

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:97-cv-00099-CKK**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. COMMISSION ON UNITED

Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly

Demand: \$0

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/15/1997

Date Terminated: 04/30/2001

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/15/1997	1	COMPLAINT filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (st) (Entered: 01/16/1997)
01/15/1997		SUMMONS (3) issued to federal party(s) federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED , and non-parties: U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (st) (Entered: 01/16/1997)
01/15/1997	2	RULE 109 Certificate of disclosure of corporate affiliations and financial interests by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (st) (Entered: 01/16/1997)
02/18/1997	3	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED by Bruce R. Hegyi (st) (Entered: 02/19/1997)
02/18/1997	4	OBJECTIONS by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED to plaintiff's representation that this case is a "related case to ca 95-133 and 94-1588 (st) (Entered: 02/19/1997)
02/18/1997	5	ANSWER TO COMPLAINT [1-1] by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED . (st) (Entered: 02/19/1997)
03/04/1997	6	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to objection [4-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED (st) (Entered: 03/05/1997)
06/16/1997	7	ORDER by Judge Royce C. Lamberth : determining that this is not a related case under Local Rule 405, and it is therefore transferred to the Calendar Committee for random reassignment; further directing parties to hold a meet and confer conference within 10 days and file a report and proposed scheduling order within 5 days thereafter.. (N) (mon) (Entered: 06/16/1997)
06/19/1997		CASE REASSIGNED from Judge Royce C. Lamberth to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly by direction of the Calendar Committee (st) (Entered: 06/23/1997)
06/27/1997	8	MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT/REPORT PURSUANT TO L.R. 206(d) filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC., federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED . (blj) (Entered: 06/30/1997)
07/01/1997	9	SCHEDULING ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly initial scheduling conference set for 11:30 7/23/97 ; Attachments (2) (N) [see order for details] (dbw) (Entered: 07/01/1997)
07/10/1997	10	STATEMENT filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. , regarding: statement of the case and statutory basis for cause of action. (blj) (Entered: 07/11/1997)
07/23/1997		STATUS HEARING before Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : status hearing set for 9:30 10/22/97 ; Vaughn index due by 9/15/97; objections due by 9/29/97 Reporter: Sandy Cox (McCoy Reporting) (dbw) (Entered: 07/23/1997)
07/23/1997	11	SCHEDULING ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly Case assigned to the Fast track (track one) ; discovery and motions held in abeyance for scheduling until status; production of documents due 8/11/97; Vaughn index due 9/15/97; objections due 9/29/97; status hearing set for 9:30 10/22/97 (N) (dbw) (Entered: 07/23/1997)
09/15/1997	12	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED STATES of vaughn index; declaration (1) (bulky) (blj) (Entered: 09/16/1997)
09/29/1997	13	MOTION filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. for in camera review of documents withheld from disclosure pursuant to alleged exemptions in the freedom of information act ; Attachments (8) (bulky) (blj) Modified on 09/30/1997

