**CASE SEARCH IDENTIFIERS FOR MAINE ECOURTS**
**(Docket Numbers)**

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## A. MAINE ECOURTS DEPLOYMENT - "GO-LIVE" DATES BY COURT LOCATION AND CASE TYPE

The Maine Judicial Branch is in the process of rolling out an electronic filing and case management system to the state. The "go-live" date represents the date that the efiling system is deployed and becomes operational in each court. The following table provides the go-live date and case type(s) associated with each court.

| Go-Live Date | Court Location | Case Types |
|---|---|---|
| November 16, 2020 | Business and Consumer Docket (BCD)<br>Bangor District Court<br>Penobscot County Superior Court | Civil<br>Family<br>Child Protection<br>Mental Health |
| October 23, 2023 | Androscoggin County Superior Court<br>Lewiston District Court | Civil<br>Family<br>Child Protection<br>Mental Health |
| April 1, 2024 | Farmington District Court<br>Franklin County Superior Court<br>Oxford County Superior Court<br>Rumford District Court<br>South Paris District Court | Civil<br>Family<br>Child Protection<br>Mental Health |

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| June 10, 2024 | Bangor District Court<br>Lewiston District Court<br>Farmington District Court<br>Rumford District Court<br>South Paris District Court | Protection from Abuse<br>Protection from Harassment |
| June 16, 2025 | Androscoggin County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Androscoggin County Superior Court<br>Lewiston District Court<br>Farmington District Court<br>Oxford County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Rumford District Court<br>South Paris District Court | Civil Violations<br>Criminal<br>Juvenile |
| February 2, 2025 | Region 4:<br>Augusta District Court<br>Kennebec County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Kennebec County Superior Court<br>Skowhegan District Court<br>Somerset County Superior Court<br>Waterville District Court | All Case Types |
| March 30, 2026 | Region 1:<br>Biddeford District Court<br>York County Unified Criminal Docket<br>York County Superior Court | All Case Types |
| June 1, 2026 | Region 8:<br>Aroostook County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Aroostook County Superior Court - Caribou<br>Aroostook County Superior Court - Houlton<br>Caribou District Court<br>Fort Kent District Court<br>Houlton District Court<br>Presque Isle District Court | All Case Types |
| July 27, 2026 | Region 7:<br>Calais District Court<br>Ellsworth District Court<br>Hancock County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Hancock County Superior Court<br>Machias District Court<br>Washington County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Washington County Superior Court | All Case Types |

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|---|---|---|
| September 28, 2026 | Region 2:<br>Bridgton District Court<br>Cumberland County Superior Court<br>Cumberland County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Portland District Court | All Case Types |
| December 7, 2026 | Region 6:<br>Belfast District Court<br>Knox County Superior Court<br>Knox County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Lincoln County Superior Court<br>Lincoln County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Rockland District Court<br>Sagadahoc County Superior Court<br>Sagadahoc County Unified Criminal Docket<br>West Bath District Court<br>Waldo County Superior Court<br>Waldo County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Wiscasset District Court | All Case Types |
| February 1, 2027 | Bangor District Court[1]<br>Dover-Foxcroft District Court<br>Lincoln District Court<br>Millinocket District Court<br>Newport District Court<br>Penobscot County Unified Criminal Docket<br>Piscataquis County Superior Court<br>Piscataquis County Unified Criminal Docket | All Case Types |

**B. FORMAT OF THE CASE SEARCH IDENTIFIER (DOCKET NUMBER)**

The case identifier, or case number, used to access the electronic case files through Maine eCourts is composed of:

1. A five-letter alphabetic prefix - This represents 1) the venue (court location) and 2) the jurisdiction (District Court - DC, Superior Court - SC, Unified Criminal Docket - UCD)
2. A two- or three-letter alphabetical code - This represents the type of action/case type
3. A four-digit numerical series - This represents the year the action was initiated
4. A five-digit number - This represents the number in order of filing in the court where it was initiated

The four codes described above are separated by dashes:
[COURT LOCATION/JURISDICTION ABBREVIATION]-[CASE TYPE CODE]-[NUMERICAL YEAR]-[CASE NUMBER]

[1] This deployment involves only the addition of Civil Violations, Criminal, and Juvenile actions. The Penobscot Judicial Center will be fully implemented in all case types with this go-live.

