

# **PACER CASE LOCATOR**

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# Overview

## *The API*

This document is intended for users who want to write automated scripts for data retrieval using the PCL query API. This document provides a complete reference of all of the data elements used in the PCL query API.

In addition to the standard user interface provided by the PACER Case Locator (PCL), you can use a query API to write your own queries. You can use all the same search capabilities provided by the user interface in your automated scripts. You send an HTTP GET or POST to call exposed methods, and you'll get back results in the format that you choose.

You must include a valid PacerUser, or PacerAuth cookie in your HTTP request to access this API.

Send HTTP GET or POST requests to the url <http://pcl.uscourts.gov/dquery> to initiate a query.

If you submit a valid query, you will get redirected to the URL of your query results.

**Note:** There is currently a limit on the size of the data returned by the PCL API of 100,000 rows of data. Users that need the ability to download more data through the PCL query API can submit a request for approval to the PACER Service Center.

If there's an error, the service will respond with an error code, and an error message about the problem.

```
<response status="fail">  
<error message="Error Message" />  
</response>
```

## Examples

Each of these examples uses HTTP GET to query the PCL through the API. You can try these examples with your browser.

### Example 1:

This example finds all parties with last name "Moncrief" for all courts, with results returned in XML format. Field names are in magenta, data is in green.

```
https://pcl.uscourts.gov/dquery?download=1&dl_fmt=xml&party=Moncrief
```

The results

are returned in a file named `username_uspci.xml`.

### Example 2:

The following example returns all bankruptcy court cases with a case number of 02-00001 in text format. Field names are in magenta, data is in green.

```
https://pcl.uscourts.gov/dquery?download=1&dl_fmt=text&case_no=02-00001&court_type=bk
```

The results are returned in a file named `username_uspci.xml`.

## Field Lists

### *Court Type Field*

Data	Field Name	Accepted Values
Court Type	court_type	all, ap, bk, cv, cr, mdl where... ----- all = All Courts ap = Appellate bk = Bankruptcy cv = Civil cr = Criminal mdl = Multi-District Litigation

### *Download Option*

Data	Field Name	Accepted Values
Download?	Download	0 = false 1 = true

### *Download Format*

Data	Field Name	Accepted Values
Download Format	dl_fmt	xml, text, csv  xml returns: username_uspci.xml  text returns: username_uspci.txt  csv returns: username_uspci.csv

## ***Search Fields by Court Type***

### **ALL**

Data	Field Name	More Info
Region	sel_region	See Region List in Appendix A
Case Number	case_no	Max length = 11
Case Title	stitle	Max length = 40
Date Filed Start	date_filed_start	Max length = 10 Multiple formats accepted mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy m/d/yy or m/d/yyyy mm-dd-yy or mm-dd-yyyy etc. Must be empty or a valid date
Date Filed End	date_filed_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above) (see above)
Date Closed Start	date_term_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above) (see above)
Date Closed End	date_term_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above) (see above)
Party Name	party	Max length = 40

## APPELLATE

Data	Field Name	More Info
Region	sel_region	See Appellate Region List in Appendix A
Case Number	case_no	Max length = 11
Case Title	stitle	Max length = 40
Nature of Suit	ap_nos	Max length = 4 Multiple Selections See Appellate list in Appendix B
Date Filed Start	date_filed_start	Max length = 10 Multiple formats accepted mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy m/d/yy or m/d/yyyy mm-dd-yy or mm-dd-yyyy etc. Must be empty or a valid date
Date Filed End	date_filed_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed Start	date_term_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed End	date_term_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Party Name	party	Max length = 40

## BANKRUPTCY

Data	Field Name	More Info
Region	sel_region	See Bankruptcy Region List in Appendix A
Case Number	case_no	Max length = 11
Case Title	stitle	Max length = 40
Chapter	chapter	Max length = 3 Choices: 7, 11, or character
Date Filed Start	date_filed_start	Max length = 10 Multiple formats accepted mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy m/d/yy or m/d/yyyy m-d-yy, mm-dd-yyyy, etc. Must be empty or a valid date
Date Filed End	date_filed_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed Start	date_term_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed End	date_term_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Dismissed Start	date_dismiss_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Dismissed End	date_dismiss_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Discharged Start	date_discharge_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Discharged End	date_discharged_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Party Name	party	Max length = 40
Four Digit SSN	ssn4	Max length = 4
SSN/TIN	ssn	Max length = 11 SSN (999-99-9999) TIN (99-9999999) But 123456789 also works



## CIVIL

Data	Field Name	More Info
Region	sel_region	See Civil, Criminal, Multi-District Litigation Region List in Appendix A
Case Number	case_no	Max length = 11
Case Title	stitle	Max length = 40
Nature of Suit	nos	Multiple Selections See Civil list in Appendix B
Date Filed Start	date_filed_start	Max length = 10 Multiple formats accepted mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy m/d/yy or m/d/yyyy mm-dd-yy or mm-dd-yyyy etc. Must be empty or a valid date
Date Filed End	date_filed_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed Start	date_term_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed End	date_term_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Party Name	party	Max length = 40

