

IACA Adopted Standard Search Logic

503 Search methodology. Search results are produced by the application of search logic to the name presented to the filing officer. Human judgment does not play a role in determining the results of the search.

503.1 Standard search logic. The following rules describe the filing office's standard search logic and apply to all searches except for those where the search request specifies that a non-standard search logic be used:

503.1.1 There is no limit to the number of matches that may be returned in response to the search criteria.

503.1.2 No distinction is made between upper and lower case letters.

503.1.3 The character "&" (the ampersand) is deleted and replaced with the characters "and" each place it appears in the name.

503.1.4 Punctuation marks and accents are disregarded. For the purposes of this rule, punctuation and accents include all characters other than the numerals 0 through 9 and the letters A through Z (in any case) of the English alphabet.

503.1.5 The following words and abbreviations at the end of an organization name that indicate the existence or nature of the organization are "disregarded" to the extent practicable as determined by the filing office's programming of its UCC information management system:

[Insert the filing office's own "Ending Noise Words" list here.]

503.1.6 The word "the" at the beginning of an organization debtor name is disregarded.

503.1.7 All spaces are disregarded.

503.1.8 For first and middle names of individual debtor names, initials are treated as the logical equivalent of all names that begin with such initials, and first name and no middle name or initial is equated with all middle names and initials. For example, a search request for "John A. Smith" would cause the search to retrieve all filings against all individual debtors with "John" or the initial "J" as the first name, "Smith" as the last name, and with the initial "A" or any name beginning with "A" in the middle name field. If the search request were for "John Smith" (first and last names with no designation in the middle name field), the search would retrieve all filings against individual debtors with "John" or the initial J as the first name, "Smith" as the last name and with any name or initial or no name or initial in the middle name field.

503.1.9 If the name being searched is the last name of an individual debtor name without any first or middle name provided, the search will retrieve from the UCC information management system all financing statements with individual debtor names that consist of only the last name. 503.1.10 After using the preceding rules to modify the name being searched, the search will retrieve from the UCC information management system all Unlapsed Records, or, if requested by the searcher, all Active Records, that pertain to financing statements with debtor names that, after being modified as provided in this rule 503, exactly match the modified name being searched.

IACA List of Ending Noise Words pursuant to Rule 503.4

The following words and abbreviations indicate the existence or nature of an entity. These business endings will be ignored in a UCC search.

- Agency
- Association
- Assn
- Associates
- Assc
- Assoc
- Attorneys at Law
- Bank
- National Bank
- Business Trust
- Charter
- Chartered
- Company
- Co
- Corporation
- Corp
- Credit Union
- CU
- Federal Savings Bank
- FSB
- General Partnership
- Gen part
- GP
- Incorporated
- Inc
- Limited
- Ltd
- Ltee
- Limited Liability Company
- LC
- LLC
- Limited Liability Partnership
- LLP
- Limited Partnership
- LP
- Medical Doctors Professional Association
- MDPA
- Medical Doctors Professional Corporation
- MDPC
- National Association
- NA
- Partners
- Partnership
- Professional Association
- Prof Assn
- PA
- Professional Corporation
- Prof Corp
- PC
- Professional Limited Liability Company
- Professional Limited Liability Co
- PLLC
- Railroad
- RR
- Real Estate Investment Trust
- REIT
- Registered Limited Liability Partnership
- RLLP
- Savings Association
- SA
- Service Corporation
- SC
- Sole Proprietorship
- SP
- SPA
- Trust
- Trustee
- As Trustee