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The information available on Iowa Courts Online Search is not considered an official court record. If you find errors during an Iowa Courts Online search, inform the clerk of court of the corresponding district court.

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If you cannot find your citation or ticket

- Your citation may not yet be added to Iowa Courts Online—it can take up to 14 days.
- Your parking ticket could be from a city, not a county. Only tickets filed with the county clerk of court are available on Iowa Courts Online.
- Your name could be spelled incorrectly on the court record. Try typing only the first few letters of your first and last names.
- If you have changed your name, your citation may have matched to your previous last name, based on your birth date and driver's license/social security number. Try searching under a previous name.
- You could be entering the case number wrong.
 - It should have 17 characters.
 - The number 0 and the letter O are not interchangeable.

If you cannot find your citation or ticket, contact the Clerk of Court in the county where the violation occurred. [Court Directory](#)

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Search Tips

- Remove extra spaces.

- Use capital letters for any letters in the case ID.
- The number 0 and the letter O are not interchangeable.
- Appellate case numbers do not have letters.
- Do not use first names in the short case title: Use last names only such as Doe v. Smith or State v. Jones.
- If you can't find a name, use fewer characters in case it was spelled wrong. For example, instead of typing *Dianna*, type *Di*.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does "no records found matching your search criteria" mean?

- Your citation may not yet be added to Iowa Courts Online—it can take up to 14 days.
- Your parking ticket could be from a city, not a county. Only tickets filed with the county clerk of court are available on Iowa Courts Online.
- Your name could be spelled incorrectly on the court record. Try typing only the first few letters of your first and last names.
- If a law enforcement officer scanned your out-of-state driver's license/ID, your first and last name could have been switched accidentally. Try typing your first name in the last name field and vice versa.
- You could be entering the case number wrong.
 - It should have 17 characters.
 - Use the number 0 and the letter O correctly; they are easily confused.
- It could be a confidential case. Juvenile and other confidential cases are not available online.
- You might have entered extra spaces.
- The case is old and has not been added to the case management system.

Why doesn't the document I delivered to the clerk's office today appear in the case information?

The clerk's office generally enters documents into the case management system within a few days after receiving them. The delay in entering the document does not affect its timeliness.

What cases and case data is available?

- Only public information is available. Public docket information available at no charge includes basic case information such as case titles and filings, names of parties and lawyers, criminal charges, case disposition entries, child support payments, fine and fees owed, and fine and fee payments.
- Appellate case electronic **documents** can be viewed at a public access terminal at the courthouse, in the county where the appeal was filed.
- Trial case electronic **documents** may be viewed for that county at the public access terminal at the courthouse.
- Juvenile and other confidential case information is not available.
- All public trial cases after 1998 are available. Some earlier cases may be available electronically. Information on cases filed before 1998 can be obtained through the clerk of court in the county where it was filed.

- All Iowa appellate court cases filed after June 1998 are available, except juvenile and other confidential cases. Information on cases filed before June 1998 can be obtained through the appellate court clerk's office.
- Case schedules, judgment index, lien index, exhibit lists, bonds, and service return information is available with a paid subscription.

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How often is case data updated?

Cases added to the case management system take one business day to appear in the search results on Iowa Courts Online. After a case is in Iowa Courts Online, case data is updated in real time.

How do I see the details of a case?

In the Search results click on the blue hyperlink: either Case ID link (Trial) or Docket No. (Appellate).

On the Details page, there are hyperlinks across the top of the screen. Hyperlinks with brackets [] can be used without a paid subscription. Hyperlinks without brackets can be used at a public access terminal at the clerk of court's office, or require a paid subscription.

What if I need legal advice?

Iowa law and ethical rules prohibit judges and court staff from giving legal advice. If you need legal help, look in the yellow pages of the phone book under "attorney" or "attorney's referral". You can find more information on the [Iowa Find-A-Lawyer](#) referral service online or toll free 1 (800) 532-1108.

Who are registered users?