## CRIMINAL

Data	Field Name	More Info
Region	sel_region	See Civil, Criminal, Multi-District Litigation Region List in Appendix A
Case Number	case_no	Max length = 11
Case Title	stitle	Max length = 40
Date Filed Start	date_filed_start	Max length = 10 Multiple formats accepted mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy m/d/yy or m/d/yyyy mm-dd-yy or mm-dd-yyyy etc. Must be empty or a valid date
Date Filed End	date_filed_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed Start	date_term_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed End	date_term_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Party Name	party	Max length = 40

## MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION

Data	Field Name	More Info
Region	sel_region	See Civil, Criminal, Multi-District Litigation Region List in Appendix A
Multi-District Litigation Case	mdl_id	Max length = 11
Case Title	stitle	Max length = 40
Date Filed Start	date_filed_start	Max length = 10 Multiple formats accepted mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy m/d/yy or m/d/yyyy mm-dd-yy or mm-dd-yyyy etc. Must be empty or a valid date
Date Filed End	date_filed_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed Start	date_term_start	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Date Closed End	date_term_end	Must be empty or a valid date (see above)
Party Name	party	Max length = 40

## Download Formats (ALL except MDL)

### XML

The XML file contains the XML version, followed by a <data> tag, which encompasses the rest of the data (ending with </data>). Each record is wrapped in <party></party> and each field is wrapped in its identifying tags (e.g., <court\_id></court\_id>).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<data>
<party>
  <party_name>Mouse & Flippers Aloha</party_name>
  <py_role>db</py_role>
  <court_id>okwbke</court_id>
  <cs_year>3</cs_year>
  <cs_number>22697</cs_number>
  <cs_office>5</cs_office>
  <cs_type>bk</cs_type>
  <cs_chapter>7</cs_chapter>
  <nos></nos>
  <cs_date_filed>11/17/2003</cs_date_filed>
  <cs_date_term>05/13/2004</cs_date_term>
  <cs_date_dismiss></cs_date_dismiss>
  <cs_date_discharge>02/27/2004</cs_date_discharge>
  <disposition>Discharged 02/27/2004</disposition>
  <case_no>5:03-bk-22697</case_no>
  <case_link>https://ecf.okwb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/iqquerymenu.pl?51128</case_link>
  <case_title>Philip Franklin Farris and Carolyn Ann Farris</case_title>
</party>

<party>
...(more data)...
</party>
</data>
```

## TEXT

### Sample text:

Mouser, Aunglab db  
canbke 95 53039 5 bk 7 05/12/1995 08/21/1995 08/17/1995  
Discharged 08/17/1995 5:95-bk-53039 <https://ecf.canb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/iquerymenu.pl?176181>  
Aunglab Mouser  
Mouser, Barbara cr  
orbke 94 62330 6 bk 13 06/16/1994 09/09/1999 07/11/1999  
Discharged 07/11/1999 6:94-bk-62330 <https://ecf.orb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/iquerymenu.pl?92681>  
Carlos Barragan and Yolanda Barragan

### Specification:

Field	Starting Column	Width
Party name	1	120
Party role	122	10
Court ID	133	8
Case year	143	4
Case number	148	5
Case Office	154	2
Case Type	156	10
Case Chapter	167	4
Nature of suit	172	4
Date filed	177	10
Date terminated	188	10
Date dismissed	199	10
Date discharged	210	10
Disposition and date	221	22
Case ID	244	15
Case link (URL)	267	80
Case Title	348	120

Sample PHP code to read one line and parse it:

```
<?php

$fp = fopen('pa0061_uspci.txt', 'r');

$line = fgets($fp,472);

$party_name = substr($line,1,120);
$party_role = substr($line,122,10);
$court_id = substr($line,133,8);
$case_year = substr($line,143,4);
$case_number = substr($line,148,5);
$case_office = substr($line,154,2);
$case_type = substr($line,156,10);
$case_chapter = substr($line,167,4);
$nature_of_suit = substr($line,172,4);
$date_filed = substr($line,177,10);
$date_terminated = substr($line,188,10);
$date_dismissed = substr($line,199,10);
$date_discharged = substr($line,210,10);
$disposition = substr($line,221,22);
$case_id = substr($line,244,15);
$case_link = substr($line,267,80);
$case_title = substr($line,348,120);;

fclose($fp);

exit();

