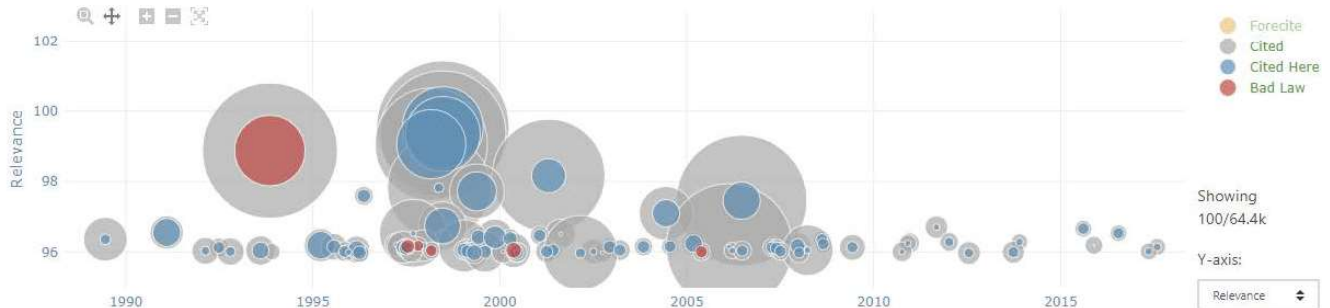


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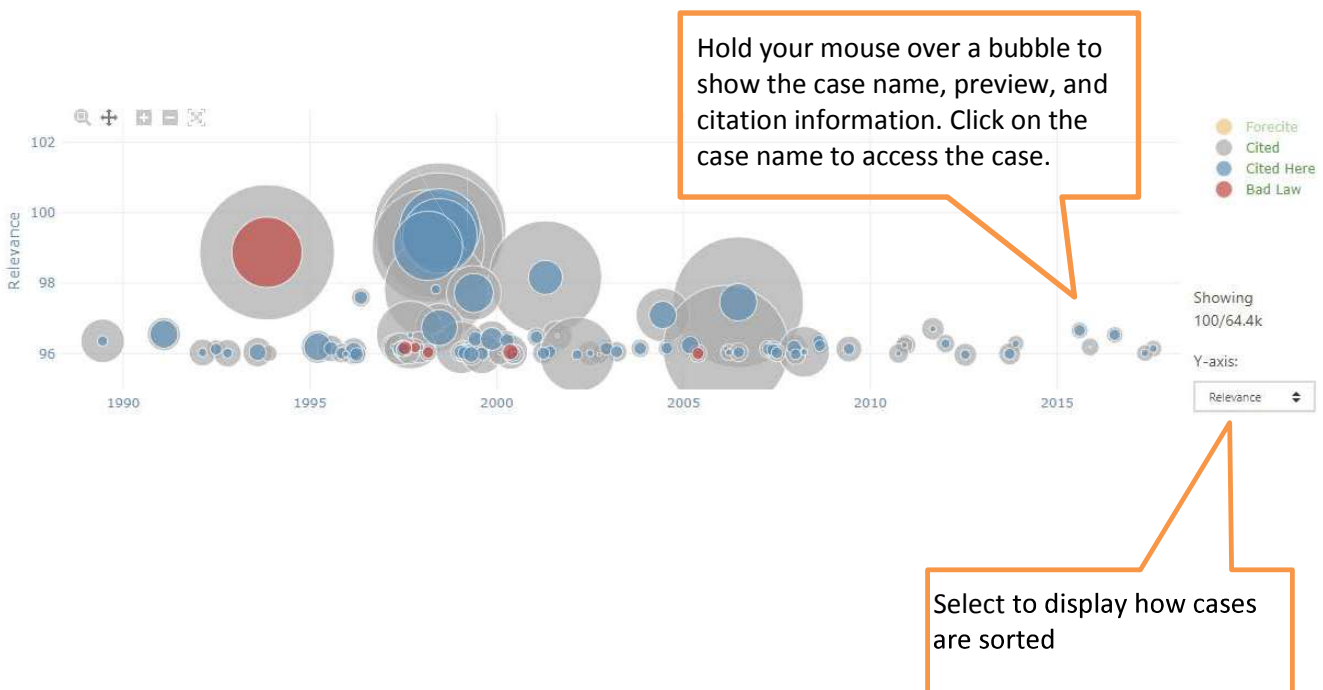
The **Interactive Timeline** is a powerful data visualization tool unique to Fastcase. By allowing you to view up to four different attributes of each case at a time, your search results jump off the page.