		(Entered: 09/30/1997)
10/14/1997	14	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED to extend time to 10/15/97 to file its opposition to plaintiff's motion for in camera review of documents (blj) (Entered: 10/15/1997)
10/15/1997	15	RESPONSE by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED in opposition to motion for in camera review of documents [13-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.; exhibits (6) (bulky) (blj) (Entered: 10/16/1997)
10/21/1997	16	SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in support of motion for in camera review of documents withheld from disclosure pursuant to alleged exemptions in the freedom of information act [13-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.; exhibits (1) (dam) (Entered: 10/22/1997)
10/22/1997		STATUS HEARING held before Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : government's affidavit due by 10/31/97 Reporter: Edward Hawkins (adc) (Entered: 10/23/1997)
10/22/1997	17	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. by Paul J. Orfanedes (adc) (Entered: 10/23/1997)
10/22/1997	22	ATTORNEY APPEARANCE for plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. by Donald Ronald Bustion II (adc) (Entered: 12/08/1997)
10/23/1997	18	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : granting motion to extend time to 10/15/97 to file its opposition to plaintiff's motion for in camera review of documents [14-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED (N) (adc) (Entered: 10/27/1997)
10/27/1997	19	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED of recent decision; attachment. (adc) (Entered: 10/28/1997)
10/29/1997	20	RESPONSE by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED to order dated 10/22/97 status conference [18-1] (JMF) (Entered: 10/30/1997)
11/28/1997	21	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to to file notice of recent decision [19-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED; exhibits (2) (JMF) (Entered: 12/01/1997)
09/14/1998	23	SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL for federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED , substituting Marina Utgoff Braswell for attorney Bruce R. Hegyi for COMMISSION ON UNITED (tlh) (Entered: 09/15/1998)
09/28/1998	24	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : held in abeyance motion for in camera review of documents withheld from disclosure pursuant to alleged exemptions in the freedom of information act [13-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. cross motions due 10/20/98 ; response to cross motions due 11/10/98 ; reply to cross motions due 11/20/98 (N) (adc) (Entered: 09/29/1998)
10/20/1998	25	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to extend time to 11/3/98 to file motion for summary judgment. (tlh) (Entered: 10/21/1998)
10/26/1998	26	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : granting motion to extend time to 11/3/98 to file motion for summary judgment. [25-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. cross motions due by 11/3/98 ; response to cross motions due by 11/24/98 ; reply to cross motions due by 12/7/98 ; (N) (scm) (Entered: 10/28/1998)
11/03/1998	27	MOTION filed by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. for summary judgment ; Exhibit (1). (ks) (Entered: 11/04/1998)
11/03/1998	28	MOTION filed by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED for summary judgment ; Attachment (1). (ks) (Entered: 11/04/1998)
11/05/1998	29	NOTICE OF FILING by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED filing supplemental declaration of Sybia Harrison. (tlh) (Entered: 11/06/1998)
11/23/1998	30	MOTION (UNOPPOSED) filed by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED to extend time to 12/2/98 for the parties ti file their respective opposition briefs (dam) (Entered: 11/24/1998)

12/02/1998	31	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : granting motion to extend time to 12/2/98 for the parties to file their respective opposition briefs [30-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED; response to cross motions due by 12/2/98 ; reply to cross motions due by 12/15/98 (N) (adc) (Entered: 12/02/1998)
12/02/1998	32	RESPONSE by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED in opposition to motion for summary judgment [27-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. . (tlh) (Entered: 12/03/1998)
12/02/1998	33	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in opposition to motion for summary judgment [28-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED; exhibit (1) (tlh) (Entered: 12/03/1998)
12/15/1998	34	REPLY by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. in support of motion for summary judgment [27-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC; exhibit (1) (tlh) (Entered: 12/16/1998)
12/15/1998	35	REPLY by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to response to motion for summary judgment [27-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (tlh) (Entered: 12/16/1998)
09/30/1999	36	MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly (N) (ks) (Entered: 10/01/1999)
09/30/1999	37	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : denying motion for summary judgment [28-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED, denying motion for summary judgment [27-1] by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. remanding for further proceedings consistent with the accompanying memorandum opinion. (N) (ks) (Entered: 10/01/1999)
03/14/2000	<u>38</u>	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly :that by on or before 3/24/00, a joint report shall be filed with the Court indicating its present litigation status. (N) (dot) (Entered: 03/14/2000)
03/21/2000	39	JOINT STATUS REPORT by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC., federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED (bjsp) (Entered: 03/22/2000)
04/10/2000	40	MEMORANDUM (NOTICE OF FILING) by federal defendant COMMISSION ON UNITED to the Court RE: the filing of a second supplemental declaration of Sybia Harrison signed 4/10/00, supplemental declaration of Margaret P. Grafeld, signed 3/3/00 and supplemental declaration of Herbert O Briick, signed 4/3/00; attachments ; (3 declarations ) (bjsp) (Entered: 04/11/2000)
06/09/2000	<u>41</u>	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : response to defendant's notice of filing [40-1] due 6/16/00. No extensions will be approved. (N) (dot) (Entered: 06/09/2000)
06/15/2000	42	RESPONSE by plaintiff JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. to notice [40-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED (tb) (Entered: 06/16/2000)
04/30/2001	<u>43</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly (N) (dot) (Entered: 04/30/2001)
04/30/2001	<u>44</u>	ORDER by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly : granting motion for summary judgment [28-1] by COMMISSION ON UNITED. This is a final, appealable Order. (N) (dot) (Entered: 04/30/2001)