

**U.S. District Court
 District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
 CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:23-cv-02028-LLA**

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

Date Filed: 07/14/2023
 Date Terminated: 09/23/2024
 Jury Demand: None
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
 Information Act
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/14/2023	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC-10207177) 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: 07/14/2023)
07/14/2023	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
07/14/2023		Case Assigned to Judge Jia M. Cobb. (zsl) (Entered: 07/14/2023)
07/20/2023	<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)(zrtw) (Entered: 07/20/2023)
08/02/2023	<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 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 7/26/2023., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 7/25/2023 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 08/02/2023)

08/14/2023	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Laura Bakst on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 08/14/2023)
08/21/2023	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (FOIA Request), # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 (FOIA Response), # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3 (FOIA Appeal))(Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 08/21/2023)
08/22/2023		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the Parties confer and submit a joint proposed schedule for further proceedings, which shall include a proposed schedule for the processing and release of responsive records or for briefing dispositive motions, by September 5, 2023. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on August 22, 2023. (lcjmc3) (Entered: 08/22/2023)
09/05/2023	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 09/05/2023)
09/08/2023	<u>8</u>	VACATED PURSUANT TO COURT'S ORDER OF 6/21/2024.....SCHEDULING ORDER: Joint Status Report due 10/5/23. See attached document for further details. Signed by Judge Jia M. Cobb on September 8, 2023. (lcjmc3) Modified on 6/24/2024 (zcdw). (Entered: 09/08/2023)
10/05/2023	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 10/05/2023)
12/14/2023		Case directly reassigned to Judge Loren L. AliKhan. Judge Jia M. Cobb is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 12/14/2023)
01/03/2024	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 01/03/2024)
04/02/2024	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 04/02/2024)
06/21/2024	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 06/21/2024)
06/21/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of the parties' joint status report <u>12</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern summary judgment briefing in this case: (1) Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before August 9, 2024; (2) Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before September 20, 2024; (3) Defendant shall file its reply and opposition, if any, on or before October 11, 2024; (4) Plaintiff shall file a reply, if any, on or before November 1, 2024. It is further ORDERED that the court's September 8, 2023 Scheduling Order is VACATED and the parties need not submit further joint status reports in light of the case's progression to summary judgment briefing. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 06/21/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 06/21/2024)
06/24/2024		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Defendant's Summary Judgment motion due by 8/9/2024. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/20/2024. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 10/11/2024. Plaintiff's Cross Motion due by 9/20/2024. Response to Cross Motion due by 10/11/2024. Reply to Cross Motion due by 11/1/2024. (zcdw) (Entered: 06/24/2024)
08/09/2024	<u>13</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Bakst, Laura) (Entered: 08/09/2024)
09/20/2024	<u>14</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 09/20/2024)
09/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's stipulation of dismissal <u>14</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that the case is DISMISSED with prejudice. It is further ORDERED that Defendant's motion for summary judgment <u>13</u> is DENIED as moot. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate this case. Signed by Judge Loren L. AliKhan on 9/20/2024. (lc1la3) (Entered: 09/20/2024)