The alphabetical prefix and code is dependent on where the action was initiated and when the action was initiated: specifically if it was before or after the "Go-Live" date listed above.

1. Alphabetic Prefix - Venue and Jurisdiction

   The alphabetic prefix representing the court will differ depending on the date the action was initiated and where. However, the alphabetical prefix for *District Court* matters is the same regardless of when or where the case began. See the table below.

   **a. Civil Actions - Superior Court - Alphabetical Prefix**

| **Superior Court Location** | **Alphabetical Prefix Before Go-Live** | **Alphabetical Prefix On/After Go-Live** |
|---|---|---|
| Androscoggin County Superior Court | AUBSC | ANDSC |
| Aroostook County Superior Court - Caribou | CARSC | CARSC |
| Aroostook County Superior Court - Houlton | HOUSC | HOUSC |
| Business and Consumer Docket | BCD | BCD |
| Cumberland County Superior Court | PORSC | CUMSC |
| Franklin County Superior Court | FARSC | FRASC |
| Hancock County Superior Court | ELLSC | HANSC |
| Kennebec County Superior Court | AUGSC | KENSC |
| Knox County Superior Court | ROCSC | KNOSC |
| Lincoln County Superior Court | WISSC | LINSC |
| Oxford County Superior Court | SOPSC | OXFSC |
| Penobscot County Superior Court | BANSC | PENSC |
| Piscataquis County Superior Court | DOVSC | PISSC |
| Sagadahoc County Superior Court | BATSC | SAGSC |
| Somerset County Superior Court | SKOSC | SOMSC |
| Waldo County Superior Court | BELSC | WALSC |
| Washington County Superior Court | MACSC | WASSC |
| York County Superior Court | ALFSC | YORSC |

**b. All Case Types - District Court - Alphabetical Prefix**

| District Court Location | Alphabetical Prefix |
|---|---|
| Augusta District Court | AUGDC |
| Bangor District Court | BANDC |
| Belfast District Court | BELDC |
| Biddeford District Court | BIDDC |
| Bridgton District Court | BRIDC |
| Business and Consumer Docket | BCD |
| Calais District Court | CALDC |
| Caribou District Court | CARDC |
| Dover-Foxcroft District Court | DOVDC |
| Ellsworth District Court | ELLDC |
| Farmington District Court | FARDC |
| Fort Kent District Court | FORDC |
| Houlton District Court | HOUDC |
| Lewiston District Court | LEWDC |
| Lincoln District Court | LINDC |
| Machias District Court | MACDC |
| Millinocket District Court | MILDC |
| Newport District Court | NEWDC |
| Portland District Court | PORDC |
| Presque Isle District Court | PREDC |
| Rumford District Court | RUMDC |
| Rockland District Court | ROCDC |
| Skowhegan District Court | SKODC |

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|---|---|
| South Paris District Court | SOPDC |
| Waterville District Court | WATDC |
| West Bath District Court | WESDC |
| Wiscasset District Court | WISDC |

**c. Criminal and Civil Violation Actions - Unified Criminal Docket - Alphabetical Prefix**

| **UCD Location** | **Alphabetical Prefix** |
|---|---|
| Androscoggin County | ANDCD |
| Aroostook County | AROCD |
| Cumberland County | CUMCD |
| Franklin County | FRACD |
| Hancock County | HANCD |
| Kennebec County | KENCD |
| Knox County | KNOCD |
| Lincoln County | LINCD |
| Oxford County | OXFCD |
| Penobscot County | PENCD |
| Piscataquis County | PISCD |
| Sagadahoc County | SAGCD |
| Somerset County | SOMCD |
| Waldo County | WALCD |
| Washington County | WASCD |
| York County | YRKCD |