A registered user pays for an Online Search subscription. The Online Search subscription grants access to the Schedule Search and Trial Court Advanced Case Search. Registered users are sometimes called subscribers. You do not need to be a registered user to make payments.

What if I see information that is confidential?

You are not permitted to use or disseminate any information that is confidential by law, court rule, or court order. You only have permission to view case information that is available to the public. Your User Agreement requires you to immediately report the data breach by either raising a ticket at <https://jbconnect.iowacourts.gov/support/home> or contacting the clerk of court if you see any confidential information.

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Searching Trial Court Records

In the search results, click on the Case ID link to display details. Hyperlinks without brackets can only be used at a public access terminal at the Clerk of Court's office, or with a paid subscription.

Case Search (Trial Court [Statewide])**Name Search**

For definitions of terms see [Glossary of Trial Court Fields](#)

- You must specify at least two letters of the Last/Firm name.
- Be sure to spell the name as it is spelled in the case. All other fields are optional.
- To search by two names:
 - If both are in the case, select AND.
 - If one or the other, but not both, are in the case, select OR.
- If you search by first name initial, do not enter a period after the initial.
- Be sure to spell the name correctly.
- You can use the % wildcard symbol to find every name that contains a string of characters. For example, %dan would return the name McDaniel.
- AND/OR:
 - Use AND for two names that must BOTH be in the results.
 - Use OR for two names when EITHER can be in the results.

Date of Birth Search

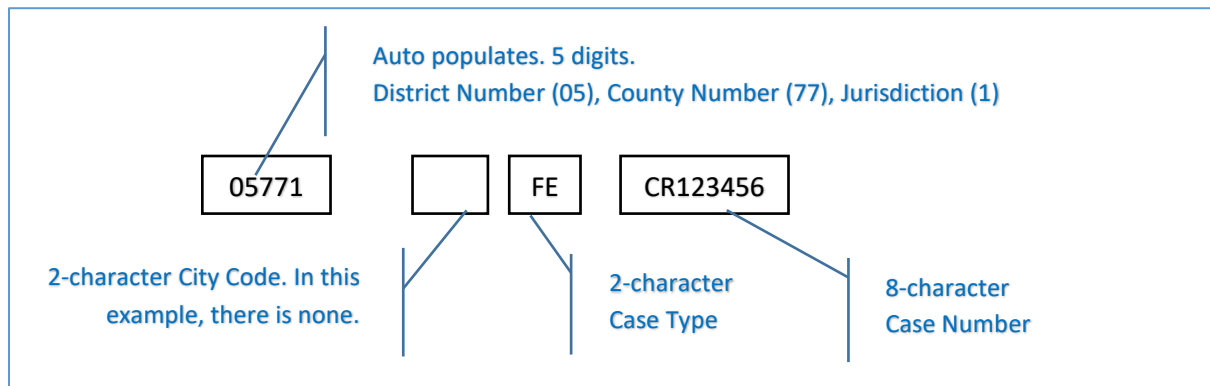
- The exact date of birth is required.
- The last name is required and cannot be wildcarded.
- The first name is required and cannot be wildcarded.
- The middle name is not required, but can be wildcarded. It will match entries where the database has a null middle name.

Case ID Search

- You must specify a county and a case type.
- The Case ID is optional. If you know the case ID, enter it.

The case ID consists of 17 characters. You must use capital letters for any letters in the case ID. For a list of abbreviations for case types, see [Common Case ID Abbreviations](#)

Case ID Example



Citation Number Search

Enter the citation number.

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Searching Appellate Court Records

In the search results, click on the Case ID link (Trial) or Docket No. link (Appellate) to display details.

Hyperlinks without brackets can only be used at a public access terminal at the Clerk of Court's office, or with a paid subscription.

Simple Case Search (Appellate Court)

Field	Specify
Appellate Docket Number	6-digit format 12-3456. If there is a zero (0), be sure to type the number 0 rather than the letter O.
Short Case Title	The case caption, such as Doe v. Smith or State v. Jones. Do not use first names. You must use "v." between the names of the two parties.
Last Name/Firm	Specify at least two letters of the last name. Specify as much as possible. Be sure to spell the name correctly.
First Name	Do not put a period after a first name initial.
Role	Optional. The role of the party in the case on appeal. If not known select ALL.
AND/OR	Optional. Use AND for two names that must BOTH be in the results. Use OR to specify two names when only one of them can be in the results.

