


Oakland County Court Explorer User Guide & Quick Tips



Oakland County's Court Explorer is an online application that provides Sixth Judicial Circuit Court case information to the general public through a web connection. Please find the User Guide, Technical Support and Quick Tips information below.

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I. Search by Case or Name to Obtain Register of Actions or Party Information

1. Go to www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/courtextplorer/ and click the  Court Explorer icon.
2. Enter business name, person's name or case number. Note: You must use the exact case number. If searching by name, you may search using only the first few letters of the name. Example: SMI instead of SMITH or JA instead of JAMES.
3. Click on Search to view results.

A screenshot of the Oakland County Court Explorer Case Search page. The page has a green header with the Oakland County Michigan logo. Below the header is a "Case Search" section with several input fields: "Business Name", "Person's Name" (split into Last and First), and "Case Number" (split into Year, Number, and Area). There are "Or" labels between the search criteria. Below the search fields is a link: "Click here for User Guide and Case Search Tips." Underneath is a section for optional filters: "Party Type" (a dropdown menu set to "ALL"), "Case Year" (two input boxes with "through" in between), and "Case Type" (two dropdown menus set to "ALL" with "through" in between). There is a link: "Click here for Case Type Description." At the bottom of the search section are "Search" and "Reset" buttons. Below the search section is a footer with various links: "Disclaimers: Please Note", "Currency of information", "Identity", "Felony convictions", "Types of cases", "Errors", "Additional Terms of Use". At the very bottom of the page is a navigation bar with links: "Oakgov Home", "Elected Officials", "Departments/Agencies", "Jobs", "Online Services". The footer also includes "© 2002-2006 Oakland County, Michigan" and "Privacy/ Legal | Accessibility | Contact Us". The browser's address bar shows "Internet".

Hint: To narrow your search you may use the Optional parameters. For Party Type – select All, Plaintiff or Defendant. For Case Year – enter specific years. Example: 2000 through 2006. For Case Type – select All or specify case type in the drop down box. The Case Type descriptions are available by clicking on the Click here for Case Type Description link on this web page.

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- Click on the Party Name to view the case summary party and attorney screen. Click Search to perform a new search.

A screenshot of the Oakland County Court Explorer web application. The page title is "Case Search Result". It displays a table with the following columns: Party Name, Party Type, Opposition Party, Case Number, Judge, and Archived. The table contains 15 rows of case data. Below the table is a "Next 500 records" link and a "Search" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation menu with links for "Oakgov Home", "Elected Officials", "Departments/Agencies", "Jobs", and "Online Services". There is also a copyright notice for 2002-2006 Oakland County, Michigan, and links for "Privacy/ Legal", "Accessibility", and "Contact Us". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the "Internet" icon.

Party Name	Party Type	Opposition Party	Case Number	Judge	Archived
SMITH	Defendant	OBRINGER LAUREN	1994-470462-NO	TYNER	Y
SMITH	Defendant	STILLER JAMES A	1994-473573-NH	SCHNELZ	Y
SMITH	Defendant	MALYSZ DOLORES M	2000-025012-NO	POTTS	N
SMITH	Defendant	JEFFERSON DONNA ANN	2001-034522-NO	O'BRIEN	N
SMITH JR EASO	Defendant	PEOPLE	1992-118099-FH	MCDONALD	Y
SMITH C W	Defendant	GOLDSMILLS FARMS INC	1975-129142-CK	SCHNELZ	Y
SMITH A A	Defendant	PEOPLE	1973-014838-FX	SCHNELZ	Y
SMITH A P	Defendant	FISHER ROBERT DR	1974-119374-CZ	LANGFORD MORRIS	Y
SMITH AARON	Plaintiff	SMITH LINDA S	1980-200563-DM	MATTHEWS	Y
SMITH AARON	Plaintiff	SENTEL KENNETH	1980-204610-CZ	SCHNELZ	Y
SMITH AARON	Plaintiff	DARWISH EDDIE	1980-214831-NO	O'BRIEN	Y
SMITH AARON	Defendant	PEOPLE	2000-636881-NA	MOORE	N
SMITH AARON	Defendant	IN THE MATTER OF	2005-712404-NA	ANDERSON	N

Hint: The Case Search Result screen will only display the first 500 records. If you do not find the case you are looking for, click on the Next 500 Records link or click on Search to narrow your criteria and perform a new search.

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5. Click on View Register of Actions to view all court information filed on the case.

