## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

| JS-44 (Rev. 6/17 DC)   |   |                               |   |  |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|------------------------|------------|--|--|
| 1. (a) PLAINTIFFS  |   |                               | DEFENDANTS  |  |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
| JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.   |   |                               | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS   |  |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
| (b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF  |   |                               | COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT   |  |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
|  | PLAINTIFF CASES)  |                               | (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE IN LAND CONDENNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED  |  |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
| (c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) Paul Orfanedes Judicial Watch, Inc. 425 Third Street, SW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20024 (202) 646-5172   |   |                               | ATTORNEYS (IF KNO   |  | CARDA DAE (II  | ICLONATION OF THE TRACT OF L                 | N-NO IV VOEV           |            |  |  |
| II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION  (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)  |   |                               |   |  |  | S (PLACE AN x IN ONE .<br>ERSITY CASES ONLY! | BOX FOR                |            |  |  |
| O 1 U.S. Government O 3 F  | ederal Question   | Citizen of thi                | PTF   | DFT O  | Іпсотрог   | ated or Principal Place<br>ess in This State | <b>P</b> TF <b>O</b> 4 | DFT<br>O 4 |  |  |
| Defendant (I   | ndicate Citizenship of  |                               |   |  |  | orated and Principal Place O 5 O 5           |                        |            |  |  |
| r  | , ,   | Citizen or Su<br>Foreign Cour |   | <b>O</b> 3   | Foreign l  | Nation                                       | <b>O</b> 6             | <b>O</b> 6 |  |  |
| IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one category, A-N, that best represents your Cause of Action and one in a corresponding Nature of Suit)  |   |                               |   |  |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
|  |   |                               |   |  |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
| <u> </u>   | Personal Injury/<br>Ialpractice   | <b>O</b> C                    | . Administrativ<br>Review   | e Agenc  | V  | O D. Tempora Order/Pro Injunction            | liminar                |            |  |  |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  | irplane   | 15                            | 1 Medicare Act  |  |  | Inguitetto                                   | •                      |            |  |  |
| 320 A 330 F 340 N 345 N 350 M 355 M 360 O 362 M 365 P 367 H P 368 A  | 315 Airplane Product Liability 320 Assault, Libel & Slander 330 Federal Employers Liability 340 Marine 345 Marine Product Liability 350 Motor Vehicle 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability 360 Other Personal Injury 362 Medical Malpractice 365 Product Liability 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability 368 Asbestos Product Liability |                               | Security 1 HIA (1395ff) 2 Black Lung (923) 3 DIWC/DIWW (4 4 SSID Title XVI 5 RSI (405(g)) Statutes 1 Agricultural Acts 3 Environmental M 0 Other Statutory Administrative A Involved) | Any nature of suit from any category may be selected for this category of case assignment.  *(If Antitrust, then A governs)* |  |  |                        |            |  |  |
| O E. General Civil (Other)   | OR  | 0                             | F. Pro Se Ge  | eneral C   | ivil   |  |                        |            |  |  |
| Real Property   210 Land Condemnation   220 Foreclosure   230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment   240 Torts to Land   245 Tort Product Liability   290 All Other Real Property   370 Other Fraud   371 Truth in Lending   380 Other Personal Property   Damage   385 Property Damage   385 Property Damage   Product Liability   830 Patent   835 Patent - Abbrevia   Drug Application   840 Trademark |   | r<br>nditions                 | Other Statutes 375 False Claims Act 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))  |  | 462 Naturalization   Application   Application   465 Other Immigration   Actions   470 Racketeer Influenced   & Corrupt Organization   480 Consumer Credit   490 Cable/Satellite TV   850 Securities/Commodities/   Exchange   896 Arbitration   899 Administrative Procedure   Act/Review or Appeal of   Agency Decision   950 Constitutionality of State   Statutes   890 Other Statutory Actions   (if not administrative agency review or Privacy Act) |  |                        |            |  |  |

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| O G. Habeas Corpus/<br>2255  | O H. Employment Discrimination  | O I. FOIA/Privacy Act   | O J. Student Loan  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 530 Habeas Corpus – General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee  | 442 Civil Rights – Employment<br>(criteria: race, gender/sex,<br>national origin,<br>discrimination, disability, age,<br>religion, retaliation)   | 895 Freedom of Information Actions (if Privacy Act)   | 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans)            |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | *(If pro se, select this deck)*   | *(If pro se, select this deck)*   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O K. Labor/ERISA (non-employment)  710 Fair Labor Standards Act 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations 740 Labor Railway Act 751 Family and Medical Leave Act 790 Other Labor Litigation 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act   | L. Other Civil Rights (non-employment)  441 Voting (if not Voting Rights Act)  443 Housing/Accommodations  440 Other Civil Rights  445 Americans w/Disabilities – Employment  446 Americans w/Disabilities – Other  448 Education | M. Contract  110 Insurance 120 Marine 130 Miller Act 140 Negotiable Instrument 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits 160 Stockholder's Suits 190 Other Contracts 195 Contract Product Liability 196 Franchise | N. Three-Judge Court  441 Civil Rights – Voting (if Voting Rights Act) |  |  |  |  |  |
| V. ORIGIN  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O 1 Original Proceeding from State from Appellate Court Cour |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.) Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) Defendant is unlawfully withholding public records   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT  CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F,R.C.P. 23  DEMAND \$ Check YES only if demanded in complaint YES NO X   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instruction) IF ANY  (See instruction) YES NO X  If yes, please complete related case form  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DATE: 7/5/17 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD Saul & Off  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET JS-44 Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

- COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT (b) County of residence: Use 11001 to indicate plaintiff if resident of Washington, DC, 88888 if plaintiff is resident of United States but not Washington, DC, and 99999 if plaintiff is outside the United States.
- III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES: This section is completed only if diversity of citizenship was selected as the Basis of Jurisdiction under Section II.
- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.