Advanced Case Search

Advanced search is in real-time: Both the search results and case data are current.

Field	Specify
Issues	A brief description of the legal questions or fields of law raised by the parties in a particular case on appeal

Case Type	Civil or criminal
Current Status	The status or milestone in the case on appeal.
Event	A specific docket event
Filed Between	The dates between which the docket event was filed

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Registering for an Online Search Subscription

The Online Search subscription grants access to case schedules, judgment index, lien index, exhibit lists, bonds, and service returns. Registered users are sometimes called subscribers.

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Security and Your Credit Card

We do not store your credit card information. When entering your credit card number on the registration form, do not use spaces or dashes. The name on the credit card does not need to match the email address provided on the registration form.

How to Register

To register, click **Register** on the bottom of the Iowa Courts Online Search page.

Complete the form and press **Submit**.

Your user ID and your password must each contain 8 characters or less. Spaces are not allowed. It may contain upper-case characters, lower-case characters, and numbers.

How to Register Multiple Users

A firm, group, or business may register one account and share it between several people. If an account is shared, only one person may log on at a time.

If multiple people will use the system simultaneously, you must purchase multiple subscriptions. You may use one credit card to purchase multiple subscriptions.

Subscription Renewals

You may subscribe for one or more months. Subscriptions do not renew automatically. If you attempt to log on after your subscription has expired, you will be redirected to a "Subscription Renewal" page to reestablish your subscription.

If You Forget Your Password

Raise a ticket at <https://ibconnect.iowacourts.gov/support/home> Monday – Friday 7 am to 5 pm or 1-800-831-1396. You will be asked to verify your identity.

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Trial Court Field Definitions

Trial Court Field	Definition	Trial Court Case Details Page
Agent	Agent who posted bond	Bonds
Case	Case identification number	Bonds, Financials
Case ID	Case number of a specific case	District
Case Type	Type of case	Summary
Charge	State or City charge code	Criminal Charges/Dispositions
Comments	Comments about the event, if they exist	Filings
Costs	Court costs (filing, service, court reporter fees, etc.)	Financial
Count	Count number of the charge	Criminal Charges/Dispositions
County	County in which papers were served	Bonds
Create Date	Date event was created	Filings
Created	Date case was opened	Summary
Date	Date of last payment	Financials
Dates	Dates you selected to view	Financials
Defendant	Defendant in case	Criminal Charges/Dispositions
Description	Explanation of charge code	Criminal Charges/Dispositions
Detail	Detailed description of money charged, money paid, amount still due, amount refunded, etc.	Financials
Disp Date	Date bond was forfeited or released	Bonds
Disposition	Bond was forfeited or released	Bonds
Due	Total amount still due	Financial
Event	Document filed	Filings
Filed	Date document filed	Filings
Filed At	Date and time service return filed	Bonds
Filed by	Who filed document	Filings
Fine	Amount ordered by the judge to pay	Financial
Indexed Judge	Judge indexed to case	Summary
Last Updated	Last date of activity	Filings
Litigant	Party required to post a bond	Bonds
Long Title	If used, the complete title	
Name	Name of person or firm searched	
Named Party	Person to be served	Bonds
Obligation	Type of obligation	Financials
Obligor/Obligee	Person who owes payment/person to whom payment is owed	Financials
Orig	Original total amount set-up	Financial
Orig. Amount	Original set up amount	Financials

