JUSTIS CASE LAW

Quick Reference Guide
Coverage

- Court of Appeal Judgments (Criminal Division 1963-1989, 1993 onwards; Civil Division 1951 onwards)
- Times Law Reports 1990 onwards
- Bermuda Law Reports & Judgments
- Jamaican Cases
- British Virgin Islands Cases

Quick Search

From the home page of Justis you can use the Quick Search option to search across a range of materials. Alternatively by selecting a type of material from the drop down list you can search specifically for cases or legislation. Once you have selected the type(s) of material, enter search terms in the box and press enter.
If you select a material type from the Quick search page, you can also select from the data sources available. This will narrow your search to a particular series.

Selecting a database

Select Cases from the options at the top of the screen. On the right of the screen there is a Data Sources tab. Click on this if you want to search specific law report series. The series with a tick are the ones to which the Inner Temple Library subscribes. If you want to search all subscribed sources you do not need to do anything other than enter search terms in the box.
Methods of Searching

1. **Searching by Party Name**

The search screen has the option to search by party name. If the party names are fairly distinctive (i.e. not Smith or Jones) type the names in the search box. Click on **Search**.

If the names are common, you can add further details such as court and year.

2. **Searching by Citation**

The search screen has the option to search by citation. Fill in the boxes for year, volume, series (i.e. abbreviation of the law report series) and page or number as applicable. Click on **Search**.
3. **Searching by Subject or Free Text**

The search screen has the option to search by subject (i.e. words from the catchwords section of the law report) or to search for terms anywhere in the full text of the report. Enter your term or terms using the appropriate connectors (see later section on **Search Language**). Click on **Search**.

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**Search Results**

If your search returns more than one document, you will see a **Results** screen. The results are initially sorted by relevance. You can choose to view the results in the order of your choice: by citation in **ascending** or **descending** order or by **year** (**oldest** or **most recent** first). Click the down arrow by the Relevance box to change the order. To view the full text of a case click on the title of the case you want to view.
Viewing Documents

Once you have retrieved the full text of the case, at the top of the screen there is an **Outline** tab. This allows you to navigate around the case quickly by selecting the section of the case you are interested in, e.g. judges, court, counsel, judgment.

On the left of the screen there are various other tabs for additional information.

1. **Overview & Citations**

   This gives details of other reports of the case with hypertext links and subsequent treatments.

2. **Cases Considered**

   This gives details of cases that were judicially considered in the case.

3. **Subsequent Cases**

   This gives details of cases that have subsequently considered/applied/overruled your case.

4. **Legislation Considered**

   This gives details of legislation that has been cited within the case.

5. **Articles**

   This gives details of articles that consider the case.

Any case, piece of legislation or article that is referred to can be viewed via the JustCite facility, provided that Inner Temple Library subscribes to the source referred to. See later section for more information on JustCite.

6. **PDF**

   For some documents there is a link to the original printed version in PDF format. Where a PDF is available, a PDF link will be shown on the left with the other links. Click on this to view and print the PDF.

![Image of a document with tabs for Full Text, Overview & Citations, Cases Considered, Subsequent Cases, Legislation Considered, and PDF.](image-url)
Printing

To print a case, click on the print icon on the top right of the screen. A box will appear with 3 options. Fill in the appropriate details. Click on Print.

You will be shown a print dialogue box. Click on Print. Printing can be collected from the Enquiry Point and costs 10 pence per page.

Emailing

To email a case, click on the Email option at the top right of the screen. A box will appear. Fill in the appropriate details and click Send.

A further box will appear to indicate that the email has been successfully sent. Click OK.
JustCite

Justis Publishing also produce a more comprehensive indexing and noting-up service called JustCite. This is accessible via Justis and also separately via the JustCite icon on the Inner Temple Library home page. JustCite provides links to content from a range of publishers and includes extensive links to full text material on leading online services, including BAILII, Justis, Lexis Library and Westlaw. The JustCite service provides the links to other databases only if the Inner Temple Library subscribes to the database.

Search Language

“Quotation marks”
Use quotation marks around your search terms to find an exact phrase e.g. “paternity leave”

AND
Use AND to retrieve search terms within the same document e.g. “maternity leave” and discrimination

OR
Use OR to retrieve either search term or both e.g. “paternity leave” or “maternity leave”

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To retrieve words with variant endings, use an asterisk e.g. employ* will retrieve employ, employee, employer etc.

For more information on search operators select Justis Help at the bottom right of the main search screen in the Cases database.