Introduction to Legal Research on Fastcase (2013)



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What Fastcase covers

Fastcase is a Primary Law Database

Case Law	Federal and state case law back to 1950**			
Statutes	U.S. Code & official state statutes for D.C. plus 47 states			
Other Regulations	Links to state and federal administrative regulations and codes (some are searchable)			
Court Rules	Links to state and federal courts rules (some are searchable)			
Constitutions	Links to state and federal constitutions (some are searchable)			

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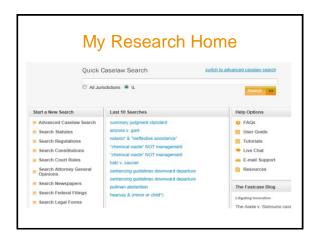
What is Fastcase ?

Go To Scope of Coverage

Fastcase databases Start a New Search a Advanced Caselaw Search search Statutes search Regulations search Constitutions search Court Rules search Attorney General Opinions search Newspapers search Federal Filings search Legal Forms

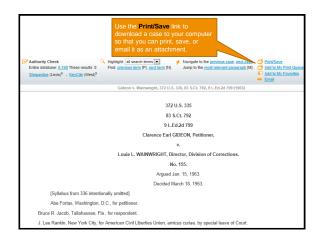
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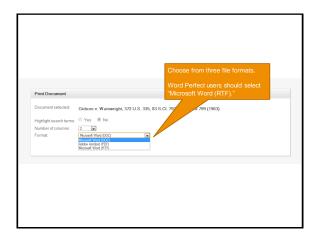
Citation Lookup Pull up cases by reporter citation Pull up cases by reporter citation Best for non-legal professionals or those who are new to online legal research or unfamiliar with keyword searching Less precise than Keyword search Keyword (Boolean) Most powerful, precise and flexible way to search





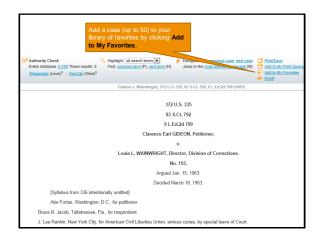


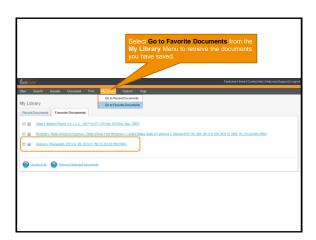






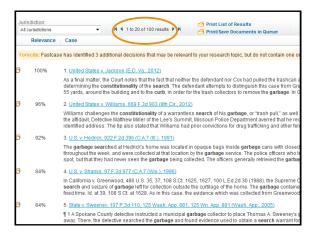




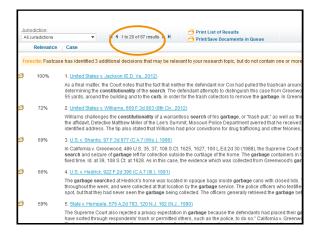


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	"felony murde		cases with either security or pleage, and also the word assignment cases containing the exact phrase "felony murder"
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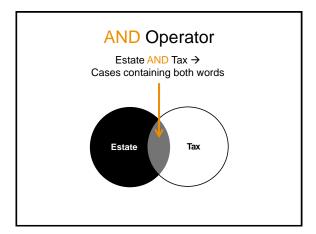


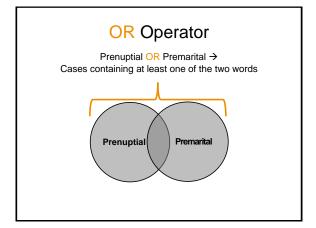


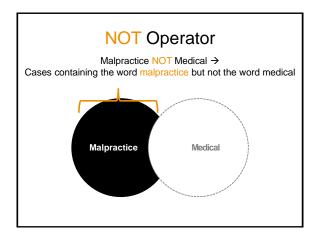
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Syntax	Example (click to run a search)	Result					
AND, & OR	copyright AND preemption landlord OR lessor	cases with both the words "copyright" and "preemption" cases with either the word "landlord" or "lessor"					



	Supported C	Operators
Operator	Example	Description
AND, &	Copyright AND Preemption	Results must contain both the words "Copyright" and "Preemption."
OR	Landlord OR Lessor	Results must contain either "Landlord" or "Lessor."
NOT	Vehicle NOT Car	Results must contain "Vehicle" but must not contain "Car."
w/3, /3	Capital w/3 Punishment	Results must contain "Capital" within 3 words of "Punishment." Use any number between 2 and 50.
	Litig*	Results must contain some variation of the stem "Litig" such as Litigation, Litigated, Litigator, etc.
	"Felony Murder"	Results must contain the precise phrase "Felony Murder"
()	(Security OR Pledge) AND Assignment	Parentheses define the order of operations when you use multiple Boolean operators







(Proximity) Within Operator

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... obligation. To modify the...
... modify the firm's obligation. . .
... obligation to seek and modify. . . .
...modify the previous order of obligation
...obligation, regardless of the order to modify...