?>
```

## CSV

"Mouse & Flippers Aloha", "db", "okwbke", "3", "22697", "5", "bk", "7", "",  
"11/17/2003", "05/13/2004", "", "02/27/2004", "Discharged 02/27/2004", "5:03-bk-  
22697", "https://ecf.okwb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/iquerymenu.pl?51128", "Philip Franklin  
Farris and Carolyn Ann Farris"

"MOUSE CALLS", "db", "azbke", "98", "596", "2", "bk", "7", "", "01/20/1998",  
"06/05/1998", "", "05/18/1998", "Discharged 05/18/1998", "2:98-bk-00596",  
"https://ecf.azb.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/iquerymenu.pl?278882", "GEORGE WILLIAM  
WHITE"

Each field is wrapped in double quotes, and delimited by a comma. Each line is terminated by a single EOL. Here is the list of fields in each line:

Field
Party name
Party role
Court ID
Case year
Case number
Case Office
Case Type
Case Chapter
Nature of suit
Date filed
Date terminated
Date dismissed
Date discharged
Disposition and date
Case number (full)
Case link (URL)
Case Title

## Download Formats (MDL)

### ***XML***

The XML file contains the XML version, followed by a <data> tag, which encompasses the rest of the data (ending with </data>). Each record is wrapped in <party></party> and each field is wrapped in its identifying tags (e.g., <court\_id></court\_id>).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<data>
<party>
  <mdl_id>F-----</mdl_id>
  <case_id>caseid</case_id>
  <court_id>madce</court_id>
  <office>1</office>
  <year>1981</year>
  <number>2189</number>
  <caption>Smith, Etc. </caption>
  <date_init>01/17/1991</date_init>
  <disposition>Transfer</disposition>
  <date_disp>07/29/1991</date_disp>
  <terminate>Closed</terminate>
  <date_term>10/16/1997</date_term>
  <name>SMITH, ETC.</name>
  <case_no>1:1981-cv-02189</case_no>
  <case_link>https://pcl.uscourts.gov/cgi-
bin/ecf_redirect.pl?court=madce&case_num=1:1981-cv-02189</case_link>
  <case_title>Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp.</case_title>
</party>
<party>
...(more data)...
</party>
</data>
```



## **TEXT**

### **Sample text:**

F00875 COMK0HP856 madce 1 1981 1452 Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp.  
01/17/1991 Transfer 07/29/1991  
Closed 10/16/1997 SMITH, RALPH T. 1:1981-cv-01452 [https://pcl.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/ecf\\_redirect.pl?court=madce&case\\_num=1:1981-cv-01452](https://pcl.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/ecf_redirect.pl?court=madce&case_num=1:1981-cv-01452) Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp.

F00875 COMK0HP85M madce 1 1981 2189 Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp.  
01/17/1991 Transfer 07/29/1991  
Closed 10/16/1997 SMITH, NORMAN R. 1:1981-cv-02189  
[https://pcl.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/ecf\\_redirect.pl?court=madce&case\\_num=1:1981-cv-02189](https://pcl.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/ecf_redirect.pl?court=madce&case_num=1:1981-cv-02189) Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp.

### **Specification:**

Field	Starting Column	Width
MDL ID	1	10
Case ID	12	10
Court ID	23	8
Case Office	32	2
Case year	37	4
Number	43	5
Case Title (caption)	50	100
Date filed	151	10
Disposition	162	22
Disposition Date	185	10
Terminated Status	196	22
Date terminated	219	10
Party name	230	80
Case Number	311	80
Case link (URL)	392	100
Case Title	493	120

Sample PHP code to read one line and parse it:

```
<?php

$fp = fopen('pa0061_uspci.txt', 'r');

$line = fgets($fp,610);

$mdl_id = substr($line,1,10);
$case_id = substr($line,12,10);
$court_id = substr($line,23,8);
$case_office = substr($line,32,2);
$case_year = substr($line,37,4);
$number = substr($line,43,5);
$caption = substr($line,50,100);
$date_filed = substr($line,151,10);
$disposition = substr($line,162,22);
$date_disp = substr($line,185,10);
$term_status = substr($line,196,22);
$date_term = substr($line,219,10);
$party_name = substr($line,230,80);
$case_number = substr($line,311,80);
$case_link = substr($line,392,100);
$case_title = substr($line,493,120);

fclose($fp);

exit();

?>
```

## CSV

"F00875", "COMK0HP856", "madce", "1", "1981", "1452", "Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp.", "01/17/1991", "Transfer", "07/29/1991", "Closed", "10/16/1997", "SMITH, RALPH T.", "1:1981-cv-01452", "https://pcl.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/ecf\_redirect.pl?court=madce&case\_num=1:1981-cv-01452", "Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp."

"F00875", "COMK0HP85M", "madce", "1", "1981", "2189", "Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp.", "01/17/1991", "Transfer", "07/29/1991", "Closed", "10/16/1997", "SMITH, NORMAN R.", "1:1981-cv-02189", "https://pcl.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/ecf\_redirect.pl?court=madce&case\_num=1:1981-cv-02189", "Smith, Et. Al. v. Johns-Manville Corp."

Each field is wrapped in double quotes, and delimited by a comma. Each line is terminated by a single EOL. Here is the list of fields in each line:

Field
MDL ID
Case ID
Court ID
Case Office
Case year
Number
Case Title (caption)
Date filed
Disposition
Disposition Date
Terminated Status
Date terminated
Party name
Case Number
Case link (URL)
Case Title

## **Additional Field Details**

### ***Case Number***

Each case number follows one of these two patterns:

- yy-nnnnn
- yyyy-nnnnn

The first numbers indicate the year.

In the first pattern, 06 represents 2006.

In the second pattern, 2006 is obviously 2006.

The next five numbers are the actual case numbers.

### ***Multi-District Litigation Case***

The Multi-District Litigation Case number begins with F and is followed by 5 digits. For example, F01234 would be a valid case number. You can enter a full case number (such as F01234) or just enter the number with or without leading zeros. For example, it doesn't matter whether you enter F01234, 01234 or 1234. In each case, it will find F01234. If you choose to include the F, the search is not case sensitive. F01234 and f01234 will match the same.