A screenshot of the Oakland County Court Explorer web application. The page title is "Case Summary" and it includes links for "Printer Friendly Version" and "Close Window". The case details are as follows:

Case Number	2000-026958-CK	BANK ONE MICHIGAN vs. SMITH AARON Y	
Judge Name	RUDY J. NICHOLS		
Case Filed	10/24/2000		
Case Disposed	01/02/2001		

Below this is a "Parties" section with a "View Register of Actions" link and a "New Search" link. A table lists the parties:

Party Type	Party Name	Bar #	Attorney Name
Plaintiff - 0001	BANK ONE MICHIGAN	30528	I. W. WINSTEN
Plaintiff - 0002	NBC BANK	30528	I. W. WINSTEN
Defendant - 0001	SMITH AARON Y	24694	ARNOLD SCHAFFER
Defendant - 0002	SMITH KELLIE W	99999	

The footer contains navigation links: "Oakgov Home", "Elected Officials", "Departments/Agencies", "Jobs", "Online Services", "Privacy/ Legal", "Accessibility", and "Contact Us". The copyright notice is "© 2002-2006 Oakland County, Michigan". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the "Internet" icon.

Hint: Once in the Case Summary screens, you may select Printer Friendly Version to print a list of all Parties on the case or the entire Register of Actions. Click on New Search to perform a new search.
Note: If you need a certified copy of the Register of Actions, please contact the Oakland County Clerk's Office.

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II. Order Documents Online

1. To order documents from the Register of Actions, click on the Order Document link to the right of the court document you would like to order.

The screenshot displays the Oakland County Court Explorer interface. At the top left is the Oakland County Michigan logo. Below it is a green header bar with the text "Case Summary", "Printer Friendly Version", and "Close Window". The main content area shows case details: Case Number 2000-026958-CK, Judge Name RUDY J. NICHOLS, Case Filed 10/24/2000, and Case Disposed 01/02/2001. Below this is another green header bar for the "Register of Actions" with links for "View Parties" and "New Search". A table lists various court actions with columns for Date, Code, and Description, and an "Order Document" link for each entry. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with links for "Oakgov Home", "Elected Officials", "Departments/Agencies", "Jobs", and "Online Services", along with copyright information and additional links for "Privacy/ Legal", "Accessibility", and "Contact Us".

Case Summary [Printer Friendly Version](#) [Close Window](#)

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Judge Name RUDY J. NICHOLS

Case Filed 10/24/2000

Case Disposed 01/02/2001

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Date	Code	Description	
10/24/2000	C	COMPLAINT FILED	Order Document
10/24/2000	SI	SUMMONS ISSUED	Order Document
11/13/2000	SUM	P/S ON SUMMONS FILED	Order Document
11/13/2000	SUM	P/S ON SUMMONS FILED	Order Document
01/02/2001	JGM	JUDGMENT FILED CONSENT (2PGS)	Order Document
01/02/2001	FD	FINAL DISPOSITION	
01/02/2001	CJ	CONSENT JUDGMENT GRANTED	
01/09/2001	POS	AFFIDAVIT/PROOF OF SERVICE FILED	Order Document
04/27/2001	MTN	MOTION FILED ORD EXAMINATION OF JGM DEBTORS ETC/BANK 1	Order Document
04/27/2001	BRF	BRIEF FILED SUPPT MTN ORD EXAM JGM	Order Document

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2. Complete the order information (number of copies) for the documents you are requesting, select a shipping method (Email or Regular, U.S. Standard Mail), select Certified Copy if you would like your copies certified and click Add to proceed with your order.

Note: Certified documents cannot be emailed.

You may click View if you would like to view your order without adding the document or you may click Previous to return to the previous screen.

A screenshot of the Oakland County Court Explorer website's "Order Document" page. The page has a green header with the Oakland County Michigan logo and the text "Order Document". Below the header, the text "Please enter No. of copies." is displayed. A table-like structure shows the following information: Description: COMPLAINT FILED; Pages: 30; Copies: 1 (in a text input field); Certified Copy \$: 0; Total \$: 30; Shipping Method: with checkboxes for Email, Regular Mail, and Certified Copy (\$10.00 fee). Below the table are three buttons: "View", "Previous", and "Add". A note at the bottom states: "Note: All online payments will include an Enhanced Access Fee as provided by Public Act 462 of 1996, Enhanced Access to Public Records Act. This fee is based on a percentage of the total amount of the payment you are making online." The footer contains navigation links: "Oakgov Home", "Elected Officials", "Departments/Agencies", "Jobs", "Online Services", "Privacy/ Legal", "Accessibility", and "Contact Us". The copyright notice "© 2002-2006 Oakland County, Michigan" is also present. The browser window shows "Done" and "Internet" in the status bar.

