

Searching CaseBase

CaseBase is a comprehensive case citator and annotator containing over 340,000 case entries covering more than 60 Australian and overseas report series and the unreported decisions of the High Court, the Federal Court, the Supreme Courts of all Australian States and Territories, the Family Court, the Federal Magistrates Court, the NSW Land and Environment Court and other selected jurisdictions.

CaseBase is also an excellent bibliographic reference, with over 25,000 catchworded and annotated article entries covering over 100 Australian and overseas legal journals.

The CaseBase Signals help you to research the precedential value of the cases you rely on. Coverage of unreported decisions means you don't have to wait until a case is reported to find out if the law has changed. CaseBase's catchwords and digests make it easy to search for recent decisions and articles on a particular area of law, and for judicial consideration of legislation and words and phrases. For Scope/Coverage go to How Do I....? on the right hand side of the screen.

LexisNexis® AU offers several ways for you to search. One method is by using the **Content Type** search forms located in the **Red Bar** at the top of the screen. Each of the forms is designed to search all sources that contain the same content.

Use the **Cases** tab on the **Red Bar** then click on CaseBase in the Cases Search Forms panel on the right hand side of the screen.

For help with constructing your searches a number of options are available:

1. How Do I....? on the right hand side of the screen.
2. The question mark? that appears above the Search button.
3. The Connectors Help under the Search Terms panel.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis AU search interface. At the top, there is a red navigation bar with tabs for 'Search', 'Practice Areas', 'Source Directory', and 'Research Manager'. Below this, a secondary bar contains 'Home', 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Commentary', 'Forms', 'Journals', 'Dictionaries', and 'Services'. The 'Cases' tab is selected. On the right side, a 'Cases Search Forms' panel is visible, with a list of search options including 'Cases', 'CaseBase', 'Australian Current Law - Reporter', 'Australian and New Zealand Citator to UK Reports', 'Cases Indexes/Tables', 'International Cases', 'International Cases (Civil Law)', and 'International Indexes and Tables'. A red arrow labeled '1' points to the 'CaseBase' option. In the main search area, there is a 'Search Terms' input field with a 'Search' button. A red arrow labeled '2' points to the question mark icon above the 'Search' button. Below the input field, there is a 'NOTE' section and a 'Connectors Help' link. A red arrow labeled '3' points to the 'Connectors Help' link. At the bottom of the search area, there is a 'Sources' section with a dropdown menu set to '+CaseBase Cases and Journal Articles' and a 'Search within Document Sections' option.

Or

Click on the Common Tasks dropdown from the Home page.

Common Tasks

Find a case in CaseBase

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Enter case name or citation

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Search Tips

When searching for a particular case enter the details in the **Case/Article Name** field
e.g. Swain *and* Waverley.

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NOTE Use connectors to show the relationship of terms: **define and** reputation, contract **or** agree, trade w/9 act, jurf (truncated search). A search without connectors finds the exact phrase: to find 'duty of care' do not enter 'duty care'. [Connectors Help](#)

Sources

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Search within Document Sections

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Case/Article Name

Find Smith v Jones, enter: Smith and Jones

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