Multi-Court Voice Case Information System (McVCIS)

Overview: This free interactive voice response system provides callers with free access to limited court case information via toll free number. It accepts touch-tone input from callers and responds with prompts and information in either English or Spanish.

The phone number to use this system is 866-222-8029. The number is the same for court employees and non-court individuals looking for case information.

- Choose your language 1 for English or 2 for Spanish.
- Choose the court you want to access. The Middle District of PA is 716.
- Choose what type of proceeding you want to access 2 for civil or 3 for criminal. This system started with Bankruptcy, that is also an option.

Types of Searches:

- Name Search.
- Case Number, which can be civil, miscellaneous, multi-district litigation, criminal cases, magistrate judge and petty offense cases.

Types of Information Available to the Caller:

- Case Number: The system will ask you for a 7-digit case number, which is the 2-digit year followed by the 5-digit case number. For example, case 21cv1456 would be entered as 2101456. The case number is 5 digits, and you must enter the proper number of zeros to search by case number. For example, if a case number is 22cv1, you would need to enter 2200001.
- Parties in the case/case caption.
- Judge/Magistrate Judge assigned to the case.
- Case commencement date.
- Case closing/re-opening date.
- Type of action (e.g. 1983 Prisoner Civil Rights Complaint).
- Judgment/jury verdict.
- Pending deadlines/motions.

Types of Information **NOT** Available to the Caller:

- NO sealed criminal cases.
- NO sealed civil cases.
- NO PSR (Probation) documents.
- NO Private Entries (e.g. Minute Sheets, Remark, etc.)



Case Information Search:

The following information is given to callers, provided the information exists in the court's CM/ECF database and the court has not restricted access to the information.

Civil, including miscellaneous cases and multi-district litigation and Criminal, including magistrate judge and petty offense.

Callers select information from the following menu options:

Summary

- Case type
- Case number
- Short title
- Defendant number and name (Criminal)
- Filing date and divisional office
- Presiding judge(s)
- Termination date
- Reopening date
- Case appealed and appeal date

Status

The following information is given for each status record:

- Status
- Date started
- Date terminated

Pending Deadlines and Hearings

The following information is given for each pending deadline and hearing record:

- Description
- Date filed
- Date set or due
- Location

Docket Entries

The latest docket entries are given, up to a <u>maximum of three</u>. The following information is given for each docket record:

- Description of entry
- Date filed
- Person filing (For court employees, only the initials are given)
- Reference document number



Parties

Callers are presented with a menu of case defendants and plaintiffs to choose from up to a maximum of nine. If there are more than nine parties, callers are directed to use the PACER system for this information. For the chosen party, the following information is given:

- Party's role and name
- Party's address of record
- Party's role, number if a defendant, and name (Criminal)
- *Pro se* representation noted, if applicable

For each representing attorney, up to a <u>maximum of two</u>, the following information is given. For more than two representing attorneys' callers are directed to use the PACER system for information.

- Name
- Organization
- Telephone number
- Date associated with the case
- Date no longer associated with the case

Pending Motions

For each pending motion the following information is given:

- Description
- Date filed

Judgments

The following information is given for each judgment record:

- Role and party the judgment favors
- Role and party the judgment is against
- Monetary amount of the judgment
- Entered date
- Monetary amount of court costs awarded
- Interest rate applied to unpaid balances
- Status and date entered
- Remarks

Charges (Criminal)

The following information is presented for each count:

- Count number
- Description



- Filed date
- Disposed date
- Code and code date
- Incarceration length

- Condition imposed
 Fine imposed
 Special assessment amount
 Disposition

