CIVIL COVER SHEET

| L (a) DI AINTIEES | | | | | DEFENDANTS | | | | | | | |
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| I. (a) PLAINTIFFS JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. | | | | | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS | | | | | | | |
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| (I) COUNTY OF BEGINEVIC | TE OF FIRET L | OTED DI AIMETEE | | | COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT | | | | | | | |
| (b) COUNTY OF RESIDENC | | LAINTIFF CASES) | | 7 | (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN) | | | | | | | | |
| (c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) Lauren M. Burke | | | | | ATTORNETS (II KNOWN) | | | | | | | |
| JUDICIAL WATCH, | INC. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| II. BASIS OF JURISE | | | | III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX FOR | | | | | | | | |
| (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY) | | | PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) <u>FOR DIV</u> PTF DFT | | | | | ERSITY CASES ONLY! | PTF | DFT | | |
| 1 U.S. Government | | deral Question | | | | _ | _ | | | O 4 | O 4 | |
| Plaintiff | (U. | S. Government Not a Party) | Citizen | of this | State | O 1 | Οı | | ated or Principal Place | O 4 | 04 | |
| | A 15: | | | | | | | of Business in This State | | | | |
| 2 U.S. Government Defendant | | versity dicate Citizenship of | Citizen of A | | Another State (| | O 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place | | O 5 | O 5 | |
| | · · | rties in item III) | | | piect of a | 7 2 | . 0. | of Busine | ess in Another State | | | |
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| /DIc 3/ * | n one water | IV. CASE ASSIC | | | | | | | anding Nature of Cu | it) | | |
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| O A. Antitrust | | Personal Injury/ Ialpractice | 10 | C. | Adminis | trative | Agency | , | O D. Tempora | - | | |
| | | Review | | | | | Order/Preliminary Injunction | | | | | |
| 410 Antitrust | 310 Ai | rplane | |] 151 | l Medicare A | Act | | | 1 пјинсио | n | | |
| | | rplane Product Liability | | Social Security | | | | Any nature of suit fr | Any nature of suit from any category | | | |
| | | ssault, Libel & Slander | 30 | 861 HIA (1395ff) | | | | may be selected for this category of | | | | |
| | 330 Federal Employers Liability | | | | 862 Black Lung (923) | | | | case assignment. | case assignment. | | |
| | | | | 863 | 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) | | | | *(If Antitrust, then A | *(If Antitrust, then A governs)* | | |
| 350 Motor Vehicle | | | | | 364 SSID Title XVI | | | | | | | |
| 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability | | | | _ | 865 RSI (405(g)) | | | | | | | |
| | 360 Other Personal Injury | | | | e <u>r Statutes</u> 891 Agricultural Acts | | | | | | | |
| | 362 Medical Malpractice | | | 893 Environmental Matters | | | | | | | | |
| | | oduct Liability | | 890 Other Statutory Actions (If | | | | | | | | |
| | 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical | | | | Administra | ency is | | | | | | |
| Personal Injury Product Liability 368 Asbestos Product Liability | | | | Involved) | | | | | | | | |
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| O E. General Civi | il (Other) | OR | | 0 | F. Pro | Se Gen | eral Ci | ivil | | | | |
| Real Property | | Bankruptey | | Federal Tax Suits | | | | | 462 Naturalizat | ion | | |
| 210 Land Condemn | ation | 422 Appeal 27 USC 1 | | | _ | 870 Taxes (US plaintiff or | | | Application | | | |
| 220 Foreclosure 423 Withdrawal 28 US | | | ISC 157 | | defendant) | | | 465 Other Immigration | | | | |
| 230 Rent, Lease & Ejectment 240 Torts to Land Prisoner Petitions | | | | 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609 | | | Actions 470 Racketeer Influenced | | | | | |
| 240 Torts to Land 245 Tort Product Liability 535 Death Penalty | | | | 2000 2000 2000 | | | | & Corrupt Organization | | | | |
| 290 All Other Real Property 540 Mandamus & Other | | | | Forfeiture/Penalty 625 Drug Related Seizure of | | | | 480 Consumer Credit | | | | |
| 550 Civil Rights | | | | | Property 21 USC 881 | | | | 490 Cable/Satellite TV | | | |
| Personal Property 555 Prison Conditions 370 Other Fraud 560 Civil Detainee - Condition | | | | [| | | | 850 Securities/Commodities/ | | | | |
| 370 Other Fraud Sob Civil Detainee - Condit | | | | nons Comment | | | | Exchange | | | | |
| 380 Other Personal Property | | | | Other Statutes | | | | 896 Arbitration 899 Administrative Procedure | | | | |
| Damage Property Rights | | | | | 375 False Claims Act 376 Qui Tam (31 USC | | | Act/Review or Appeal of | | | | |
| 385 Property Damage 820 Copyrights | | | | | 3729(a)) | | | Agency Decision | | | | |
| Product Liability 830 Patent | | | intad No | | 400 State Reapportionment | | | 950 Constitutionality of State | | | | |
| 835 Patent - Abbreviate Drug Application | | | | 430 Banks & Banking | | | | Statutes | | | | |
| 840 Trademark | | | - | | | 450 Commerce/ICC | | | 890 Other Statutory Actions | | | |
| | | | | | Rates/etc. | | | (if not administrative agency review or Privacy Act) | | | | |
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| O G. Habeas Corpus/ 2255 | O H. Employment Discrimination | ① 1. FOIA/Privacy Act | O J. Student Loan | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 530 Habeas Corpus – General 510 Motion/Vacate Sentence 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien Detainee | 442 Civil Rights – Employment (criteria: race, gender/sex, national origin, discrimination, disability, age, religion, retaliation) | X 895 Freedom of Information Act 890 Other Statutory Actions (if Privacy Act) | 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (excluding veterans) | | | | | |
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| ○ 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.) 5 U.S.C. Section 552, Freedom of Information Act. Defendant is unlawfully withholding public records. | | | | | | | | |
| VII. REQUESTED IN 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) YES NO X If yes, please complete related case form | | | | | | | | |
| ATE: August 7, 2017 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD | | | | | | | | |

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