### ***Case Title***

Case Title search is not case sensitive, so it doesn't matter if you enter any combination of lower or upper case letters.

If you enter a single word or portion of a word, the system will find all matches starting from that word. For example, if you search for "US", you will find "US", "USA", "USA vs. Mickey Mouse", etc. The more you can be specific, the fewer matches you should find.

### ***Party Name***

Party Name search is not case sensitive, so it doesn't matter if you enter any combination of lower or upper case letters.

You need to enter at least three characters for a search. Fewer than three will produce an error message.

If you enter a single name or portion of the name, the system will assume you are entering a last name and will match it accordingly. For example, if you search for “Smit”, you will find all people with the last names “Smit”, “Smith”, “Smitty”, etc.

If you only know a first name, you can use a wild card for the last name and follow it by a comma and then the first name. For example, “\*, Jon” (minus the quotes) will match anyone with any last name and a first name of Jon (or Jonathan, or any name starting with ‘Jon’).

## ***Region***

Leave this field blank or simply do not pass the field at all in order to include all regions.

Appendix A includes lists of possible values for this field. Pass the string as you see it in the appropriate list. There are separate lists for All Courts, Appellate, and Bankruptcy, and a single list for Civil, Criminal and Multi-District Litigation.

## ***Date Filed and other Date Fields***

If you pass only a start date value, you will get matches all the way up to the present.

If you pass only an end date value, you will get all matches up to that date.

A date range (enter both start and end) is preferable, as long as the range isn’t too big. Keep ranges narrow to get a manageable number of results.

You can format the date in a variety of ways. You can specify months and days as one or two numbers (01, 1, 10, etc.). You can specify the year as two or four numbers (09, 2009). All dates are month, day, and year. Separate them with dashes or slashes (01-01-2010, 01/01/2010).

## ***Last Four Digits of SSN***

If you know the last four digits of the social security number of the party, you can pass that value to find the cases for that party. If you pass a four digit SSN value, you need to supply a Party Name, too, in order to execute a valid search.

## ***SSN or TID***

If you know the social security number or federal tax ID for the party, you can pass that value to find the cases for that party. You can format the data as 9 numbers or separate them with dashes as appropriate.

### ***Nature of Suit***

Leave this field blank or simply do not pass the field at all in order to include all nature of suit values.

Select a 4-digit number value from the Appellate Nature of Suit list in Appendix B, or select a 3-digit number value from the Civil Nature of Suit list in Appendix B, depending upon the court type for your search.

### **Handling Multiple Selections**

The API understands various methods of passing multiple selections. You can send a comma-delimited list of values, or many values separately such as nos=123&nos=234, etc.

# Appendix A: Region Lists

## ***ALL COURTS REGIONS***

00,All Courts,  
01,First Circuit,  
02,Second Circuit,  
03,Third Circuit,  
04,Fourth Circuit,  
05,Fifth Circuit,  
06,Sixth Circuit,  
07,Seventh Circuit,  
08,Eighth Circuit,  
09,Ninth Circuit,  
10,Tenth Circuit,  
11,Eleventh Circuit,  
AL,Alabama,11  
AK,Alaska,09  
AZ,Arizona,09  
AR,Arkansas,08  
CA,California,09  
CO,Colorado,10  
CT,Connecticut,02  
DC,District of Columbia,DC  
DE,Delaware,03  
FL,Florida,11  
GA,Georgia,11  
GU,Guam,09  
HI,Hawaii,09  
ID,Idaho,09  
IL,Illinois,07  
IN,Indiana,07  
IA,Iowa,08  
KS,Kansas,10  
KY,Kentucky,06  
LA,Louisiana,05  
ME,Maine,01  
MD,Maryland,04  
MA,Massachusetts,01  
MI,Michigan,06  
MN,Minnesota,08  
MS,Mississippi,05  
MO,Missouri,08  
MT,Montana,09  
NE,Nebraska,08  
NV,Nevada,09  
NH,New Hampshire,01  
NJ,New Jersey,03  
NM,New Mexico,10  
NY,New York,02  
NC,North Carolina,04  
ND,North Dakota,08  
NMI,Northern Mariana Islands,03

OH,Ohio,06  
OK,Oklahoma,10  
OR,Oregon,09  
PA,Pennsylvania,03  
PR,Puerto Rico,01  
RI,Rhode Island,01  
SC,South Carolina,04  
SD,South Dakota,08  
TN,Tennessee,06  
TX,Texas,05  
UT,Utah,10  
VT,Vermont,02  
VI,Virgin Islands,03  
VA,Virginia,04  
WA,Washington,09  
WV,West Virginia,04  
WI,Wisconsin,07  
WY,Wyoming,10



## ***APPELLATE REGIONS***

00,All Circuit,  
01,First Circuit,  
02,Second Circuit,  
03,Third Circuit,  
04,Fourth Circuit,  
06,Sixth Circuit,  
07,Seventh Circuit,  
08,Eighth Circuit,  
09,Ninth Circuit,  
10,Tenth Circuit,  
11,Eleventh Circuit,  
DC,DC Circuit,

