# ACS Index Application for the Web

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## **ACS Index Application**

### Forward

This application contains data from 1988 to present and consists of information converted from the Wang application known as ACTS (Automated Case Tracking System) and all case information entered in the ACS application since its implementation (Traffic in March 2004, Criminal in June 2004, and Civil, Family and Probate in February 2006).

This application uses web technologies and can be accessed through the internet. The system was written using the latest version of Visual Studio 2005 using ASP.Net 2.0. The following controls are used in addition to the ones included in Visual Studio 2005: Active Reports for .Net 3.0 and Component One Studio Enterprise 2006. Active Reports for .Net 3.0 allows for Access style reports that are to be included in web applications or thick clients. The only control being used from Component One Studio Enterprise is the control that allows dates to be entered on a web form.

## Warning

The security context of this system is the same as a standard remote access user. Access is not granted to sealed cases or any other case type that is not public.

### Requirements

No installation of any kind is needed with this system. However, Active Reports is used in the application and is configured to use the standard Acrobat Reader. The following software installation is required:

Internet Explorer 6.0 (Not tested with Internet Explorer 7) Adobe Acrobat Reader 6.0 or greater

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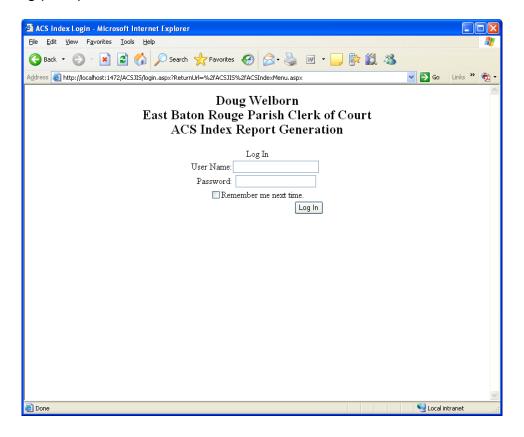
## Using the ACS Index Web Application

Accessing the Login Screen

To access the login screen, select the ACS Web application from the Clerk's main web page at <a href="https://www.ebrclerkofcourt.org">www.ebrclerkofcourt.org</a>. The ACS Web application can also be access directly at <a href="https://www.ebrclerkofcourt.org/acsweb">www.ebrclerkofcourt.org/acsweb</a>.

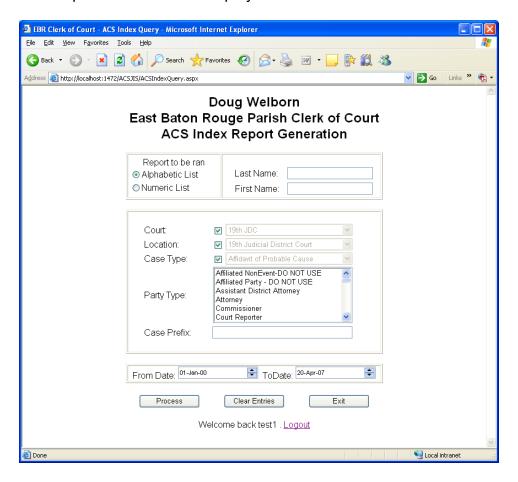
Logging on to the ACS Web Application

Supply the "User Name" and "Password" issued by the Clerk's office on the following prompt:



## **ACS Index Report Generation Page**

The ACS Index Report Generation page can be used for queries and reports. All queries run from this screen will be displayed as a report. The query page for the ACS Index Report Generation is displayed below:



## To perform a query:

- 1) To clear the fields and put the screen to its default options, as displayed on the screen above, select the option "Clear Entries".
- 2) Select the "Report type to be run". The options are "Alphabetic List" and "Numeric List". The "Alphabetic List" is sorted by name and contains only the name that satisfies the query. The "Numeric List" is in case number order and contains all parties in the case.
- Supply the name of the party to be searched. To search for a company, supply the company name in the "Last Name" field only. If all names are to be reported, leave the name fields blank.

