



**UNITED STATES TAX COURT**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



**ANNOUNCING DAWSON**

The [U.S. Tax Court's](#) new case management system, DAWSON (Docket Access Within a Secure Online Network), is an electronic filing and case management system designed to make it easier for parties and the Court to start a Tax Court case, file and process documents, and manage cases.

**Petitions can be filed electronically in DAWSON.**

Although the Tax Court will continue to accept paper filings, taxpayers and practitioners may start their Tax Court case electronically by uploading a petition and by following an online wizard to provide some information. Filing fees can be paid online via [pay.gov](#), enabling the entire process of filing a petition to be done online.

**DAWSON is web-based and mobile-friendly.**

DAWSON is designed to be mobile-friendly for use on a smartphone or tablet. The system is not merely viewable from a mobile device, but users will have full functionality from a mobile device. They can check on the status of a case, view documents, and even upload and file documents from a smartphone or tablet.

**DAWSON has a user-friendly interface based on the U.S. Web Design Standards.**

The U.S. Web Design Standards are the federal government's set of common user interface components and visual styles for websites. The design is intended to be more accessible for persons with limited vision and other disabilities. DAWSON is intended to be more intuitive for the user because it shares common design elements with other websites people interact with every day.

**DAWSON is integrated and efficient.**

DAWSON is a fully integrated system. This integration will be apparent in things like better control over updating contact information. For example, as a practitioner, once contact information is updated in the system, a Notice of Change of Address will be automatically generated in all of the practitioner's open cases, and in any cases that have been closed less than 6 months.