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MEMORANDUM

To: Clerks, United States Courts

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RE: UNITED STATES COURT OPINIONS GOVINFO SEARCH STRATEGIES
(**INFORMATION**)

I write to inform you of a GovInfo Search Strategies resource that was developed in response to input from the Clerks Advisory Groups. The Court Services Office's Electronic Public Access (EPA) Program worked with staff at the Government Publishing Office to produce a document that provides search strategies for specific criteria. This document has been posted on the [EPA Program's JNet page](#) and is being provided to GPO to be incorporated into their site. We request that courts make this document available on their public websites near where they link to their opinions on GovInfo. Please direct any questions or concerns about the GPO Court Opinions Program to the [EPA Program staff](#).

Attachment



United States Courts Opinions Collection on GovInfo

Search Strategies

Introduction

The Government Publishing Office (GPO) provides access to federal, appellate, district, bankruptcy and national judicial opinions through GovInfo (<https://www.govinfo.gov>). This document provides search strategies and features on GovInfo that will help you better target your search for opinions.

GovInfo [search features](#) include:

- The **basic search box** (first tab on search widget, all pages) uses **keywords and search operators**. Apply specific **filters and sorting** to target your search further over certain content, fields, or other criteria.

The screenshot shows the GovInfo search results page. The search term is "A.G.A. Flowers opinion". The results are filtered by "Collection" (United States Courts Opinions) and "Organization" (United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Florida). The search results list two items:

- 01-13984 - A.G.A. Flowers, Inc.**
United States Courts Opinions. United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Florida. Memorandum Opinion and Order Denying Motions for Release of Unclaimed Funds (Re: 1950 Application to Withdraw/Pay Unclaimed Funds filed by Interested Party Jacob Consulting). (Valencia, Yamileth). Wednesday, April 6, 2011.
....))) In re:) CASE NO. 96-17399-BKC-RAM) CHAPTER 11 RICH INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, INC.,) Debtor.)) MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER DENYING MOTIONS FOR RELEASE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS Funds locators typically locate creditors who did not cash or receive distributions in bankruptcy cases. The funds locators obtain an assignment of the ...
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- 09-21481 - Fontainebleau Las Vegas Holdings, LLC**
United States Courts Opinions. United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Florida. Memorandum Decision And Order Denying (Re: 3882 Amended Joint Motion to Enforce Terms Of District Court's Order Of Remand filed by Creditor M&M Lienholders, Creditor JMB Capital Partners Master Fund, LP). (Garcia, Nelly). Tuesday, March 19, 2013.
... HOLDINGS, LLC, ET AL., CHAPTER 7 (Jointly Administered) Debtors. / MEMORANDUM



- The [advanced search box](#) (second tab on search widget, on all pages) uses a form to help you target your search using special criteria such as circuit or state.

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Browse documents within a timeframe or date range

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Additional tips and tricks for finding information are posted on GovInfo's [United States Courts Opinions help page](#). This page is linked from the United States Courts Opinions browse page and also every single opinion's [Details](#) page (located under Actions to the left).



Search by Judge

Example: opinions with "judge ___" in the docket text.

Note: Inclusion of judge in docket text is inconsistent across courts.

- Using Basic Search, enter: [collection:uscourts dockettext:\(judge ___\)](#).
- Using Advanced Search, select *United States Courts Opinions* under Refine by Collection, then under Search In, select *Docket Text* from the first box and enter judge ___ in the free text box.

Search by Code Section

Example: opinions that reference code section "11 U.S.C. 347(b)" in the full text.

- Using Basic Search, enter: [collection:uscourts "11 U.S.C. 347\(b\)"](#).
- Using Advanced Search, select *United States Courts Opinions* under Refine by Collection, then under Search In, select *Full-Text* from the first box and enter ["11 U.S.C. 347\(b\)"](#) in the free text box.

Search by Case Name

Example: opinions with case name "A.G.A. Flowers, Inc." in the title field.

- Using Basic Search, enter: [collection:uscourts title:\(A.G.A. Flowers, Inc.\)](#).
- Using Advanced Search, select *United States Courts Opinions* under Refine by Collection, then under Search In, select *Title* from the first box and enter [A.G.A. Flowers, Inc.](#) in the free text box.

Search by Keyword

Example: opinions with keyword "deference" in the full text.

- Using Basic Search, enter: [collection:uscourts deference](#).
- Using Advanced Search, select *United States Courts Opinions* under Refine by Collection, then under Search In, select *Full-Text* from the first box and enter [deference](#) in the free text box.

Search by Order Title

Example: opinions with the phrase "memorandum opinion and order sanctioning" in the docket text.

- Using Basic Search, enter: [collection:uscourts dockettext:\("memorandum opinion and order sanctioning"\)](#).
- Using Advanced Search, select *United States Courts Opinions* under Refine by Collection, then under Search In, select *Docket Text* from the first box and enter ["memorandum opinion and order sanctioning"](#) in the free text box.



Search by Case Number

Example: opinions with "1:01-bk-13984" as the Case Number.

- Using Basic Search, enter: [collection:uscourts casenumber:\(1:01-bk-13984\)](#) OR the shortened version of the case number, e.g., [collection:uscourts casenumber:\(01-13984\)](#).
- Using Advanced Search, select *United States Courts Opinions* under Refine by Collection, then under Search In, select *Case Number* from the first box and enter [1:01-bk-13984](#) in the free text box OR the shortened version of the case number, e.g., [01-13984](#).