

## Handout – Tips for Name Searches

These tips are helpful when searching for case, hearing, and judgment results by Person, Business, or Attorney names in Minnesota Court Records Online (MCRO).

Select Name Type

Enter exact name or use a wildcard (\*) trailing after two characters to return results.  
Selecting Sounds Like may return more results. Wildcards (\*) are not allowed with Sounds Like search.

Sounds Like

Last Name \* (Required)      First Name \* (Required)      Middle Name

          

For more information about searching by name in MCRO, review the [Tips for Name Searches in MCRO Handout](#).

- Name searches in MCRO are exact, not general. MCRO will search for exactly what you enter. Therefore, it's a good idea to try searching multiple ways to find case results for the name being searched. For example:
  - Search including a middle name, then search again without the middle name, then search again using a middle initial.
  - Using a wildcard character (in MCRO, an asterisk (\*)) may help if you are unsure if there is a middle name or suffix (e.g., "Jr.").
- If you are not sure if a name contains punctuation (such as "U.S. Bank" or "US Bank"), try searching both ways.
- Using the Sounds Like feature will match names that "sound" like each other. For example:
  - Searching for "Rachel" will also display results for "Rochelle" and "Russell."
  - Searching for "Peterson" will also display results for "Petersen."
  - Searching for "Michelle" will also display results for "Michele" and "Michael."
  - Searching for "Apple" will also display results for "Apollo."