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BEWARE THE 8TH OF FEBRUARY!!!

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

Are You Watching? (Part II)

(Track 1 – Wake, Johnston, Harnett & Lee)



On February 8, 2023, at 7:00PM, the existing AOC index portal known as “VCAP” WILL BE PERMANENTLY SHUT DOWN for the data conversion to the new Odyssey portal in the initial four track #1 counties (Wake, Harnett, Johnston and Lee)!!! Clerks will continue to file documents *off-line* (in paper processes only), but they will NOT BE SEARCHABLE (other than a temporary frozen inquiry only mode) until the Odyssey Portal goes live -- scheduled for February 13, 2023 -- *and* that intervening data is manually entered by the clerks’ offices into the new e-filing system.

ARE YOU READY? Have you considered . . .

- ? **Updating your VCAP reports, on February 8 or earlier, on pending or even recent transactions for titles that may be affected by matters in these 4 counties?** The new indexing system will be totally different! And with that comes risk that something may “magically” appear in Odyssey that was not in your earlier VCAP report. VCAP will no longer be accessible for you to verify your earlier reports. Are you adequately documenting your earlier search NOW, just in case?
- ? **Training your attorneys, staff and paralegals?** Some Odyssey training is on-line at the website. Again, this search system will be totally different from its VCAP predecessor.
- ? **Rescheduling closings that may be affected by these counties’ transitions?** You will need to consult with your title insurers on particular transactions to assess risks (such as entries of judgment in existing civil actions, transcripts of judgment from other counties, lis pendens of contested titles, foreclosures, special proceedings or even estates) and determine if the special purpose NCLTA affidavit and indemnity will be appropriate.
(www.nclta.org → Tools → [Forms](#))

For more information, see our Chicago Bull “NC Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) – Odyssey Transition from VCAP – Are You Watching? (Part I)” (12-28-2022), on-line at: <https://www.northcarolina.ctic.com/legal-articles> under Title Search & Opinions

Information is available on the North Carolina Judicial Branch eCourts website, including updated Press Releases, anticipated launch dates for particular groups of counties, <https://www.nccourts.gov/ecourts>, FAQ’s for attorneys (the “living document”) <https://www.nccourts.gov/documents/publications/ecourts-faqs-for-attorneys-bar-qa> and a Portal User Guide <https://indd.adobe.com/view/832dae5f-0376-4df0-a8a6-65c3cdff9717>

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

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