

Search for an Order



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 "Today's Orders" in "Orders & Opinions". To search for an order, you can search by a keyword or phrase. In addition, you may also narrow your search results by adding in a specific Docket Number, Case Title/Petitioner's name, the Judge who issued the order, or by including a specific date or date range.

The steps to access Order Search depends on the role you have in DAWSON.

Petitioners/Public

1. Go to <https://dawson.ustaxcourt.gov/>
2. Click the **Order Tab**.

The screenshot shows the DAWSON search interface. At the top, it says "Welcome to DAWSON" with a "Log In" link. Below that is a "Search" header. There are three tabs: "Case", "Order" (which is highlighted with a red box), and "Opinion". Below the tabs, there is a note: "Anyone can search for an order in our system for cases filed on or after May 1, 1986." followed by two bullet points: "If you aren't affiliated with a case, you will only see limited information about that case." and "Sealed cases and affiliated documents will not display in search results." The search area contains a "Search by keyword and phrase" input field, a "Judge" dropdown menu set to "All judges", and a "Date range" dropdown menu set to "All dates". To the right, there are "Docket number" and "Case title / Petitioner's name" input fields with an "or" separator between them. Further right is a "How to Use Search" box with a legend: "" for "Include only exact matches", "+" for "AND (includes all words/phrases)", and "|" for "OR (includes one or more words/phrases)". It also states "No other commands are supported at this time" and has a link to "Learn more about searching in DAWSON". At the bottom, there are "Search" and "Clear Search" buttons.

Practitioners

1. Log in to your DAWSON account
2. Click on the **Advanced Search** URL in the upper right corner of your dashboard.

My Cases

Welcome, privatePractitioner 6 Test

Open Cases (1) Closed Cases (0) [File a Case](#)

Docket number	Case title	Date filed
30661-21W	John Doe	11/22/21

Search for a Case [Advanced Search](#)

To file an Entry of Appearance, Substitution of Counsel, etc.

Docket number

Enter docket number (e.g., 123-19)

[Search](#)

Filing Fee Options

Pay by debit/credit card

Copy your docket number(s) and pay online.

[Pay now](#)

Other options [+](#)

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My Cases

Search

Case **Order** Opinion

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Search by keyword and phrase

Docket number or Case title / Petitioner's name

Judge Date range

All judges All dates

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

How to Use Search

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+ AND (includes **all** words/phrases)

| OR (includes **one or more** words/phrases)

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[Learn more about searching in DAWSON](#)

How to search for an Order

1. Search orders with a keyword or phrase.
 - a. When search is initiated from the keyword or phase area, DAWSON will include in the search:
 - i. The case caption
 - ii. The content of the order
 - iii. The order title

- b. For exact matches, be sure to include quotation marks around your search term.
 - i. For example: Search **"innocent spouse"** for results containing that exact phrase.
 - c. Do not enter quotation marks for searches that you do not want exact matches for.
 - i. For example: If you enter **Smith** for your search, results will include terms that include **Smith**, as well as **Smithson**.
2. Use Connectors (| , +) with keywords/phrases.
- a. You can use connectors in combination with the exact keyword or phrase search.
 - i. **OR (|)**
 1. Use the | (pipe character) to find documents containing one or more of the keywords or phrases.
 2. The pipe character (|) is usually located above the backslash (\) on your keyboard.
 3. For example: Search **Lien | Levy**.
 - ii. **AND (+)**
 1. Use the + (plus character) to find documents containing two or more keywords or phrases
 2. For example: Search **Motion for Summary Judgment + "Denied"**.
3. To search orders by Docket Number:
- a. Enter a specific Docket Number to narrow searches to within a single Docket Number.
4. To search orders by Case title or Petitioner name:
- a. Enter a specific Case title or Petitioner name in the appropriate box.
5. To search orders by Judge:
- a. Choose a specific Judge's Name from the drop-down menu.
 - b. Note: the default is all Judges.
6. To search orders by date:
- a. The default is all dates, but you may also choose a custom range of dates.
 - b. When custom dates are selected, you must enter a start date, but you may choose to leave off the end date.
7. Total Results
- a. After you click **Search or hit the enter key on your keyboard**, you will see how many search results are shown. In the example below, a Case Title search for Jones returned the first 100 matches. If the order that you are looking for is not in the first 100 matches, try to refine your search by adding additional search criteria (date ranges, a specific Judge, etc.).

Search

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

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Search
Clear Search

Displaying the first 100 matches of your search.
Refine your search by adding search criteria.

Results 100 match(es) shown

Date	Order	Case Title	Judge	Pages	Docket No.
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- b. DAWSON will only load the first 25 results on the page. If you would like to view more results than what initially is displayed, scroll to the bottom of the page and click **Load more**.

Tips & Tricks

- Search is NOT case sensitive.
- If there are no matches, you will receive a message that states **"No Matches Found. Check your search terms and try again."**
- Additional help documentation is available on the DAWSON Order search page if needed.