



UNITED STATES TAX COURT

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PRESS RELEASE

On December 28, 2020, the Court discontinued the use of its decades-old legacy case management system and began phasing in DAWSON (Docket Access Within A Secure Online Network), a new case-management system designed to help litigants and the Court manage active cases more efficiently and with greater transparency. DAWSON allowed, for the first time, the electronic filing of petitions with the Tax Court. Over 750 new features have been added since December 28, 2020, such as the ability to view Today's Orders and Today's Opinions, and the ability to search the Court's opinions and orders. Features were also added to accommodate remote proceedings, unforeseen when DAWSON development began, but vital to the Court's continued operations.

The Court now displays all bench opinions on its Today's Opinions page. The Court also now publicly releases all orders in non-sealed cases, providing the ability to sort by page count or time of release. The ability to view unsealed documents in cases where some, but not all, documents have been sealed will be implemented in the coming months. After that, the next major feature will be consolidated case functionality.

The Court will continue to safeguard taxpayer privacy and will maintain limits to online access to case records other than Court-issued documents (i.e., opinions and orders).

DAWSON Release Notes detailing enhancements and new features can be found on the Court's website at <https://ustaxcourt.gov/dawson.html>, along with User Guides and detailed instructions on how to use the system to file and manage a case.