

# Fastcase Legal Research

The Smarter Solution for Legal Research

Overview | 2010



# FASTCASE OFFERS

- ✓ Cases, Statutes, Regulations, Rules, Constitutions
- ✓ Jurisdictions:
  - ✓ Supreme Court Opinions (from 1 U.S. 1)
  - ✓ Federal Courts of Appeals Opinions (from 1. F.2d 1)
  - ✓ Federal District Court Opinions: (from 1 F. Supp. 1)
  - ✓ State Supreme/Appellate Opinions: 1950-Current
  - ✓ Federal Bankruptcy Court: 1979-Current
  - ✓ Board of Immigration Appeals: 1996-Current
  - ✓ Tax Court: 1924-Current



# QUICK CASELAW SEARCH

- ✓ Simple Keyword Search
- ✓ Citation Lookup

**Best for** | Known case citations, unique party names, or docket numbers.



# ADVANCED CASELAW SEARCH

- ✓ Keyword Search
- ✓ Natural Language
- ✓ Citation Lookup

**Practice Tip** | Unless you already have a your case citation handy, **Keyword Search** usually yields the best results.



# BOOLEAN OPERATORS

- ✓ Copyright **AND** Preemption
  - ✓ Landlord **OR** Lessor
  - ✓ “Chemical Waste” **NOT** Management
  - ✓ Capital **w/3** Punishment
  - ✓ Termin\*
- ✓ **Example:** (waiv\* w/4 miranda) confess\* w/25  
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# RESEARCH TIP 1 | START WITH BROAD SEARCHES

- ✓ Use wildcard operators
- ✓ Use within searches instead of phrases in quotation marks
- ✓ Remember to use synonyms

## RESEARCH TIP 2 | SEARCH BY CASE NAME

Example | Gideon v. Wainwright, 372 U.S. 335  
(1963).

Search | Gideon w/15 Wainwright

## RESEARCH TIP 3 | “ANNOTATE” A STATUTE WITH ADVANCED CASELAW SEARCH

- ✓ To find cases citing a particular statute section, construct an Advanced Caselaw *keyword* search with the statute section in quotation marks.

**Example |** 42 U.S.C. § 1983

**Search |** “42 U.S.C. 1983” or (“42 U.S.C.” w/3 1983)



# POWERFUL TOOLS

- ✓ **Authority Check** - Lists and links to all later citing cases
- ✓ **Interactive Timeline** - Unique visualization of search results
- ✓ **Forecite** – Suggest relevant decisions not in your results
- *No treatment information*





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