

## Case Law Searching

Use the **Court Cases** search tab to search within common law, civil law, and international cases. Click the links to the right of the form to switch between the cases search forms.

### Construct Your Search

1. **Enter Search Terms** — construct a search string using connectors to show the relationship between terms. Click **View Connectors** for more information on search string construction.

### Choose Your Source

2. **Select Sources** — search across any subscribed sources, or select a particular source from the drop-down list.
3. **Modify This List** — select **Modify This List** from the drop-down menu to access **Recent and Favourite Sources**. Sources can be edited or deleted here.
4. **Find More Sources** — click **Find More Sources** to view sources beyond those listed in the **Select Sources** drop-down list.

### Restrict Your Search

5. **Document Sections** — limit your search to any section of a document within the selected source group. Click **Show**. Use the **Section** list to choose the part of the document you wish to search, enter the search terms in the **Terms** box, and then click **Add to Search** to create the search string.
6. **Case Name** — locate a case by words in the case name: for example, to find Smith v. Jones, enter: **Smith and Jones**
7. **Citation** — enter a citation or partial citation. Click **Citation Help** for instructions on how to format citations.

8. **Specify Date** — limit your search by date, or select a predefined timeframe. Select a date parameter from the drop-down list provided and enter your date restrictions.
9. **Summary** — search for words that appear within the summary of the case only. Enter your terms in the text box provided: for example, **age /5 discrimination**.  
**Caution:** Only cases that contain summaries will be searched when using this segment.
10. **Jurisdiction/Court** — limit your search to documents from a jurisdiction or court. Selecting a jurisdiction will automatically reveal the courts available for selection in that jurisdiction.
11. **Judge, Panel, or Arbitrator** — find cases heard by a particular judge: for example, **Kirby**.


The screenshot shows the 'Court Cases' search form with the following elements highlighted by numbered callouts:

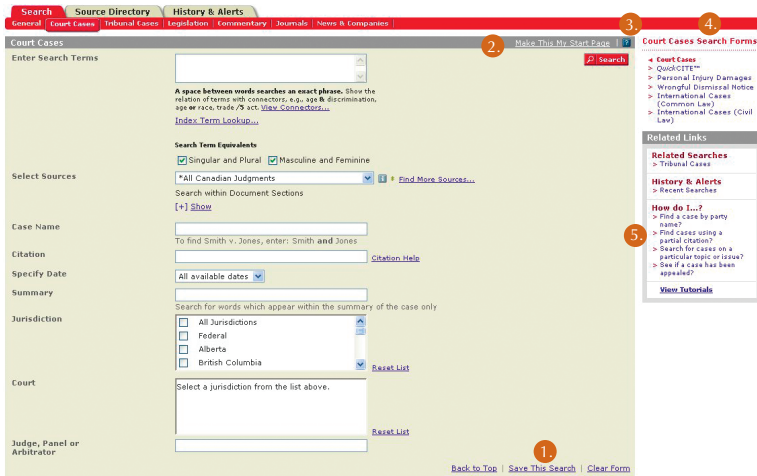
- 1. Enter Search Terms:** The search input field.
- 2. Select Sources:** The 'All Canadian Judgments' dropdown menu.
- 3. Specify Date:** The 'All available dates' dropdown menu.
- 4. Find More Sources:** The 'Find More Sources...' link.
- 5. Document Sections:** The 'Show' link for document sections.
- 6. Case Name:** The 'Case Name' input field.
- 7. Citation:** The 'Citation' input field.
- 8. Specify Date:** The 'All available dates' dropdown menu.
- 9. Summary:** The 'Summary' input field.
- 10. Jurisdiction:** The 'All Jurisdictions' dropdown menu.
- 11. Judge, Panel or Arbitrator:** The 'Court' input field.

Additional visible elements include the 'Search' button, 'View Connectors' link, 'Section List', 'Citation Help', and 'Reset List' buttons.

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## Additional Options

1. **Save This Search** — complete the search form, and then click the **Save This Search** link to save your current search.
2. **Make This My Start Page** — click the **Make This My Start Page** link to make this form your start page when you first sign in to the Quicklaw service.
3. **Help** — click the  icon for more information on using the **Court Cases** search form.
4. **Court Cases Search Forms** — choose one of the **Court Cases Search Forms** from the list. There are different forms for searching different collections.
5. **How Do I...?** — choose one of the **How Do I...?** topics from the list for help constructing your search.



**Search** | **Source Directory** | **History & Alerts**

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**Court Cases** | **Court Cases Search Forms**

Enter Search Terms:

**Search**

A space between words searches an exact phrase. Show the relation of terms with connectors, e.g., age & discrimination, age we rock trade 79 cc. [View Connector...](#)

[Index Term Lookup...](#)

**Search Term Equivalents**

Singular and Plural  Masculine and Feminine

Select Sources: \*All Canadian Judgments [Find More Sources...](#)

Search within Document Sections: [\[+\] Show](#)

Case Name:

Citation: To find Smith v. Jones, enter: Smith and Jones [Citation Help](#)

Specify Date: All available dates [▼](#)

Summary: Search for words which appear within the summary of the case only

Jurisdiction:  All Jurisdictions  Federal  Alberta  British Columbia [Reset List](#)

Court: Select a jurisdiction from the list above. [Reset List](#)

Judge, Panel or Arbitrator:

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**How do I...?**






- Find a case by party name?
- Find cases using a partial citation?
- Search for cases on a particular topic or issue?
- See if a case has been appealed?

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## Browse (International Reporters Only)

Use the Browse feature to view a source in more detail. Choose a **Case Law Search** form, and then click the **Browse** sub-tab (located only on certain forms).

**Note:** Some single sources cannot be browsed, and some combined sources may contain single sources that cannot be browsed.

1. Click the  icon to view information about the service including when it was last updated.
2. Click the  icon to open the publication tree for a particular source.
3. Click the checkbox next to a source to select all documents within it; or,
4. Click the checkbox next to the documents you wish to view, and then click the **View Tagged** button.
5. Click the , , or  icons to print, download, or have selected documents emailed to you.
6. Use the **Quick Search** form to quickly find results within the source you are browsing.



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**Search** | **Browse** | **International Cases (Common Law)** | **Quick Search**

**NOTE:** (Note: For enhanced searching, select the checkbox next to a source and click the Search tab.)

All ER Reprints

[1858-1774] All ER Rep

[1802] All ER Rep

[1803-18] All ER Rep

[1814-23] All ER Rep

[1824-24] All ER Rep

**View Tagged**   

**Quick Search**

Search on selected items only [Search](#)

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