## **BANKRUPTCY REGIONS**

00,All Courts,  
01,First Circuit,  
02,Second Circuit,  
03,Third Circuit,  
04,Fourth Circuit,  
05,Fifth Circuit,  
06,Sixth Circuit,  
07,Seventh Circuit,  
08,Eighth Circuit,  
09,Ninth Circuit,  
10,Tenth Circuit,  
11,Eleventh Circuit,  
AL,Alabama,11  
alm, -- Alabama Middle  
aln, -- Alabama Northern  
als, -- Alabama Southern  
AK,Alaska,09  
AZ,Arizona,09  
AR,Arkansas,08  
are, -- Arkansas Eastern  
arw, -- Arkansas Western  
CA,California,09  
cac, -- California Central  
cae, -- California Eastern  
can, -- California Northern  
cas, -- California Southern  
CO,Colorado,10  
CT,Connecticut,02  
DC,District of Columbia,DC  
DE,Delaware,03  
FL,Florida,11  
flm, -- Florida Middle  
fln, -- Florida Northern  
fls, -- Florida Southern  
GA,Georgia,11  
gam, -- Georgia Middle  
gan, -- Georgia Northern  
gas, -- Georgia Southern  
GU,Guam,09  
HI,Hawaii,09  
ID,Idaho,09  
IL,Illinois,07  
ilc, -- Illinois Central  
iln, -- Illinois Northern  
ils, -- Illinois Southern  
IN,Indiana,07  
inn, -- Indiana Northern  
ins, -- Indiana Southern  
IA,Iowa,08  
ian, -- Iowa Northern  
ias, -- Iowa Southern  
KS,Kansas,10  
KY,Kentucky,06

kye, -- Kentucky Eastern  
kyw, -- Kentucky Western  
LA,Louisiana,05  
lae, -- Louisiana Eastern  
lam, -- Louisiana Middle  
law, -- Louisiana Western  
ME,Maine,01  
MD,Maryland,04  
MA,Massachusetts,01  
MI,Michigan,06  
mie, -- Michigan Eastern  
miw, -- Michigan Western  
MN,Minnesota,08  
MS,Mississippi,05  
msn, -- Mississippi Northern  
mss, -- Mississippi Southern  
MO,Missouri,08  
moe, -- Missouri Eastern  
mow, -- Missouri Western  
MT,Montana,09  
NE,Nebraska,08  
NV,Nevada,09  
NH,New Hampshire,01  
NJ,New Jersey,03  
NM,New Mexico,10  
NY,New York,02  
nye, -- New York Eastern  
nyn, -- New York Northern  
nys, -- New York Southern  
nyw, -- New York Western  
NC,North Carolina,04  
nce, -- North Carolina Eastern  
ncm, -- North Carolina Middle  
ncw, -- North Carolina Western  
ND,North Dakota,08  
OH,Ohio,06  
ohn, -- Ohio Northern  
ohs, -- Ohio Southern  
OK,Oklahoma,10  
oke, -- Oklahoma Eastern  
okn, -- Oklahoma Northern  
okw, -- Oklahoma Western  
OR,Oregon,09  
PA,Pennsylvania,03  
pae, -- Pennsylvania Eastern  
pam, -- Pennsylvania Middle  
paw, -- Pennsylvania Western  
PR,Puerto Rico,01  
RI,Rhode Island,01  
SC,South Carolina,04  
SD,South Dakota,08  
TN,Tennessee,06  
tne, -- Tennessee Eastern  
tnm, -- Tennessee Middle  
tnw, -- Tennessee Western  
TX,Texas,05  
txe, -- Texas Eastern

txn, -- Texas Northern  
txs, -- Texas Southern  
txw, -- Texas Western  
UT,Utah,10  
VT,Vermont,02  
VI,Virgin Islands,03  
VA,Virginia,04  
vae, -- Virginia Eastern  
vaw, -- Virginia Western  
WA,Washington,09  
wae, -- Washington Eastern  
waw, -- Washington Western  
WV,West Virginia,04  
wvn, -- West Virginia Northern  
wvs, -- West Virginia Southern  
WI,Wisconsin,07  
wie, -- Wisconsin Eastern  
wiw, -- Wisconsin Western  
WY,Wyoming,10

## **CIVIL, CRIMINAL, MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION REGIONS**

00,All Courts,  
01,First Circuit,  
02,Second Circuit,  
03,Third Circuit,  
04,Fourth Circuit,  
05,Fifth Circuit,  
06,Sixth Circuit,  
07,Seventh Circuit,  
08,Eighth Circuit,  
09,Ninth Circuit,  
10,Tenth Circuit,  
11,Eleventh Circuit,  
AL,Alabama,11  
alm, -- Alabama Middle  
aln, -- Alabama Northern  
als, -- Alabama Southern  
AK,Alaska,09  
AZ,Arizona,09  
AR,Arkansas,08  
are, -- Arkansas Eastern  
arw, -- Arkansas Western  
CA,California,09  
cac, -- California Central  
cae, -- California Eastern  
can, -- California Northern  
cas, -- California Southern  
CO,Colorado,10  
CT,Connecticut,02  
DC,District of Columbia,DC  
DE,Delaware,03  
FL,Florida,11  
flm, -- Florida Middle  
fln, -- Florida Northern  
fls, -- Florida Southern  
GA,Georgia,11  
gam, -- Georgia Middle  
gan, -- Georgia Northern  
gas, -- Georgia Southern  
GU,Guam,09  
HI,Hawaii,09  
ID,Idaho,09  
IL,Illinois,07  
ilc, -- Illinois Central  
iln, -- Illinois Northern  
ils, -- Illinois Southern  
IN,Indiana,07  
inn, -- Indiana Northern  
ins, -- Indiana Southern  
IA,Iowa,08  
ian, -- Iowa Northern  
ias, -- Iowa Southern  
KS,Kansas,10  
KY,Kentucky,06

