

WAC 308-391-302 Individual debtor names. For purposes of these rules, an "individual debtor name" is any name provided as a debtor name in a UCC record in a format that identifies the name as that of a debtor who is an individual, without regard to the nature or character of the name or to the nature or character of the actual debtor.

(1) Individual name fields. Individual debtor names are stored in files that include only the individual debtor names, and not organization debtor names. Separate data entry fields are established for first (given), middle (given), and last names (surnames or family names) of individuals. The name of a debtor with a single name (e.g., "Cher") is treated as a last name and shall be entered in the last name field. The filing office assumes no responsibility for the accurate designation of the components of a name but shall accurately enter the data in accordance with the filer's designations.

(2) Titles, prefixes and suffixes. Titles, prefixes (e.g., "Ms.") and suffixes or indications of status (e.g., "M.D.") are not typically part of a debtor's name. However, when entering a "name" into the UCC information management system, the filing office will enter the data exactly as it appears in the fields.

(3) Truncation of individual names. Personal name fields in the UCC information management system are fixed in length. Although filers should continue to provide full names on their UCC records, a name that exceeds the fixed length is entered as presented to the filing office, up to the maximum length of the data entry field. The lengths of data entry name fields are as follows:

- (a) First name: 100 characters.
- (b) Middle name: 100 characters.
- (c) Last name: 100 characters.
- (d) Suffix: 10 characters.

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