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

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### ODYSSEY TRANSITION UPDATE – TRACK 9 GOES LIVE 7/21/25

Tracks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are LIVE (VCAP is no more for those counties).

**Track 9 is transitioning to Odyssey on July 21, 2025**

See eCourts transition memorandum at:

<https://www.nccourts.gov/news/tag/general-news/ecourts-track-9-go-live-timeline-and-transition-process-starts-july-9-2025#non>

#### TRACK 9 COUNTIES:

**Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caswell, Forsyth, Madison, Mitchell, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yancey**

- ✓ THERE WILL BE A DELAY IN INDEXING DURING THE TRANSITION
- ✓ VCAP goes into legacy mode at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 7/16/2025 – you can access info, but nothing is being updated!
- ✓ The Odyssey portal may have periods during the transition where the search function is very slow or does not work at all. Prior data migrations have caused system-wide issues for counties already using the system.
- ✓ Track 9 counties will not be able to update title during the transition period of 7/16/25-7/21/25.
- ✓ During the migration period, clerks will file-stamp paper filings, but they will not be indexed until Portal is live – it may take time to update all the filings!

#### **ENTERPRISE JUSTICE (ODYSSEY) IS NOT LIKE VCAP**

- Indexing standards are different depending on when the case was opened (new or legacy data).

- SmartSearch and Judgment Search are VERY DIFFERENT – from what you are used to AND from each other. The search takes more time.
- The standards of practice are unclear – we don't have established best practices yet.

**THE NCLTA APPROVED AOC ODYSSEY AFFIDAVIT IS TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS!  
FIND IT ON THE NCLTA WEBSITE AND THE CHICAGO TITLE FORMS PAGE.**

**LOOKING FOR FREE TRAINING?**

- **You should review all the training guides and sign up for free training on the eCourts website:** <https://www.nccourts.gov/ecourts>. You can also find the training materials on the Portal: <https://portal-nc.tylertech.cloud/Portal/>
- NCLTA has a great section on the Odyssey transition with copies of the Return to the Vault Bar programs on searching Odyssey, videos, and more: <https://www.nclta.org/>
- Review changes to the General Rules of Practice related to digital case management: <https://www.nccourts.gov/courts/supreme-court/court-rules/general-rules-of-practice-for-the-superior-and-district-courts>.
- Don't forget our website where you can find Chicago Title Bulls, manuscript, and video recording , on-line at: <https://www.northcarolina.ctic.com/legal-articles>.
- **Contact your local Chicago Title Office for information about our tutorials – We do virtual and in-house programs to assist you with tips and tricks for Odyssey searching.**

**QUICK TIPS**

**For those performing title examinations in migration counties, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- Keep a record of your searches and results, even if (especially if) no results. SmartSearch does not show you the search term on the results page.
- You must search each name in a multitude of ways, in both SmartSearch and Judgment Search, and exercise additional due diligence in talking with your clients and sellers.
- Indexing standards change depending on whether the case is opened in Odyssey or is a legacy case from VCAP.
- Searching an entity? MAKE SURE TO SEARCH WITH AND WITHOUT THE BUSINESS NAME FILTER.
- Don't hesitate to share issues with Chicago Title. We will relay to the Task Force on your behalf.

**CALL US TO SCHEDULE ODYSSEY TRAINING FOR YOUR STAFF**

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