kye, -- Kentucky Eastern  
kyw, -- Kentucky Western  
LA,Louisiana,05  
lae, -- Louisiana Eastern  
lam, -- Louisiana Middle  
law, -- Louisiana Western  
ME,Maine,01  
MD,Maryland,04  
MA,Massachusetts,01  
MI,Michigan,06  
mie, -- Michigan Eastern  
miw, -- Michigan Western  
MN,Minnesota,08  
MS,Mississippi,05  
msn, -- Mississippi Northern  
mss, -- Mississippi Southern  
MO,Missouri,08  
moe, -- Missouri Eastern  
mow, -- Missouri Western  
MT,Montana,09  
NE,Nebraska,08  
NV,Nevada,09  
NH,New Hampshire,01  
NJ,New Jersey,03  
NM,New Mexico,10  
NY,New York,02  
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nyn, -- New York Northern  
nys, -- New York Southern  
nyw, -- New York Western  
NC,North Carolina,04  
nce, -- North Carolina Eastern  
ncm, -- North Carolina Middle  
ncw, -- North Carolina Western  
ND,North Dakota,08  
NMI,Northern Mariana Islands,03  
OH,Ohio,06  
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OK,Oklahoma,10  
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pam, -- Pennsylvania Middle  
paw, -- Pennsylvania Western  
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RI,Rhode Island,01  
SC,South Carolina,04  
SD,South Dakota,08  
TN,Tennessee,06  
tne, -- Tennessee Eastern  
tnm, -- Tennessee Middle  
tnw, -- Tennessee Western  
TX,Texas,05

txe, -- Texas Eastern  
txn, -- Texas Northern  
txs, -- Texas Southern  
txw, -- Texas Western  
UT,Utah,10  
COF,US Federal Claims Court  
VT,Vermont,02  
VI,Virgin Islands,03  
VA,Virginia,04  
vae, -- Virginia Eastern  
vaw, -- Virginia Western  
WA,Washington,09  
wae, -- Washington Eastern  
waw, -- Washington Western  
WV,West Virginia,04  
wvn, -- West Virginia Northern  
wvs, -- West Virginia Southern  
WI,Wisconsin,07  
wie, -- Wisconsin Eastern  
wiw, -- Wisconsin Western  
WY,Wyoming,10

## **Appendix B: Nature Of Suit Codes**

- 1 USA is a plaintiff
- 2 USA is a defendant
- 3 Private law suit
- 4 Diversity
- 5 Local or state issue

### **CONTRACT**

- 110 Insurance
- 120 Marine
- 130 Miller Act
- 140 Negotiable Instrument
- 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment
- 151 Medicare Act
- 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)
- 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits
- 160 Stockholders' Suits
- 190 Other Contract
- 195 Contract Product Liability
- 196 Franchise

### **REAL PROPERTY**

- 210 Land Condemnation
- 220 Foreclosure
- 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment
- 240 Torts to Land
- 245 Tort Product Liability
- 290 All Other Real Property

### **TORTS**

#### **Personal Injury**

- 310 Airplane
- 315 Airplane Product Liability
- 320 Assault, Libel, & Slander
- 330 Federal Employers' Liability
- 340 Marine
- 345 Marine Product Liability
- 350 Motor Vehicle
- 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability
- 360 Other Personal Injury
- 362 Personal Injury- Medical Malpractice
- 365 Personal Injury- Product Liability
- 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability

#### **Personal Property**



370 Other Fraud  
371 Truth in Lending  
380 Other Personal Property Damage  
385 Property Damage Product Liability

### **BANKRUPTCY**

422 Appeal 28 USC 158  
423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157

### **CIVIL RIGHTS**

440 Other Civil Rights  
441 Voting  
442 Employment  
443 Housing/Accommodations  
444 Welfare  
445 Amer w/Disabilities-Employment  
446 Amer w/Disabilities - Other

### **IMMIGRATION**

462 Naturalization Application  
463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee  
465 Other Immigration Actions

### **PRISONER PETITIONS**

510 Motions to Vacate Sentence

#### **Habeas Corpus**

530 General  
535 Death Penalty  
540 Mandamus & Other  
550 Civil Rights  
555 Prison Condition

### **FORFEITURE/PENALTY**

610 Agriculture  
620 Other Food & Drug  
625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881  
630 Liquor Laws  
640 RR & Truck  
650 Airline Regulations  
660 Occupational Safety/Health  
690 Other

