Finding Cases

If you know one or both party names of the case you need, or the citation, the fastest way to locate the case is by using the cases field from the 'find a title' section on the homepage.

E.g. “Ahluwalia”, “Pepper” v “Hart” or “1932 AC 562”

(Remember to omit any square brackets in citations)

The drop down of suggestions will also help you locate the correct case, if you’re not sure of the full title!

TOP TIP!

You can run a search across all of your subscribed Case sources by entering details into one or more of the search fields in the Cases Tab. Please note that you do not have to complete all of the search fields to find results. However, the more information you have the fewer and more specific your results will be.

Click on the Search button to retrieve your search results.

Select the Cases tab along the grey toolbar.

Cases tab:

You can quickly find your required case by inserting the Citation. Note: Do not include brackets however spaces are required.

You can add specific topics to your search by clicking on the Add topics to search link under the Search Terms box. Topics are a quick way of narrowing down your search to only a specific topic. Example: Adoption & Fostering.

In the Case name field, enter either one or both party names. Note: Brackets, capital letters and punctuation are not necessary.

Select the appropriate source from the Sources drop-down list or select All Subscribed Case Sources.

If you want to search for specific words or terms within the cases source group you can enter these into the Search Terms box.

Note: You can make use of the Search Tips link at the bottom of the Search Terms box to optimise your search via the use of search connectors.

Using the Summary Box can be really beneficial in narrowing your search results. If you enter terms here, results will only be returned if those words are used in the Catchwords or Headnote of the case.
Case Overview

Case Overview gives you the history of a case and the judicial treatment the decision has received.

You can find Case Overview documents in two ways: Using the Case Overview link on the left-hand side of the Cases search screen or by selecting a search result from the source entitled Case Overview on a results page.

Hover your mouse over the signal adjacent to the case names to identify the status of the decision for this case.

Catchwords & Digest gives you the Catchwords for the case and a Digest of the case.

All available citations for this case are listed underneath the case names, in order of court reporting hierarchy.

Citations highlighted in blue are hyperlinked and if clicked on will take you the judgement for that version of the case report.
Case History shows you if the case has had any appeals and the path that the case has taken through the court system. The overall status of the decision for each case and annotations detailing how each case treated the previous case’s decision.

The Cases referring to this case section shows you more recent cases that have referred to this decision, the treatment they gave to the case and the overall status of each decision. This essentially allows us to see whether the judge in each of the listed cases agreed with this decision.

Cases considered by this case shows you the older cases that were considered during this case, how the decision of each case was treated, and the overall status of the decision for each case.

Appeal Tracker shows the status of the case throughout the appeal process.

Click on the arrows to expand or collapse the Case History, Cases Referring to this case, Cases Considered by this case and Appeal Tracker tables.
Today’s Cases

Accessing the Today’s Cases Feature:

You can access the Today’s Cases page from the Cases Tab.

Once on the Cases search page, you will see the Today’s Cases link on the right-hand side. Click on this link to open the page.
Today’s Cases

Today’s Cases provides case coverage from the last 10 days.

First, click on the “Check for New Content” button on the right to ensure you’re seeing the absolute latest cases. This is important as new content is uploaded constantly. The ‘!’ icon will appear next to new content.

**Last Updated Date** displays cases arranged by the date they were published.

**Judgment Date** displays cases arranged by their judgment dates.

**Show** allows you to search for cases using topics or party names.

Dates: Click on a date to reveal or conceal the cases published on that day.

‘!’: this icon appears next to new content.
Click on the Case Digests icon to read a digest of the case as reported in the All England Reporter.

The case digest will be displayed on a new page.

Click on Back to List to return to the previous page displaying the list of cases.
To use the today’s cases feature, simply go to http://cases.lexisnexis.uk. Some devices may ask for approval to use a larger database. For further details, go to https://cases.lexisnexis.uk/#/faq.

Please note: The web app works on all modern browsers and devices. Unfortunately, IE8 does not support some of the key functionality required for offline access. As it is not supported for use in any mobile device in any event, you will only be able to use Today’s Cases as a normal web page on IE8 and won’t have the benefit of being told when new content is available. You will still be able to access all of the other improvements around search and layout. For the full experience, you should upgrade to a different browser or to a newer version of IE.

Please note: If you are using IP authentication to access LexisLibrary, you will only be able to access LexisLibrary related products and services from devices that use the same IP address, this includes the Today’s Cases web app. As such, unless your mobile devices are also registered to the same IP address, you won’t be able to access the web app on that device. In this case, if you wish to use the web app, please contact your Account Manager to discuss authentication options.
Judgments Alerter

This source allows you to set up daily email alerts notifying you of the new judgments which have been handed down in Court and added to LexisLibrary.

Judgment Alerter can be added to your existing Update or set up as a new Update.

**Setting up Judgment Alerter as a new alert**

Click on the Settings dropdown arrow on the top right of the page and navigate to My Alerts.
**Judgments Alerter**

*If you already have alert that you would like to receive Judgements Alerts on, skip this page and follow the instructions for ‘Adding Judgments Alerter to your existing alert’.

If you do not already have an update scheduled click on the Create button.
Give the alert a Name. This will be the subject line of your update email.

In the Content Types box click on the arrow next to the Cases field and tick the box next to Judgments Alerter.

On the next tab, select the topic area(s) you wish to receive updates on.

Finally select the Jurisdiction(s) from which you would like to receive judgment alerts.

Click Next and complete the following sections below to enter your email address and specify your delivery preferences.
Adding Judgments Alerter to your existing alert

NB: You will not need to add Judgments Alerter to your existing alert if you have selected All Sources on your alert – it will automatically be included.

Tick the box next to the update you wish to edit and click on Edit.

Click on the arrow next to the Cases field and tick the box next to Judgments Alerter.

If you do not wish to make any other changes to your email, go to the Summary tab and click on Finish to save your update.

Click Next.