

Finding Cases

Use this form to search within your subscribed cases sources. This may include reports series such as *Australian Law Reports*, *Family Law Reports*, *Unreported Judgments*, the cases portion of Casebase Case Citorator, *Australian Current Law - Reporter* and the *Australian and NZ Citator to UK Reports* - depending upon your subscription.

To search for a case **click on the Cases tab**, below the red line, on the Toolbar.



Select the **Source(s)** that you want to search across by clicking on the dropdown arrow in the Sources field (1).

Now **select the field(s)** in which you are going to type your query. For example:

- **Search Terms (2)** will search across the full text of a case source. This option is useful if you want to find cases that contain certain key words.
- **Case Name (3)** will search across case names only. This option is useful if you know the name of the case you require, e.g. *hill and van er.p*
- **References to Legislation (4)** will find cases that discuss a particular piece of legislation. Type your query in this field in the following format – Corporations Act w/p s 588g.
- **Citation (5)** will search across case citations only. This option is useful if you know the citation of the case you require, e.g. To find 2002 222 ALR 202, type - 2002 222 alr 202.

Click on the **Search** button for your results.

The image shows a screenshot of the LexisNexis AU search interface for cases. The interface is titled 'Cases' and has a search bar at the top right. On the left side, there are several search options: 'Search Terms', 'Case Name', 'References to Legislation', and 'Citation'. Each option is highlighted with a red circle and a number: (1) for 'Sources', (2) for 'Search Terms', (3) for 'Case Name', (4) for 'References to Legislation', and (5) for 'Citation'. The 'Sources' dropdown is set to '*Unreported Judgments - All Jurisdictions'. The 'Search Terms' field contains the text 'v Jones, enter: Smith and Jones'. The 'Case Name' field is empty. The 'References to Legislation' field is empty. The 'Citation' field is empty. The 'Jurisdiction' dropdown is set to 'All Australian Jurisdictions'. The 'Court' dropdown is empty. The 'Judge' field is empty. The 'Representation' field is empty. The 'References to Cases' field is empty. The 'Search' button is at the bottom right.

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Search tips:

- Remember to put connectors, e.g., **and**, **w/p** or **w/5**, between individual words when typing in your query for any of the search fields.
- You can enter information in as many, or as few, fields as you wish. The more search options you fill in, the more specific your search will be.
- **If you are unable** to find what you're looking for, try the following:
 - Be as broad as possible by using fewer of the search options.
 - Use the Search Terms field instead of one of the more specific search options.
 - Use wildcards to account for misspellings of your search terms - e.g., **thom*son** to account for both Thomson and Thompson.
- It is possible to get LexisNexis AU to take a search and run it on a scheduled basis. Refer to the 'Research Manager' sheet for more information.
- You can search in the CaseBase 'Words & Phrases' field by changing to the CaseBase-specific search form. This search is accessed by clicking on the CaseBase link in the left hand side of the Cases search form.

How do I find the Reported version of a reported case?

You can access the reported version of reported cases by opening the case after having searched for it, and then clicking on the PDF icon.



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