- 4) To search all courts, select the check box on the "Court" line. If a single court is to be searched, select it from the drop down list. All court types are listed in the drop down box; however, results from the query will not contain any records to which the user does not have access to (i.e. Juvenile, Adoptions, and sealed records).
- 5) Choose the location from the "Location" drop down box. To select all locations, select the check box on the "Location" line. Only the location a user has access to will display in the result set.
- To search all case types, select the check box on the "Case Type" line. To search a particular case type, make sure that the check box is deselected, and then choose the case type from the drop down box. All case types will be listed in the drop down box, but only the cases that a user has access to will display in the result set.
- One or more party types can be selected through a list box. If no parties are selected, it is assumed that all parties are requested; this includes plaintiffs, defendants, judges, attorneys and others. More then one party can be selected by using the standard windows selection methods: clicking on one then shift click on another to declare a range, or by using the control key with the mouse click. There is no security on this field and all party types will be selected.
- The search can be further narrowed by using the case prefix that precedes the case number; therefore, if all cases are required that begin with "C5", then "C5" would be put into this field. If this field is empty, it is assumed that all case types are requested. Case prefixes used include, but not limited to the following:

"C" for Civil

"F" for Family

"P" for Probate

"T" for Traffic

"W" for Warrants

"B" for Bonds

Criminal cases do not have a letter prefix

- 9) The "From Date" and "To Date" fields define the file date range for the cases. Dates are entered in the following manner: DD-MON-YY (DD is the day, MON is the first three letters of the month, and YY is the year).
- 10) Select the "Process" button to run the query.

Select the "Logout" link on the bottom of the page, or close the browser window to exit the ACS Index Query.

Functionality on the report pages is discussed in the next section (Report Result Pages). Reports that are produces are discussed in the following sections (Alphabetic Report and Numeric Report).

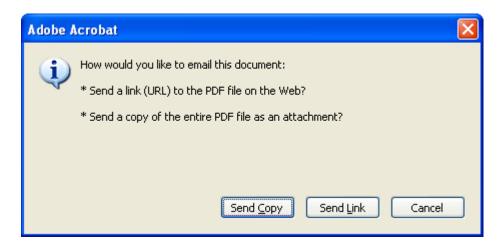
## Report Result Pages

Once the report is generated on the screen, the following options are available:

A copy of the report can be saved in Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format by selecting the "Save a Copy" option. This option also has an icon of a disk.

To print a copy, select the "Print" option that is denoted with an icon of a printer.

An email copy of the report can be sent by choosing the "Email" option. A dialog is presented asking whether the user would like a link sent or a copy. The only option that will work is "Send Copy".



Perform a text search by selecting the "Search" option. This is also shown by the binocular icon.

The page can be moved around by choosing the hand icon, and clicking on the report and dragging it as desired.

The report can be zoomed in by using the magnifying glass options, using the sizing buttons, or the zoom buttons. The magnifying glass with a plus allows the report to be zoomed in. The magnifying glass with the minus in it allows the report to be zoomed out. The three sizing buttons allow the user to make the image actual size, fit the whole page, or fit width.

The screen can also be zoomed by entering the zoom percentage in the space between the minus and plus sign for the zoom.

The other options available allow the report to be rotated. One of the options allows the report to be rotated to the right; the other allows the report to be rotated to the left.

The bottom report screens have some paging options:

The left facing triangle with the bar allows the user to go to the first page of the report.

To go to the previous page, select the left facing triangle.

To advance to the next page, select the right facing triangle.

To go the end of the report, choose the right facing triangle with the bar.

The left facing arrow is used to go to the "Previous View". If the last action that the user took was to zoom in, then when this option is chosen, the screen is zoomed back out.

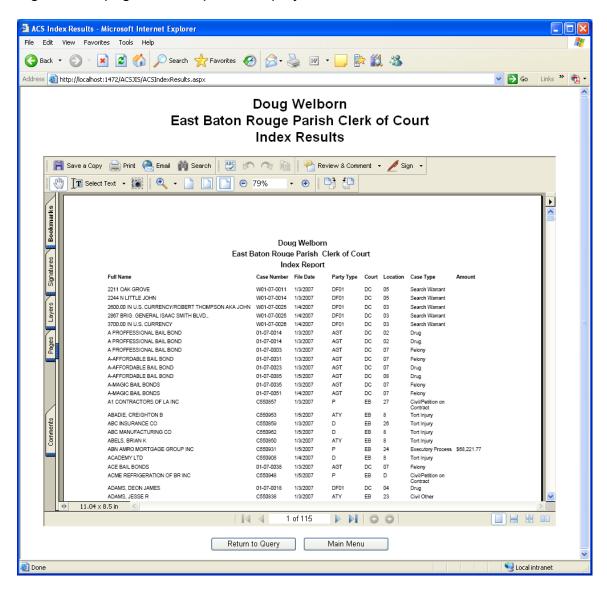
The right facing arrow is used to go to the "Next View". If the "previous view" (left arrow) is not chosen at all, this option will not be available. For example if a report is zoomed in then the "Previous View" option is chose, the "Next View" option would then be active to zoom back in.

