

McVCIS
(Multi-Court Voice Case Information System)
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INTRODUCTION

McVCIS and VCIS are services provided by the federal bankruptcy courts which allows you to get information about any pending bankruptcy case filed in the Central District of Illinois by using a standard touch tone telephone. The newer service, McVCIS, also allows you to search for case information in numerous other federal bankruptcy courts. VCIS will be phased out sometime in 2012. Therefore, we encourage the use of McVCIS.

I. McVCIS

By dialing toll free 866-222-8029 from a touchtone phone, you may determine whether a party has filed for bankruptcy, and gain a considerable amount of case information. The service is available at all times. The information available includes debtor(s)' name(s), date of filing, chapter, attorney for the debtor, trustee (if any), date and time of the pending Sec. 341 Meeting, date of discharge, date of case closing, and general case status, such as "Awaiting 341 Meeting" or "Awaiting Discharge Order." Simply enter the debtor's name, last name first, using up to ten characters, and hit the # sign. Punctuation is irrelevant, and we recommend that you use all 10 characters allotted. If the debtor is a corporation, enter the first ten characters of the debtor's name and hit the # sign.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

A touch-tone telephone

HOURS

The system is available 24 hours every day.

HOW TO USE McVCIS

To use McVCIS, simply follow these instructions:

1. For cases filed January 1, 2004 through the current date - Dial 866-222-8029.
2. For most cases closed prior to January 1, 2004, see the instructions below for **VCIS**.
3. When prompted to enter the state and division, say "Illinois Central"

4. Press 1 for instructions on how to use this system or say “help”, press 2 to search by case number or say “case number”, press 3 to search by participant’s name or same “name”, press 4 to search by participant’s social security or say “social security number”.

II. VCIS

This is the legacy system that will be removed sometime in 2012. Please only use this system if you are having difficulty learning the new McVCIS system.

When you call the VCIS number, the phone is answered and a pre-recorded message similar to the following is played: Welcome to the Voice Case Information System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois. Choose one of the following options. Press 1 for instructions on how to use this system, press 2 to search by case number, press 3 to search by participant’s name, press 4 to search by participant’s social security, tax ID, employer identification, or individual tax identification number.

For any option, enter data using the keys on your touch tone phone. For numbers, use the keys 0-9. For letters, use the key with the letter above it. Use 1 for the letters Q and Z. For a name search, enter the letters of the name followed by the (#) pound sign. Pressing (*) star at any time will allow you to begin a new request.

A few seconds after you punch the “#” (pound) button after you’ve finished entering information, the computer will give you the most current information available about that case.

VCIS provides the following information for bankruptcy cases:

- 1) Case number
- 2) Debtor names
- 3) Social security, tax ID, employer identification, individual tax identification number - last 4 digits only
- 4) Date the case was opened or reopened
- 5) Voluntary or involuntary case filing
- 6) Chapter of case filing
- 7) Business or consumer
- 8) Attorney name and phone number if one exists
- 9) Date converted and converted chapter
- 10) Trustee name if one exists
- 11) Judge name
- 12) Case status
- 13) First Meeting of Creditors, date, time and location, if pending
- 14) Last date to file a claim
- 15) Discharge date if one exists
- 16) Date the case was closed

17) Disposition

18) Asset status

VCIS provides the following information for adversary proceedings:

1) Case number

2) Case type

3) Case short title

4) Date filed

5) Attorney name and phone number for the plaintiff

6) Judge name

7) Case status

8) Date closed

9) Reopen date

10) Previous close date

11) Disposition

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HOW TO USE VCIS

To use VCIS, simply follow these instructions:

1. For cases filed January 1, 2004 through the current date - Dial 217-492-4550 in Springfield, or toll free 800-827-9005 outside of Springfield.
2. For most cases closed prior to January 1, 2004 - Dial 217-492-4557.
3. Press 1 for instructions on how to use this system, press 2 to search by case number, press 3 to search by participant's name, press 4 to search by participant's social security, tax ID, employer identification, or individual tax identification number.
4. Press the # (pound) key when instructed to tell the computer you're finished entering a party name.