/2022)
12/01/2022	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 12/01/2022)
12/02/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by December 22, 2022, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/2/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 12/02/2022)
12/22/2022	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 12/22/2022)
12/23/2022		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by January 31, 2023, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/23/2022. (lcapm1) (Entered: 12/23/2022)
01/31/2023	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/31/2023)
02/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by March 2, 2023, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/1/2023. (lcapm1) (Entered: 02/01/2023)
03/02/2023	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 03/02/2023)
03/03/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by March 30, 2023, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/03/2023. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/03/2023)
03/30/2023	<u>22</u>	JOINT STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna); Modified text at the request of counsel on 3/30/2023 (zttt). (Entered: 03/30/2023)
03/31/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 23, 2023, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/31/2023. (lcapm1) (Entered: 03/31/2023)

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04/21/2023	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
04/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 22, 2023, which advises whether further proceedings will be required and, if so, proposes a schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/21/2023. (lcapm1) (Entered: 04/21/2023)
06/07/2023	<u>24</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Blaine Aldrich on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 06/07/2023)
06/22/2023	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 06/22/2023)
06/23/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 20, 2023, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/23/2023. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/23/2023)
09/20/2023	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 09/20/2023)
09/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by January 18, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/21/2023. (lcapm1) (Entered: 09/21/2023)
01/18/2024	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 01/18/2024)
01/19/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before May 17, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/19/2024. (lcapm1) (Entered: 01/19/2024)
05/17/2024	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 05/17/2024)
05/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before September 23, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/20/2024. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
05/20/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/23/2024. (smc) (Entered: 05/20/2024)
09/20/2024	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Walker, Anna) (Entered: 09/20/2024)
09/23/2024		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before November 20, 2024, which updates the court on the processing and production of responsive records. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/23/2024. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/23/2024)