Access a specific page by entering the number in the "Page Number Space" at the bottom of the page and depressing the enter key.

The last icons allow s for how the page will display: Single Page, Two Page (side by side or on top of each other), or Four pages at one time.

## Alphabetic Report

The alphabetic report lists the parties individually and in alphabetical order, based upon query/search criteria. It does not group all of the parties in a case together. A page of the report is displayed below:



The columns available on this report are as follows:

"Full Name" indicates the name of the party. Names of persons will be listed as "Last Name, First Name". Companies will be listed as is.

"Case Number" indicates the suit number for that particular entry. Case numbers are prefixed the following way:

"C" for Civil

"F" for Family
"P" for Probate
"W" for Warrant
"B" for Bond
"T" for Traffic

Criminal Records do not have a prefix.

Queries will result in what the user requested and what the user is granted access to.

"File Date" indicates the date that a case was filed.

"Court" indicates the code for the court to which the particular case is assigned; "DC" for Criminal matters, "FA" for Family, "EB" for Civil, and "JU" for Juvenile and Adoptions.

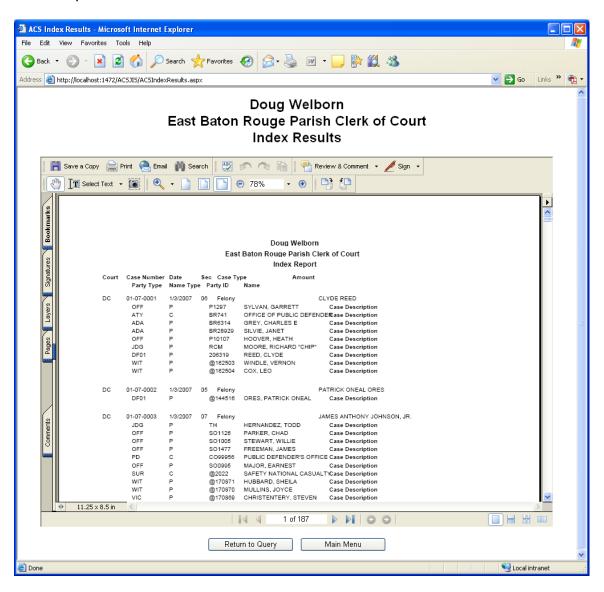
"Location" is the division or section of court to which the case is assigned.

"Case Type" describes the type of case type.

"Amount" is the dollar amount that is assigned to the suit (i.e. Executory Process).

## Numeric Report

The numeric report is generated in numerical order according to search criteria. This report groups all information pertaining to a case. This report is used most often when searching for particular case types (i.e. Executory Process). A copy of this report is as follows:



The columns of this report reflect the following:

"Court" indicates the court to which the particular case is assigned; "DC" for Criminal matters, "FA" for Family, "EB" for Civil, and "JU" for Juvenile and Adoptions.

"Case Number" indicates the suit number for that particular entry. What is returned by a query depends on what the user requested and what the user has access to.

"Date" indicates the date a case was filed.

"Sec" indicates the division or section of court to which the case is assigned.

"Case Type" Describes the case type.

"Amount" indicates the dollar amount that is assigned to the suit (i.e. Executory Process).

"Case Description" displays the caption of the case.

"Party Type" indicates the litigants participating in the case: "JUD" for judge, "ATY" for attorney, "P" for Plaintiff, etc.

"Name Type" indicates the type of name: "P" for a person and "C" for a company.

"Name" indicates the full name of the person or company name. If a person, the name will display "Last Name, First Name". A company name will display the way it was entered.