

Federal Court Orders Hillary Clinton to Answer Questions under Oath in Email Scandal

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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton made the following statement regarding U.S. District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan's decision granting Judicial Watch permission to submit interrogatories to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and to depose the former Director of Information Resource Management of the Executive Secretariat ("S/ES-IRM") John Bentel:

We are pleased that this federal court ordered Hillary Clinton to provide written answers under oath to some key questions about her email scandal," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "We will move quickly to get these answers. The decision is a reminder that Hillary Clinton is not above the law.

The [court order](#) reads:

[T] the State Department shall release all remaining documents responsive to Judicial Watch's Freedom of Information Act request by no later than September 30, 2016; and it is FURTHER ORDERED that, consistent with Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Judicial Watch may serve interrogatories on Secretary Clinton by no later than October 14, 2016 ... Secretary Clinton's responses are due by no later than thirty days thereafter ... Judicial Watch may depose Mr. Bentel by no later than October 31, 2016.

In his [opinion](#) Judge Sullivan writes:

The Court is persuaded that Secretary Clinton's testimony is necessary to enable her to explain on the record the purpose for the creation and operation of the clintonemail.com system for State Department business.

On July 8 Judicial Watch submitted [a request](#) for permission to depose Clinton; the Director of Office of Correspondence and Records of the Executive Secretariat ("S/ES-CRM") Clarence Finney; and Bentel. The request arises in a Judicial Watch Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) before Judge Sullivan that seeks records about the controversial employment status of Huma Abedin, former Deputy Chief of Staff to Clinton. The lawsuit [was reopened](#) because of revelations about the clintonemail.com system. ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:13-cv-01363)).

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