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.

- 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 harassment" 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 harassment cases – stand out.