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DAWSON Case Management System

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Introduction

What is 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.

How to Access DAWSON

You can access DAWSON from a link on the Court’s website (<https://ustaxcourt.gov/>) or by going to <https://dawson.ustaxcourt.gov/>.

Browser Compatibility

DAWSON is compatible with most up-to-date browsers such as Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari. It is not compatible with outdated browsers such as Internet Explorer.

DAWSON is Mobile-Friendly

You can access DAWSON from your mobile device:

Welcome to the U.S Tax Court’s Case Management System

[Case](#) [Order](#) [Opinion](#)

Anyone can search for a case in our system for cases filed on or after May 1, 1986. If you aren't affiliated with that case, you will only see limited information about that case.

Search by Name

Search by Name

Petitioner name (required)

Year filed

Country

State

Search [Clear Search](#)

Find a Case

You can search for a case by Petitioner Name or Docket Number on the Case tab.



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Search by Name

Petitioner name (required)

Year filed to

Country

State

[Search](#) [Clear Search](#)

Search by Docket Number

Docket number (required)

Example of docket number format: 123-19

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Search by Docket Number

- To search for a case by Docket Number, you must include the dash in the Docket Number (e.g., 123-18).
- You may, but do not have to, include the letter suffix (S, L, SL, R, X, D, or P) of the Docket Number to find a case.
- When you enter a Docket Number that matches a case in the system, that case will display. If you enter a Docket Number that has no matching case, you will get a "No Matches Found" message.

Search by Name

- To search for a case by petitioner name, you must enter the petitioner's full or last name. Partial name searches (e.g., entering "Ron" for Ronald) are not currently supported.
- You can improve your search results by adding year filed, country or state. For the state filter - you will see U.S. Territories and military bases are included. These fields are not required but can be used in any combination to refine results.

Find an Order -- Coming Soon

An Order is a written direction or command issued by a judge. Each day's Orders are posted on the Court's website, www.ustaxcourt.gov, under "Orders & Opinions". The ability to search Court Orders in DAWSON is coming soon.

Find an Opinion -- Coming Soon

An Opinion is the written determination of a judge on the issues tried and submitted to the Court for decision. Each day's Opinions are posted on the Court's website, www.ustaxcourt.gov, under "Orders & Opinions". The ability to search Court Opinions in DAWSON is coming soon.

Additional Resources

- Terms of Use: <https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/tou.html>
- Notice Regarding Privacy and Public Access to Case Files: https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/docket_search.html#PRIVACY
- Frequently Asked Questions: https://ustaxcourt.gov/dawson_faqs.html
- Guidance for Petitioners: <https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/petitioners.html>
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs): <https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/resources/clinics/clinics.pdf>
- Tax Court Rules of Practice and Procedure: <https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/rules.html#ROPP>
- Sample Forms: https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/resources/ropp/Appendix_I.pdf
- COVID-19 Resources: <https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/covid.html>

Additional Support

Still have a question or problem?

Call 202-521-0700 or email dawson.support@ustaxcourt.gov. No documents can be filed with the Court at this email address.

System Status

For information regarding system status, including outages, please visit:

<https://status.ustaxcourt.gov/>.