Reading the Timeline

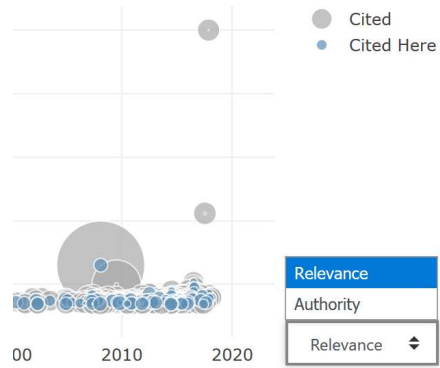
- To access the **Interactive Timeline**, start by running a search and viewing your search results. On the bottom of the results page you will see the **Interactive Timeline**. By default, your timeline will be in **Relevance View**.



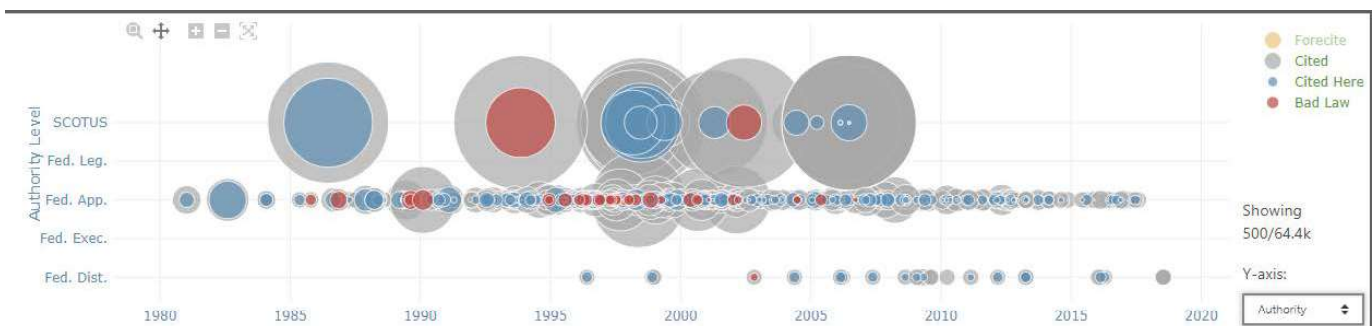
- Each case in your search results is represented on the **Interactive Timeline** by a gray circle.
- The **Interactive Timeline** tells you at least four things about each case:
 - The date of each decision (x-axis).
 - The **Relevance Score** of each decision (y-axis).
 - The number of times each case was cited overall (diameter of gray circles)
 - The number of times each case was cited for your search terms (diameter of blue circles).
 - The red circle indicates that a case has negative interpretation and is no longer considered good case law.



- You can switch to **Court Level View** by selecting Authority from the **Vertical Axis** filter.



- This time, your timeline will look something like the image below:



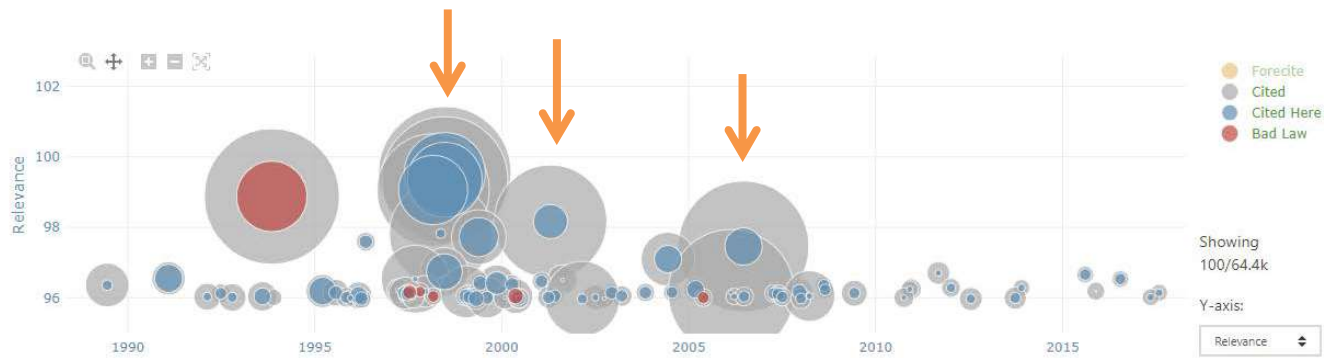
- Now you can see the court level of each decision (y-axis).

Identifying Authoritative Cases

By illustrating how relevant each case is based on your search terms, how many times each case has been cited by subsequent cases, the **Interactive Timeline** quickly identifies seminal and authoritative cases.

- For the best results, first make sure that you are in **Relevance View**.
- Then look for cases with large diameters that appear towards the top of the page since frequently cited cases with high **Relevance Scores** are the most likely to be authoritative.

- Here is an illustrative example: if you perform a keyword search for "sexual harrassment" and open the **Interactive Timeline** in **Relevance View**, you will see something that looks like this:



- It is easy to spot authoritative cases on the timeline – look for circles with large blue and gray diameters as well as circles that appear higher up than other contemporaneous cases.
- On the timeline pictured above, these three cases – all key sexual harrassment cases– stand out.