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3. Click Finalize to complete your order and proceed to checkout. You may continue ordering by clicking on Continue or remove items from your order at this time. You may also change the number of copies (quantity) you would like to order.

Note: there is an Oakland County Enhanced Access Fee for using the online application. The Enhanced Access Fee will be added to your total at the end of the checkout process. To review the fees, click on the Enhanced Access Fee link on this web page.

A screenshot of the Oakland County Court Explorer website's "Order Document" page. The page has a green header with the Oakland County Michigan logo. Below the header is a table with columns for Case #, Description, Quantity, \$/Unit, and Total\$. The table contains two rows: one for a "COMPLAINT FILED" and another for "Shipping Method: Email, Certified Copy: No, Case Number: 2000-026958-CK". The total amount is listed as \$30.00. There are buttons for "Continue" and "Finalize". Below the table, there are two lines of asterisked text providing information about processing times and enhanced access fees. At the bottom of the page, there are navigation links for "Oakgov Home", "Elected Officials", "Departments/Agencies", "Jobs", and "Online Services", along with "Privacy/ Legal", "Accessibility", and "Contact Us". The page is displayed in a browser window with a taskbar at the bottom showing "Done" and "Internet".

Case #	Description	Quantity	\$/Unit	Total\$	
1 2000-026958-CK	COMPLAINT FILED	1	30.00	30.00	<input type="button" value="Remove All"/>
2 2000-026958-CK	Shipping Method: Email , Certified Copy: No, Case Number: 2000-026958-CK	1	0.00	0.00	<input type="button" value="Remove"/>
				Total : \$30.00	<input type="button" value="Continue"/> <input type="button" value="Finalize"/>

* Orders will be processed within two business days.
* All online payments will include an [Enhanced Access Fee](#) as provided by Public Act 462 of 1996, Enhanced Access to Public Records Act. This fee is based on a percentage of the total amount of the payment you are making online.

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III. Technical Support

1. For questions regarding Case information, please contact the Oakland County Clerk's Office at 248-858-0582 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EST.
2. **If you have not received your emailed documents within two business days of your request**, please contact the Oakland County Clerk's Office at 248-858-0582 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EST.
3. For questions or problems with connectivity, please call the Oakland County Information Technology Service Center at 248-858-8812 and our Service Center will route the call to the appropriate department or analyst.

*Your order will be processed within two business days. You will receive an Order Confirmation email immediately stating that your order has been received. A separate Court Explorer email address will deliver emailed documents within two business days. **Please note: some users have been experiencing difficulty in receiving emailed documents and may need to check their security settings and/or spam/junk/trash folders.***

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IV. Quick Tips for Case and Name Search

Person Search

1. Do not use hyphens. Ex. SMITH-JONES search as SMITHJONES.
2. Do not include name suffixes such as JR, SR, I, II, III, etc.

Company Search

1. If a company's name begins with 'A' or 'THE', do not include in search. Ex. 'THE BOOK STORE', search as 'BOOK STORE'.
2. If a company's name includes the word 'AND', use the ampersand sign. Ex. 'JONES AND JONES', search as 'JONES & JONES'.
3. Do not use 'LLC' or 'PC' in a search.
4. Do not include periods in a search. Ex. 'A.B.C.', search as 'ABC'.
5. Do not use hyphens in a search. Ex. 'DAIMLER-CHRYSLER', search as 'DAMILERCHRYSLER'.
6. Spell out numeric characters. Ex. '3125 WALTON', search as 'THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE WALTON'.
7. Below is a chart with abbreviations most commonly used when inputting company names:

ADMINISTRATION	ADM
AND	&
ASSOCIATES	ASSOC
ASSOCIATION	ASSN
BOARD	BD
BUILDER(S)	BLDR
COMMISSION	COMM
COMPANY	CO
CONSTRUCTION	CONST
CONTRACTOR(S)	CONT
CORPORATION	CORP
COUNTY	CTY
DEPARTMENT	DEPT
DISTRIBUTOR(S)	DIST
DIVISION	DIV
EMPLOYEE(ER)	EMP
HIGHWAY	HWY
INCORPORATED	INC
INSURANCE	INS
MICHIGAN STATE	MICH ST
OAKLAND COUNTY	OAKLAND CTY
ROAD	RD
SERVICE	SERV
TOWNSHIP	TWP
UNITED STATES	US