

## Codebook for the Federal Circuit Dataset Project Docket Dataset

**Purpose of this Document:** This document provides the coding framework for the docket dataset for the Federal Circuit Dataset Project, a set of documents publicly released by the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (“CAFC”) and Federal Circuit dockets from 1999 to the present. This codebook was developed during the data collection stage of this project to maximize replicability and reliability in the collected data. It is being provided so that future researchers will have the information necessary to replicate the dataset and so that users of the dataset who would like to know more about how the data was collected can easily access that information.

**Data Source and Collection:** Basic information about dockets was collected by queries on PACER. In addition, copies of the docket itself have been collected from PACER for Miscellaneous dockets (dockets with a suffix under 1000).

**Date Range:** The date ranges for the collection are October 1, 1999 – present.

**Fields:** Information about each document is recorded in the following fields.

PACER_ID	
Description: Docket number in format used by PACER	
Format: ##-####	Example: 08-3155
Notes: The PACER_ID is collected directly from PACER.	

Docket_Title	
Description: Official docket title from PACER	
Format: String	Example: ConocoPhillips Company v. In-Depth Geophysical, Inc.
Notes:	

Year_Appeal_Filed	
Description: The four-digit year in which the appeal was filed.	
Format: ####	Example: 2010

<b>Year_Appeal_Filed</b>	
Notes: Year appeal filed is generated from the DateFileinCOA field.	

<b>DateFileinCOA</b>	
Description: The date the appeal was filed in the Court of Appeals.	
Format: [date]	Example: 22jan2002
Notes:	

<b>PACER_Gen</b>	
Description: Indicates whether the PACER data was pulled from the legacy PACER system or the current PACER system.	
Format: #	Example: 1
Notes: Dockets that exist only in the legacy PACER system are designated [1]. If a docket exists in the current PACER system, it is designated [2]. Less tabular data is available for dockets that exist only in the legacy PACER system.	

<b>Docket_Filename</b>	
Description: Indicates the filename for the docket report if one exists in the dataset.	
Format: [String]	Example:
Notes: Only dockets that have been collected from PACER have an associated filename. This is currently limited to miscellaneous dockets.	

<b>district_id</b>	
Description: District of origin using the district_id format; only for district courts	
Format: [String]	Example: ded
Notes:	

<b>USPTO_case_row_wide</b>	
Description: Matches to USPTO patent litigation dataset	
Format: [String]	Example: 21543
Notes:	

<b>Appeal_Dockets</b>	
Description: Appeal docket number in long-form format; matches to document dataset.	
Format: [#####-0#####]	Example: 2004-01424
Notes:	

<b>Orig_Trib_PACER</b>	
Description: Original tribunal, as collected from PACER	
Format: [String]	Example: United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
Notes: This field contains the original text from PACER	

<b>OriginatingCase</b>	
Description: Original tribunal docket number, as collected from PACER.	
Format: [String]	Example: MSPB-1 : SF-0752-13-1476-I-1
Notes: This field contains the original text from PACER, so it likely needs to be formatted before it can be used.	

<b>Misc_Docket</b>	
Description: Flag indicating whether the docket is a miscellaneous docket	
Format: [Byte]	Example: 1

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<b>Misc_Docket</b>	
Notes: Miscellaneous dockets are indicated with a [1].	

<b>DistrictCourt</b>	
Description: Flag indicating whether the docket arises from a district court.	
Format: [Byte]	Example: 1
Notes: Appeal dockets arising from a district court are indicated with a [1].	

<b>case_number_wide</b>	
Description: Matches to the Stanford NPE Litigation dataset.	
Format: [String]	Example: 23,459;31,393
Notes:	

<b>Last_Activity_Date</b>	
Description: Date of last activity in docket as of docket collection	
Format: [date]	Example: 30jan2014
Notes:	

<b>TribOfOrigin</b>	
Description: Originating tribunal in TribOfOrigin format	
Format: [string]	Example: CFC
Notes: TribOfOrigin format provides detailed information on district courts.	

<b>origin_PACER</b>	
Description: Originating tribunal in using "origin" format	
Format: [string]	Example: CFC

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Notes: origin format does not provide detailed information on district courts. It is suitable for summary tables.