### **LABOR**

710 Fair Labor Standards Act  
720 Labor/Management Relations  
730 Labor/Management Reporting & Disclosure Act

740 Railway Labor Act  
790 Other Labor Litigation  
791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act

**PROPERTY RIGHTS**

820 Copyrights  
830 Patent  
840 Trademark

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

861 HIA (1395ff)  
862 Black Lung (923)  
863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))  
864 SSID Title XVI  
865 RSI (405(g))

**FEDERAL TAX SUITS**

870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)  
871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609

**OTHER STATUTES**

400 State Reapportionment  
410 Antitrust  
430 Banks and Banking  
450 Commerce  
460 Deportation  
470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations  
480 Consumer Credit  
490 Cable/Sat TV  
810 Selective Service  
850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange  
875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410  
890 Other Statutory Actions  
891 Agricultural Acts  
892 Economic Stabilization Act  
893 Environmental Matters  
894 Energy Allocation Act  
895 Freedom of Information Act  
900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice  
950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

***Appellate***

1110 Insurance  
1120 Marine Contract Actions

1130 Miller Act  
1140 Negotiable Instruments

1150 Overpayments & Enforc. of Judgments

1151 Overpayments Under Medicare Act  
1152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans  
1153 Recovery of Ovrpmnts of Vet Benefit  
1190 Other Contract Actions

1195 Contract Product Liability  
1196 Franchise

1210 Land Condemnation  
1220 Foreclosure  
1230 Rent, Lease, Ejectment  
1240 Torts To Land

1245 Tort Product Liability  
1290 Other Real Property Actions

1340 Marine Personal Injury  
1350 Motor Vehicle  
1360 Other Personal Injury  
1370 Other Fraud

1371 Truth in Lending  
1380 Other Personal Property Damage

1385 Property Damage - Product Liability  
1410 Antitrust  
1422 Bankruptcy Appeals Rule 28 USC 158  
1423 Bankruptcy Withdraw 28 USC 157

1430 Banks and Banking  
1440 Other Civil Rights

1441 Civil Rights Voting  
1442 Civil Rights Jobs  
1443 Civil Rights Accommodations  
1444 Civil Rights Welfare

1445 American w/Disab.Act-Empl  
1446 Americans w/Disab Act - Other

1450 Interstate Commerce  
1470 Civil (RICO)  
1480 Consumer Credit  
1490 Cable Satellite/TV

1610 Agricultural Acts  
1620 Food and Drugs Acts

1625 Drug Related Seizure of Property  
1630 Liquor Laws  
1640 Railroad and Trucks  
1650 Airline Regulations

1660 Occupational Safety/Health  
1690 Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits

1710 Fair Labor Standards Act  
1720 Labor/Management Relations Act  
1730 Report & Disclosure

1740 Railway Labor Act  
1790 Other Labor Litigation  
1791 Employee Retirement

1830 Patent  
1840 Trademark  
1850 Securities, Commodities, Exchange

1862 Black Lung  
1863 D.I.W.C./D.I.W.W.  
1870 Tax Suits

1871 IRS 3rd Party Suits 26 USC 7609  
1890 Other Statutory Actions  
1891 Agricultural Acts

1892 Economic Stabilization Act  
1893 Environmental Matters  
1950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

1990 Other  
1999 Miscellaneous  
2110 Insurance

2120 Marine Contract Actions  
2130 Miller Act  
2140 Negotiable Instruments

2150 Overpmnts & Enforcement of Judgments  
2151 Overpayments Under Medicare Act

2152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans  
2153 Recovery Overpayment Vet Benefits  
2190 Other Contract Actions  
2195 Contract Product Liability

2196 Franchise  
2210 Land Condemnation

2220 Foreclosure  
2230 Rent, Lease, Ejectment  
2240 Torts to Land  
2245 Tort Product Liability

2290 Other Real Property Actions  
2310 Airplane Personal Injury

2315 Airplane Product Liability  
2320 Assault, Libel, and Slander

2330 Federal Employers' Liability  
2340 Marine Personal Injury

2345 Marine - Product Liability  
2350 Motor Vehicle

2355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability  
2360 Other Personal Injury  
2362 Medical Malpractice  
2365 Personal Injury - Product Liability

2368 Asbestos Personal Injury-Prod.Liab.  
2370 Other Fraud

2371 Truth in Lending  
2380 Other Personal Property Damage  
2385 Property Damage-Product Liability  
2410 Antitrust

2422 Bankruptcy Appeals Rule 28 USC 158  
2423 Bankruptcy Withdrawal 28 USC 157

2430 Banks and Banking  
2440 Other Civil Rights  
2441 Civil Rights Voting  
2442 Civil Rights Jobs

2443 Civil Rights Accommodations  
2444 Civil Rights Welfare

2445 Americans w/Disab.Act-Empl  
2446 Americans w/Disab Act - Other  
2450 Interstate Commerce  
2460 Deportation

2462 Naturalization Application  
2463 Habeas Corpus- Alien Detainee

2465 Other Immigration Actions  
2480 Consumer Credit  
2490 Cable Satellite/TV  
2510 Prisoner Petitions -Vacate Sentence