* = Multi-letter Wildcard Operator

Cases containing any word that begins with "testa"

Testa^{*} →

testate
testator
testable
testament
testamentary

? = Single Letter Wildcard Operator

Less?r →
Cases containing any word that has "less_r"

lessor lesser

"Quotes" Operator

"Felony Murder" → Cases containing the phrase "felony murder"

Not in results: murder resulting from a felony convicted of the felony of murder

In results:

charged with felony murder

(Parentheses)

- Example: security or pledge and assignment
- · How it could be read:
 - (security or pledge) and assignment
 - security or (pledge and assignment)
- Use parentheses for more precise results:
 - -(Security OR Pledge) AND Assignment

Keyword search tips

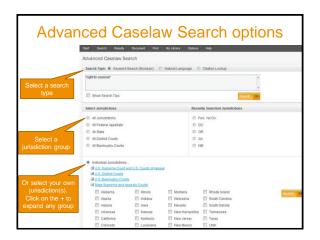
NEW! This limitation only applies to non-caselaw keyword searches

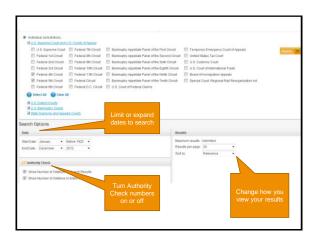
•Unsupported Patterns
•A w3 (5 OR C)
•A w3 (5 AND C)
•Supported Patterns
•(A w/3 B) OR (Aw/3 C); (A w/3 B) AND (A w/3 C)

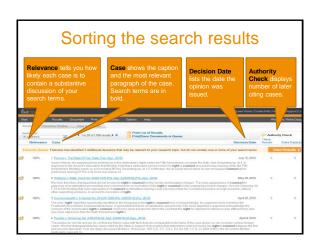
Use quotation marks around numerical search terms.

•Comes up when searching for case law citing a statute •Incorrect: 111.2 OR 111.4 •Correct: "111.2" OR "111.4"

Use parentheses to specify the order of operations.











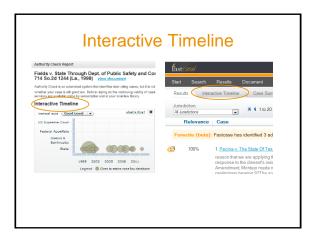
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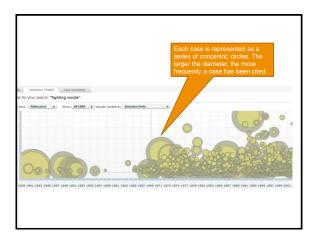


- List of later-citing cases in the Fastcase database
 - Click the links to read the later cases and determine whether the original case is still good law for the point it's cited for
- · Does not contain editorial treatment
 - For treatment information, contact Shepard's or Westlaw. Check with your local bar, law library, or law school as well!



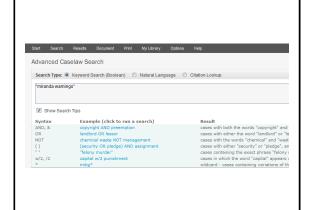


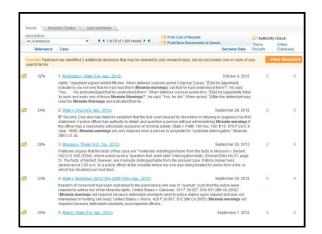




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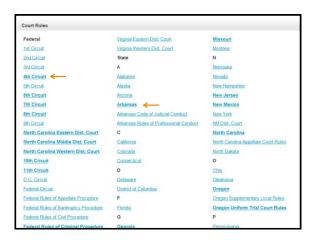
- Enhances your keyword search results by finding important decisions that weren't included in your search results
- Suggests cases that may be relevant to your search
- · Completely automatic

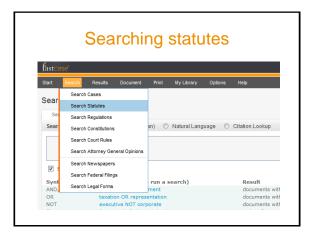


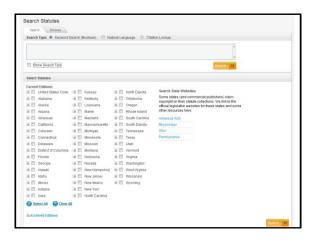


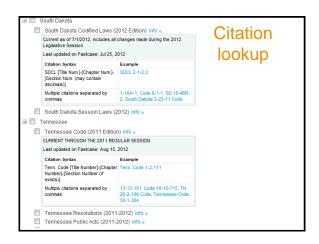


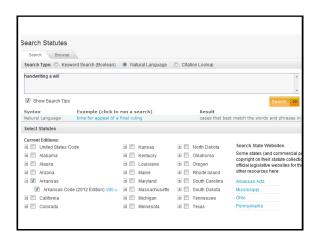
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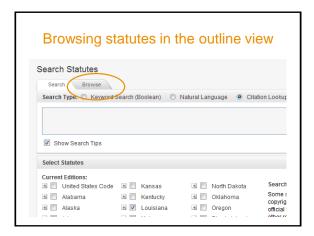














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