Trial Court Field	Definition	Trial Court Case Details Page
Originating County	County in which case was initiated	
Other	Other type of financial obligation	Financial
Paid	Total amount paid	Financial
Payee	Person receiving payment	Financials
Payment Record		Financials
Payor	Person making the payment	Financials
Pd Amount	Amount paid to date on that specific order	Financials
Pd. Amount	Amount of payment	Financials
Posted Amount	Amount posted	Bonds
Posted Date	Date bond was posted	Bonds
Poster	Person who posted bond	Bonds
Receipt	Receipt number	Financials
Reference	Payment reference (often check number)	Financials
Restitution	Money owed to an injured party	Financial
Role	Title of party	
Seq	Order filed	Bonds
Served By	Agency that served the paperwork	Bonds
Served On	Person who was actually served	Bonds
Set Amount	Bail amount set by judge	Bonds
Set Date	Date bail set by judge	Bonds
Status	Status of case	Parties, Filings
Support/Alimony	Court ordered support payments. State disbursement unit (SDU) payments are listed separately.	Financial
Surcharge	Percentage of the fine charged to a criminal case	Financial
Title	Formal title of case	
Trial Court Case ID	Case identification number	Summary
Type	Type of payment (cash for total amount, 10% cash, surety, etc.)	Bonds
Type	Type of payment—check, cash, etc.	Financials

Financial Summary

The Financial summary section displays all obligation descriptions listing total amounts setup, total amounts paid to date, and total amounts due. The state disbursement unit (SDU) payments are listed separately.

Click the **Pay Rec** button for detailed payment information on court ordered support payments, such as child support, alimony, medical, etc. The **Pay Rec** button is available only for support obligations where payments have actually been made.

Multiple obligations will appear if multiple payor/payee combinations are ordered, but only those obligations that have received payments will have a Pay Rec button beside them.

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Trial Court Fields Available Only with Online Search Subscription

Trial Court Field	Trial Court Fields Available Only with Online Search Subscription Definition	Trial Court Case Details Page
Actual Speed	Speed of vehicle at time of incident	Traffic Details
Addition	Town addition where the property is located	Property/Lis Pendens
Address	Address	Traffic Details
Block	Block number in the town addition	Property/Lis Pendens
Charge	State/city charge code	Traffic Details
City	City	Traffic Details
Class	Type of license class	Traffic Details
County	County where the property is located	Property/Lis Pendens
County No	County number	Property/Lis Pendens
Court Date	Court appearance date	Traffic Details
Created	Date judgment was created	Judgments/Liens
Date	Date property information was filed	Property/Lis Pendens
Date Received	Date the exhibit was received in Clerk of Court Office	Exhibits
Description	Description of the item in order to identify the exhibit	Exhibits
Description	Description of the property location	Property/Lis Pendens
Description	Charge description	Traffic Details
Description	Description of the charge code	Traffic Details
DOB	Date of birth	
Due Date	Date ticket is due	Traffic Details
Endorsements	Commercial vehicles only - additional license privileges (such as transporting hazardous materials)	Traffic Details
Ex ID	Exhibit identification number	Exhibits
Filed Date	Date the judgment is filed	Judgments/Liens
Filed Time	Time the judgment is filed	Judgments/Liens
Gender	Sex	Traffic Details
Injury/Injury	Yes/no	Traffic Details
Issue Date	Date ticket issued	Traffic Details
Judgment	Clerk's judgment comments	Judgments/Liens
License State	State licensed issued	Traffic Details
Location	Location where exhibit is stored	Exhibits
Location	Location of incident	Traffic Details
Lot	Lot number in the town addition	Property/Lis Pendens
Miscellaneous	Description	Property/Lis Pendens
Name	Name of person/firm/attorney involved in case	Parties