2530 Habeas Corpus  
2535 Habeas Corpus: Death Penalty

2540 Prisoner Petitions - Mandamus & Oth  
2550 Prisoner - Civil Rights  
2555 Prison Condition  
2610 Agricultural Acts

2620 Food and Drug Acts

2625 Drug Related Seizure of Property  
2630 Liquor Laws  
2640 Railroad and Trucks  
2650 Airline Regulations

2660 Occupational Safety/Health

2690 Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits

2710 Fair Labor Standards Act  
2720 Labor Management Relations Act  
2730 Labor/Management Rept & Disclosure  
2740 Railway Labor Act  
2790 Other Labor Litigation

2791 Employee Retirement

2830 Patent  
2850 Securities, Commodities, Exch.  
2860 Social Security  
2861 Medicare

2862 Black Lung  
2863 D.I.W.C./D.I.W.W.

2870 Tax Suits  
2871 IRS 3rd Party Suits 26 USC 7609

2875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410  
2890 Other Statutory Actions  
2891 Agricultural Acts  
2892 Economic Stabilization Act  
2893 Environmental Matters  
2894 Energy Allocation Act

2895 Freedom of Information Act of 1974  
2900 Appeal of Fee -Equal Access Justice

2990 Other  
2999 Miscellaneous  
3110 Insurance

3120 Marine Contract Actions  
3130 Miller Act  
3140 Negotiable Instruments  
3150 Recovery of Overpayment of Benefits  
3151 Overpayments Under Medicare Act  
3160 Stockholders' Suits

3190 Other Contract Actions  
3196 Franchise  
3210 Land Condemnation  
3220 Foreclosure

3240 Torts to Land

3245 Tort Product Liability  
3290 Other Real Property Actions  
3310 Airplane Personal Injury  
3315 Airplane Product Liability  
3320 Assault, Libel, and Slander

3330 Federal Employers' Liability  
3340 Marine Personal Injury  
3345 Marine - Product Liability  
3350 Motor Vehicle Personal Injury  
3355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability  
3360 Other Personal Injury  
3365 Personal Injury - Product Liability  
  
3368 Asbestos Pers. Injury - Prod.Liab.  
3370 Other Fraud  
3371 Truth In Lending  
3380 Other Personal Property Damage  
3385 Property Damage - Product Liability  
3400 State Re-Appportionment  
  
3410 Antitrust  
3422 Bankruptcy Appeals Rule 28 USC 158  
3423 Bankruptcy Withdrawal 28 USC 157  
3430 Banks and Banking  
3440 Other Civil Rights  
3441 Civil Rights Voting  
  
3442 Civil Rights Jobs  
3443 Civil Rights Accommodations  
3444 Civil Rights Welfare  
3445 Americans w/Disab.Act-Empl  
3446 Americans w/Disab. Act - Other  
3450 Interstate Commerce  
  
3460 Deportation  
3470 Civil (RICO)  
3480 Consumer Credit  
3490 Cable Satellite/TV  
3530 Habeas Corpus  
3535 Habeas Corpus: Death Penalty  
  
3540 Prisoner Petitions-Mandamus & Oth  
3550 Prisoner - Civil Rights  
3555 Prison Condition  
3710 Fair Labor Standards Act  
3720 Labor/Management Relations Act  
  
3730 Report & Disclosure  
  
3740 Railway Labor Act  
3790 Other Labor Litigation  
3791 Employee Retirement  
3810 Selective Service  
  
3820 Copyright  
3830 Patent  
  
3840 Trademark  
3850 Securities, Commodities, Exch.  
3890 Other Statutory Actions  
3891 Agricultural Acts

3892 Economic Stabilization Act  
3893 Environmental Matters

3894 Energy Allocation Act  
3895 Freedom of Information Act of 1974  
3950 Constitutionality of State Statutes  
3990 Other

3999 Miscellaneous  
4110 Insurance

4120 Marine Contract Actions  
4140 Negotiable Instruments  
4150 Overpayments & Enforc. of Judgments

4160 Stockholders Suits  
4190 Other Contract Actions  
4195 Contract Product Liability

4196 Franchise  
4210 Land Condemnation  
4220 Foreclosure

4230 Rent, Lease, Ejectment  
4240 Torts to Land  
4245 Tort Product Liability

4290 Other Real Property Actions  
4310 Airplane Personal Injury  
4315 Airplane Product Liability

4320 Assault, Libel, and Slander  
4340 Marine Personal Injury  
4345 Marine - Product Liability

4350 Motor Vehicle Personal Injury  
4355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability  
4360 Other Personal Injury

4362 Medical Malpractice  
4365 Personal Injury - Product Liability  
4368 Asbestos Pers.Injury-Prod.Liab.

4370 Other Fraud  
4371 Truth in Lending  
4380 Other Personal Property Damage

4385 Property Damage - Product Liability  
4440 Other Civil Rights  
4441 Civil Rights Voting

4442 Civil Rights Jobs  
4443 Civil Rights Accommodations  
4444 Civil Rights Welfare

4445 Americans w/Disab.Act-Empl



4446 Americans w/Disab. Act - Other  
4470 Civil (RICO)

4480 Consumer Credit  
4490 Cable Satellite/TV  
4555 Prisoner- Prison Condition

4990 Other  
4999 Miscellaneous  
5535 Habeas Corpus: Death Penalty

5990 Other  
5992 Local Jurisdictional Appeal  
4950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

1894 Energy Allocation Act