Selecting the Database

The default screen is the General Search – Easy Search™ option.

Default Screen (General – Easy Search™)

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A combination of sources (e.g. legal and newspapers) can be searched simultaneously from this page, by selecting the appropriate category.

For a more focused search for legal information, however, use the Legal search screen.
From here, you can select from a variety of areas, both by type of material and geography (e.g., U.S. Federal and State Cases, Canadian Legislation, Canadian Case Law, European Union, and patents).

To search for Canadian Case Law, select Canadian Court Cases in the left menu.
Searching the Database

Canadian Court Cases Search Page

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Fill in the search form as directed.

Search Tips
- Use AND to combine terms (e.g., housen AND nikolaisen)
- Use OR to search for similar words (e.g., crime OR misdemeanors)
- Use W/s to search for both words in the same sentence (e.g., housen w/s nikolaisen)
- Use W/p to search for both words in the same paragraph (e.g., housen w/p nikolaisen)
- Use * as a wild card, one for each letter, in the middle or at the end of a word (e.g., wom*n will retrieve women or woman)
- Use ! at the end of a word to retrieve the root with an infinite number of endings (e.g., misdemean! will retrieve misdemeanor, misdemeanour, misdemeanors, etc.)
- To search for a specific case in the case name search box, use AND, not v or vs
- To search specific segments (e.g., case name, counsel, case summary), click on the Show options... link under Sources

Show (Document Sections)
**Viewing Results**

Articles may be viewed as a List (the default), an Expanded List (includes keywords in context), in KWIC format, full-text format, and custom format. To change the viewing result, click on the View dropdown menu.

- To view an individual article, click on the title
- To view multiple articles, tag those of interest, and click on the View Tagged button

**Results Page**

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The default is to show results by relevance. You can change this to publication date (reverse chronological order) or chronological.

Note that you can narrow your results by jurisdiction/court by clicking on the appropriate link in the left menu.

You can also narrow or edit your search from the Results page. Using the Narrow Search box will search within the retrieved results, while using the Edit Search will return you to the search screen.

To start a new search from the Results page, click on the Edit Search dropdown menu and select New Search.

**Printing, Saving, and E-Mailing Results**

Multiple full-text records can be printed, saved, or e-mailed simultaneously.

- Click on the appropriate icon from the Results page or an individual record

**Exporting to RefWorks**

You can export your results directly into RefWorks.

- Click on the book icon from the Results page or an individual record