Trial Court Field	Trial Court Fields Available Only with Online Search Subscription Definition	Trial Court Case Details Page
Name	Defendant's name	Traffic Details
Outlot	Outlot number in an addition	Property/Lis Pendens
Posted Speed	Speed limit posted	Traffic Details
Property Damage	Yes/no	Traffic Details
Quarter	Quarter location from the County Auditor plat map	Property/Lis Pendens
Range	Range number from the County Auditor plat map	Property/Lis Pendens
Registration #	License plate number	Traffic Details
Restrictions	License limitations	Traffic Details
Sat. Date	Date judgment satisfied	Judgments/Liens
Satisfaction	Judgment satisfied, unsatisfied, or discharged	Judgments/Liens
Satisfaction Status	Status of satisfaction	Judgments/Liens
Section	Section number from the County Auditor plat map	Property/Lis Pendens
Seq	Judgment sequence of multiple judgments with the same date/time stamps	Judgments/Liens
Seq	Sequence number identifies the property	Property/Lis Pendens
Side	Side that the submitter of the exhibit represents	Exhibits
Side	Judgment against and for	Judgments/Liens
State	State where ticket was written	Traffic Details
Status	Status of the exhibit (e.g. stored, destroyed, etc.)	Exhibits
Status	Status of judgment filed	Judgments/Liens
Status Date	The date that the status was changed	Judgments/Liens
Submitter Name	Person who submitted the exhibit	Exhibits
Town	Town where the property is located	Property/Lis Pendens
Township	Township number from the County Auditor plat map	Property/Lis Pendens
Updated	Last time this case was updated	Judgments/Liens
Vehicle Desc.	Vehicle description	Traffic Details
Vehicle Type	Type of vehicle	Traffic Details
Year	Car registration year	Traffic Details
Year	Year charge code was changed	Traffic Details
Zip	Zip code	Traffic Details

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Appellate Court Field Definitions

Appellate Court Field	Appellate Court Field Definition	Appellate Court Case Details Page
Appellate Court Judges/Justices	Judges/Justices who wrote the opinion	Summary
Case Type	Type of case	Summary
Cite	Volume in which the court opinion is published (Northwest Reporter). Not all Appellate Court opinions are published	Summary
County (Originating County)	County where initial judgment was issued	Summary
Date of Filing	Date that the document was filed	Docket
Date Served	Date that the document was served	Docket
Due Date		Docket
Event	Description of the document filed	Docket
Filed By	Party filing the document	Docket
Issues	Brief description of the legal questions or fields of law raised by the parties in the case on appeal	Issues
Short Title	Case title	
Long title	Used only if the case title is long	Long Title
Name	Name of person/firm/attorney involved in case	Parties
Party	Parties associated with the case	
Role	Title of party	Parties
Status	Status of the case	Summary
Status	Status of the party in the case	Parties
Trial Court Case ID	District Court case number	Summary
Trial Court Judge	Judge who issued the ruling at the District Court level	Summary
Docket Number	First two digits of the docket indicate the year	Summary

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Case ID Abbreviations***Criminal Cases***

Abbreviation	Definition
AG	Aggravated misdemeanor
AR	Criminal appeal
CO	Associate (court)
CR	Criminal
CY	Associate (court)
FE	Felony
NT	Non-scheduled traffic violation
OW	Operating while intoxicated
SM	Simple misdemeanor
SR	Serious misdemeanor
ST	Scheduled traffic

Civil Cases

Abbreviation	Definition
AC	Civil law
AP	Small claims appeal
CD	Civil Dissolution of marriage
CN	Name change
CV	Civil
DACV	Civil domestic abuse
DM	Dissolution of marriage
DR	Civil domestic relations
EQ	Civil equity
FP	Civil equity
CI	Civil infraction
LA	Civil law
LF	Foreign judgment
PC	Post-conviction relief
SC	Small claims
SP	Civil equity
TJ	Foreign judgement
US	Uniform support

Probate Matters

Abbreviation	Definition
ES	Estate
GC	Guardianship / conservatorship
GR	Guardianship
GV	Conservatorship
TE	Estate
TP	Without present administration
TR	Trust
TS	Small estate

Juvenile Matters

Abbreviation	Definition
JD	Juvenile delinquency
JI	Juvenile court intake
JO	Juvenile other
LJI	Juvenile court services intake

Other Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
DNU	Do not use. Old code no longer in use or replaced by new code section
FPTC	Final pre-trial court hearing
IPTC	Initial pre-trial court hearing
JW	Jury
LN	Liens
N	Liens
NT	License suspension
SP	Seized property
SW	Search warrant
TJ	Transcript of judgment
TR	Trial court date

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