**d. Criminal Actions - Superior Court (Pre-UCD) - Alphabetical Prefix**

| Superior Court Location | Alphabetical Prefix |
|---|---|
| Androscoggin County Superior Court | AUBSC |
| Aroostook County Superior Court - Caribou | CARSC |
| Aroostook County Superior Court - Houlton | HOUSC |
| Cumberland County Superior Court | PORSC |
| Franklin County Superior Court | FARSC |
| Hancock County Superior Court | ELLSC |
| Kennebec County Superior Court | AUGSC |
| Knox County Superior Court | ROCSC |
| Lincoln County Superior Court | WISSC |
| Oxford County Superior Court | SOPSC |
| Penobscot County Superior Court | BANSC |
| Piscataquis County Superior Court | DOVSC |
| Sagadahoc County Superior Court | BATSC |
| Somerset County Superior Court | SKOSC |
| Waldo County Superior Court | BELSC |
| Washington County Superior Court | MACSC |
| York County Superior Court | ALFSC |

3. Alphabetical Code - Type of Action/Case Type

The alphabetical prefix is followed by an alphabetic code that represents the case type. This is either two- or three-letters, depending on the date the case was initiated. Cases initiated prior to the go-live date have a two-letter code and cases initiated after the go-live date have a three-letter code.

Case type codes assigned prior to go-live are generic codes (CV, RE, FM, etc.), while case type codes assigned after go-live are more specific to the type of action.

**a. Case Type Codes - Before and After Go-Live**

| Case Type | Code Before Go-Live | Code On/After Go-Live |
|---|---|---|
| 80B, 80C, and District Court Appeals to Superior Court | AP | APP |
| Adoption | FM | ADP |
| Child Protection | PC | CPC |
| Civil | CV | CIV |
| Civil Violations | VI | CVI |
| Criminal | CR | CRM |
| Divorce with Children | FM | DWC |
| Divorce without Children | FM | DIV |
| Emancipation | FM | EMN |
| Forcible Entry and Detainer | SA | FED |
| Guardianship | FM | GSP |
| Grandparents' Rights | FM | GPR |
| Judicial Separation | FM | JDS |
| Juvenile | JV | JUV |
| Mental Health | MH | MTH |
| Minor Name Change | FM | MNC |
| Money Judgment | SA | MNJ |
| Other Family Matters | FM | OFM |
| Parental Rights & Responsibilities | FM | PRR |
| Parentage | FM | PAR |
| Personal Property Recovery | SA | CIV |
| Protection from Abuse | PA | PFA |
| Protection from Harassment | PA | PFH |

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|---|---|---|
| Real Estate | RE | REA |
| Register Foreign Judgment (Family) | FM | RFJ |
| Small Claims | SC | SMC |

4. Four-Digit Numerical Series - Year of Case Initiation

   The case type code is followed by a four-digit number representing the year the case was initiated.

5. Five-Digit Sequential Number - Filing Number

   The four-digit year is followed by a five-digit number. This is a unique number assigned to the case within that year and case type, and it represents the case number in order of filing in the court where it was initiated.

## C. TIPS ON FINDING A CASE IN MAINE ECOURTS

- It is not necessary to use upper case letters or dashes when searching for a case. However, if any dashes are used, the system will require that all dashes are used.
- All four digits of the year must be entered when searching for a case.
- Users are not required to enter the preceding zeros in the five-digit sequential number.
- Examples - To find LEWDC-SMC-2022-00001, any of the following can be entered to locate the case:
  - lewdcsmc20221
  - lewdc-smc-2022-1
  - LEWDC-SMC-2022-00001
  - LEWDCSMC20221

## D. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Need additional help?

- Email M-F, 8AM-4PM: eCourtsHelp@courts.maine.gov;
- Call the eCourts Helpline M-TH, 10AM-2PM: (207) 213-2813;
- Contact a court clerk: M-F, 8AM-4PM: Find a Court; or
- Visit the eFileMaine Training & Resources page for additional information.