

## Misapplied Debtor Payments

### Overview

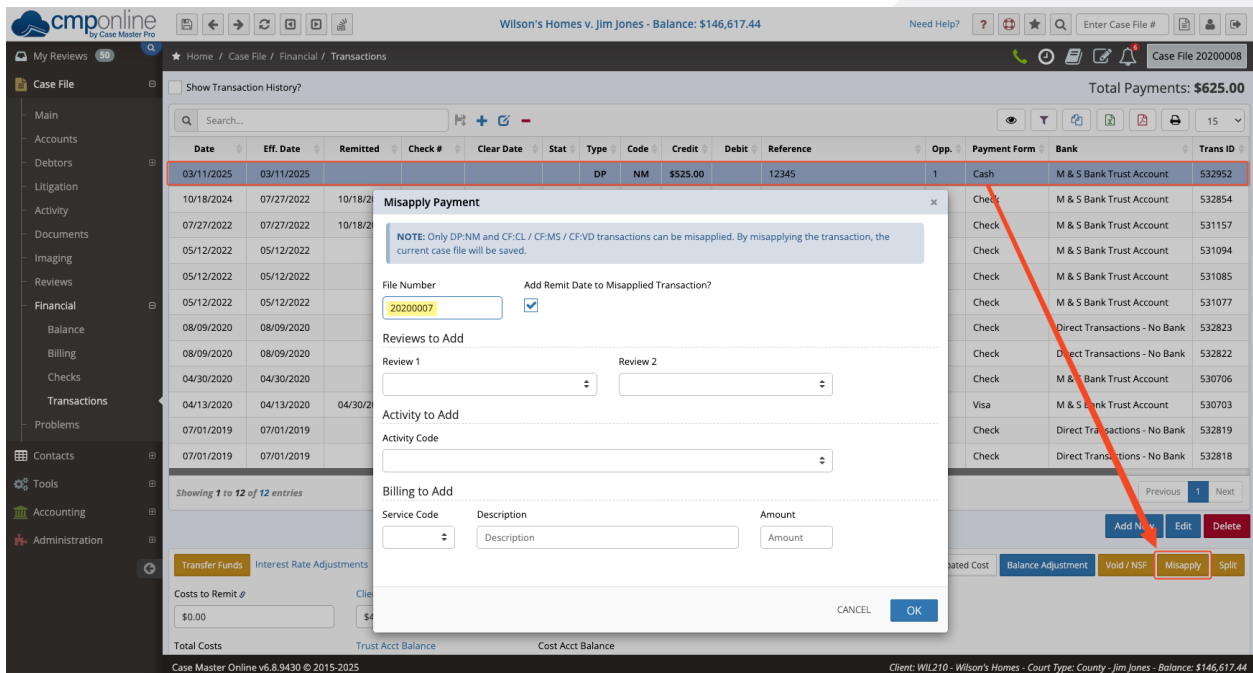
This help document provides guidance for correcting ***misapplied payments*** within CMPOnline. A misapplied payment occurs when a payment is posted to the wrong case file, which can happen if the incorrect file number is entered during posting. This guide explains how to use the **Misapply** button on the Case File's Transaction screen to reapply the payment to the appropriate case file. If the payment has already been remitted, additional adjustments will be required to ensure the remittance accurately reflects the corrected payment.

### Misapplying an Unremitted Debtor Payment

To correct a payment that was posted to the wrong case file before it has been remitted, first pull up the case file where the payment was accidentally applied.

- Navigate to **Case File > Financial > Transactions**
- Select the payment that should have been posted to another file
- Click on **Misapply** at the bottom of your transaction grid
- Enter the new file number and optional fields for reviews, activity, and billing  
**Note: Make sure the "Add Remit Date to Misapplied Transactions?" is checked**
- Click OK

Finally, check the new case file to confirm the transaction has been posted correctly.



The screenshot shows the CMPOnline interface for Case File 20200008. The 'Transactions' screen displays a grid of transactions. A 'Misapply Payment' dialog box is open, allowing the user to reapply a payment to a different case file. The dialog box includes fields for 'File Number' (set to 20200007), 'Add Remit Date to Misapplied Transaction?' (checked), 'Reviews to Add' (Review 1 and Review 2), 'Activity to Add' (Activity Code), and 'Billing to Add' (Service Code, Description, Amount). The 'Misapply' button is highlighted with a red arrow.

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### Misapplying a Remitted Payment

If the payment has **already been remitted**, the process is the same, but the **Remit Date** setting changes based on the client's remittance rules.

Follow the [steps above](#), but choose the correct option below:

- **Client allows negative amounts on batch remittance reports:**  
Leave "Add Remit Date to Misapplied Transactions?" **UNCHECKED** so the adjustment appears on a future remittance
- **Client does NOT allow negative amounts and will return the funds to the firm:**  
Leave the checkbox **CHECKED** and, once funds are returned, deposit the returned funds as Remittance to Client / Remittance Return From Client (RM / RT)  
*NOTE: Attorney Fees will need to be reimbursed to the incorrect file after the payment is misapplied*

### Questions?

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