

## **Talent Copy on Case Search**

Hello and welcome. If you need information about court records, there is a valuable on-line tool that can help. It's called Case Search. To get started visit [mdcourts.gov/casesearch](http://mdcourts.gov/casesearch).

In this video, we will answer some common questions about Case Search. You will learn what information is and is not available. We will also discuss how information can be removed, so it is not available to the public. Let's get started by discussing what you can expect to find on Case Search....

Case Search displays records of cases heard in Maryland state courts. This includes the District Court of Maryland, the circuit courts, the Court of Special Appeals, and the Court of Appeals. The United States District Court is a federal court. Case Search does not include federal cases.

In general, court records are open to the public. Case Search allows you to see a summary of a court case, but not a complete case record. For instance, you may see case numbers, the names and addresses of some of the people involved, dates and times of hearings, the names of documents in the court file, and sometimes a brief statement about decisions made by the court. If you want to read a document write down the case number. Then go to the courthouse where the case was filed. At the Clerk's office, you may view the file and request copies of most documents.