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Odyssey is continuing with
Track 4 (April 29, 2024)
Track 5 (July 22, 2024)

**NC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
(AOC) ENTERPRISE JUSTICE (ODYSSEY)
TRANSITION FROM VCAP:**

Are You Watching? (Part VI)

ENTERPRISE JUSTICE (ODYSSEY) ROLLOUT PLAN

- 1 February 13, 2023
- 2 October 9, 2023
- 3 February 5, 2024
- 4 April 29, 2024
- 5 July 22, 2024
- 6 Fall 2024

The AOC has now further announced that e-Courts Tracks 4 and 5 will be going live!

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| April 29, 2024 | Alamance, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Vance, Warren Counties |
| July 22, 2024 | Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Polk, Swain, Transylvania Counties |

See press releases and further information at: [nccourts.gov/ecourts](https://www.nccourts.gov/ecourts)

START PREPARING NOW: Search Function as well as e-Filing Issues!

It is still absolutely critical that any attorney or title examiner who is searching titles in migrating and migrated counties follow several important protocols:

- (1) Watch, read and STUDY the instructions on the website: <https://www.nccourts.gov/ecourts> regarding how to search in BOTH Smart Search and Judgment Search.
- (2) Watch the Real Property Section "Return to the Vault" presentations where specific examples of concern are discussed so that you will be aware of the EXTRA DUE DILIGENCE needed.
- (3) KEEP A PRINTOUT/PDF COPY OF YOUR SEARCHES AND RESULTS, EVEN IF (ESPECIALLY IF) NO RESULTS.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO SEARCH A MULTITUDE OF CONFIGURATIONS OF EVERY NAME, in both SmartSearch and Judgment Search, and to do additional due diligence in talking with your clients and sellers.
- (5) REPORT any problems or discrepancies to the AOC at eCourts@nccourts.org.
- (6) Obtain the NCLTA "AFFIDAVIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT REGARDING COMPUTER DATA MIGRATION (VCAP to E-COURTS ODYSSEY PORTAL)" on-line at www.nclta.org at every closing regarding property in the migrated counties, given the "blackout" dates when the systems are off-line for migration *as well as the ongoing Portal search issues*. This is to PROTECT YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS, to DISCLOSE to your buyers the limitations on your ability to search and verify information in your search, and to OBTAIN VERIFICATION FROM THE SELLER (or Borrower on a refinance) that they have disclosed any applicable issues you might have been unable to find.

CAUTION: Though the search engines have wild cards, you may be surprised by the search issues, such as the need to choose from a dropdown filter for a "business" or other parameters in the dropdown menus, or the

limitation of requiring 3 or 4 characters (depending on your search), **or** the issue with special characters in business names or individual names with first initials, ongoing changes - just to name a few issues.

For more information, see our Chicago Bull “NC Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) – Odyssey Transition from VCAP – Are You Watching? (Parts I, II, III, IV and V)” (12-28-2022, 1-31-2023, 3-17-2023, 10-11-2023, and 11/1/2023), on-line at: <https://www.northcarolina.ctic.com/legal-articles> under Title Search & Opinions

As always, please feel free to contact our North Carolina Chicago Title Counsel to discuss at any time! This is a developing situation. We are working diligently to keep you abreast of the latest information available!

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