

Searching PACERNET for Case Numbers In a Guidant Case

(Recommended for non-filers without an ECF account)

You can use the PACERNET system to search for case numbers a party may be linked to in your Guidant Case. All of this information can be gathered by using the party/case index in PACER. Remember that PACER does charge \$.08 a page with a cap of \$2.60 for an entire document and it is a national system. Below are instructions on how to search case information in PACER.

1. Go to the **PACER** site by typing: <https://pacer.login.uscourts.gov> in the web browser.
2. In the login fields type your **PACER** login name and **PACER** password. Click on the **Verify Login** button. (The Client Code field is optional. Type a client matter, case number, or etc. in the field if you wish. Many law firms like to do this so the information can be billed back to the client when the bill is received.)
3. At the **Query** Screen, type the **First** and **Last** name of the party you wish to view case information for in the fields provided.



4. Click on **Civil** as the Guidant MDL case is a civil case.

U.S. Party/Case Index

Civil Search

Region: MINNESOTA

Case Filed date: through

Party Name: smith, john Format: lastname, firstname

Case Number: Format: 99-99999 or 9:1999cv99999 or 1999cr99999 or 1:98-99999

Nature of Suit (NOS): 365 Format: 999
specify ranges with a dash (EX: 999-999) or
multiple NOS with commas (EX: 999, 999, 999, ...)

[Detailed NOS listing](#)

Show Case Title: Yes No

Search

Clear Form

5. In the **search** screen select “**Minnesota**” from the Region dropdown list. If you are aware the date the case(s) was filed you may enter this date range using the drop-down arrows provided.
6. Enter the party name in the text field provided. (lastname, firstname format)
7. To assist in further narrowing down your list, enter the Nature of Suit (NOS) in the text box provided. For Guidant this is **365**.
8. Click on the **Search** button.

U.S. Party/Case Index				
Civil Name Search Results				
45 Party matches for selection SMITH NOS 365 for MINNESOTA				
Search in progress... (Screen will reload automatically)				
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Selections 1 through 45 (Page 1)				
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Name	Count	Case No.	Filed	NOS Closed
1 SMITH	1	mdcke 0:2004-cv-00746	03/02/2004	365
2 SMITH & NEPHEW AHP, INC	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-01821	03/10/2003	365 03/20/2003
3 SMITH & NEPHEW AHP, INC	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-01820	03/10/2003	365 01/21/2005
4 SMITH & NEPHEW AHP, INC	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-01936	03/10/2003	365 03/20/2003
5 SMITH & NEPHEW CONSOLIDATED, INC	1	mdcke 3:1995-cv-00041	03/14/1995	365 05/23/1995
6 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-00090	09/11/2003	365 03/23/2005
7 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-00090	09/11/2003	365 03/23/2005
8 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1998-cv-01574	01/03/2003	365 06/28/2004
9 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-01821	03/10/2003	365 03/20/2003
10 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-01920	03/10/2003	365 01/21/2005
11 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1999-cv-01936	03/10/2003	365 03/20/2003
12 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1998-cv-02706	02/12/2003	365 10/21/2003
13 SMITH & NEPHEW FERRY	1	mdcke 0:1997-cv-02791	01/13/2003	365 04/17/2003
14 SMITH & NEPHEW RICHARDS, INC	1	mdcke 6:1996-cv-00158	03/26/1999	365 04/18/2000

9. If there are multiple name matches, the screen above will appear. You must select which party you want to further research. Click on the name. If there are not multiple name matches, the next screen below appears.

U.S. Party/Case Index

Civil Name Search Results

5 Total Party matches for selection SMITH, JOHN NOS 365 for MINNESOTA
 Search Complete
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 Selections 1 through 5 (Page 1)

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Name	Court	Case No.	Filed	NOS	Closed
1 SMITH, JOHN	mndce	0:2005cv00008	01/14/2005	365	
2 SMITH, JOHN	mndce	0:2003cv01174	03/07/2003	365	
3 SMITH, JOHN	mndce	0:2004cv02310	05/19/2004	365	12/09/2004
4 SMITH, JOHN	mndce	0:2004cv03921	10/07/2004	365	
5 SMITH, JOHN	mndce	0:2003cv04985	08/26/2003	365	12/09/2004

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10. A list of cases appears that the party is currently linked to. Remember the tricky thing is that the party will be linked to both the main MDL case AND the individual case number. The main case number for Guidant is 05-1708. If you want the individual case number, select the other Guidant case number from the list. To view more information in the case, click the case number.

**If you have questions please feel free to call the helpdesk at:
 866-325-4975 or 612-664-5155**