

WESTLAW UK CASE LAW

Quick Reference Guide



COVERAGE

- Full text of The Law Reports 1865 onwards and other series of reports including: Weekly Law Reports 1953 onwards; Criminal Appeal Reports 1967 onwards; Fleet Street Reports 1966 onwards
- Full text of many Sweet & Maxwell / Thomson law reports
- Official archive of transcripts dating back to 1967

METHODS OF SEARCHING

Home Page

Type in the name of the case you require. Tick Cases from the drop down Options and click search.

Terms and connectors can be viewed via the information icon within the search box.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Westlaw logo and menu items: Cases, Legislation, Journals, Current Awareness, and More. Below this is a search bar containing the text 'phelps'. To the right of the search bar are an information icon (i), an 'Options' dropdown menu, and a search icon (magnifying glass). Two blue arrows point from the 'More' and 'Current Awareness' menu items down to the search bar area. The 'Options' dropdown menu is open, showing a 'Clear all' button at the top. Below the button are two columns of filters: 'Content Types' and 'Topics'. The 'Content Types' column has a checked box for 'Cases' and unchecked boxes for 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Overviews', and 'Current Awareness'. The 'Topics' column has a grid of 12 unchecked checkboxes for various legal subjects: Commercial, Finance, Personal injury, Companies and partnerships, Health and social welfare, Planning and construction, Contract, Insolvency, Public and constitutional law, Crime, Intellectual property, Social regulation, Data and communications, International, Tax, Employment and work, Land, Torts, Environment, Legal system, Transport and shipping, Equality and human rights, Litigation and dispute resolution, and Trusts and personal property.

Cases on the Toolbar

Click **Cases** on the top toolbar to search or browse across case content.

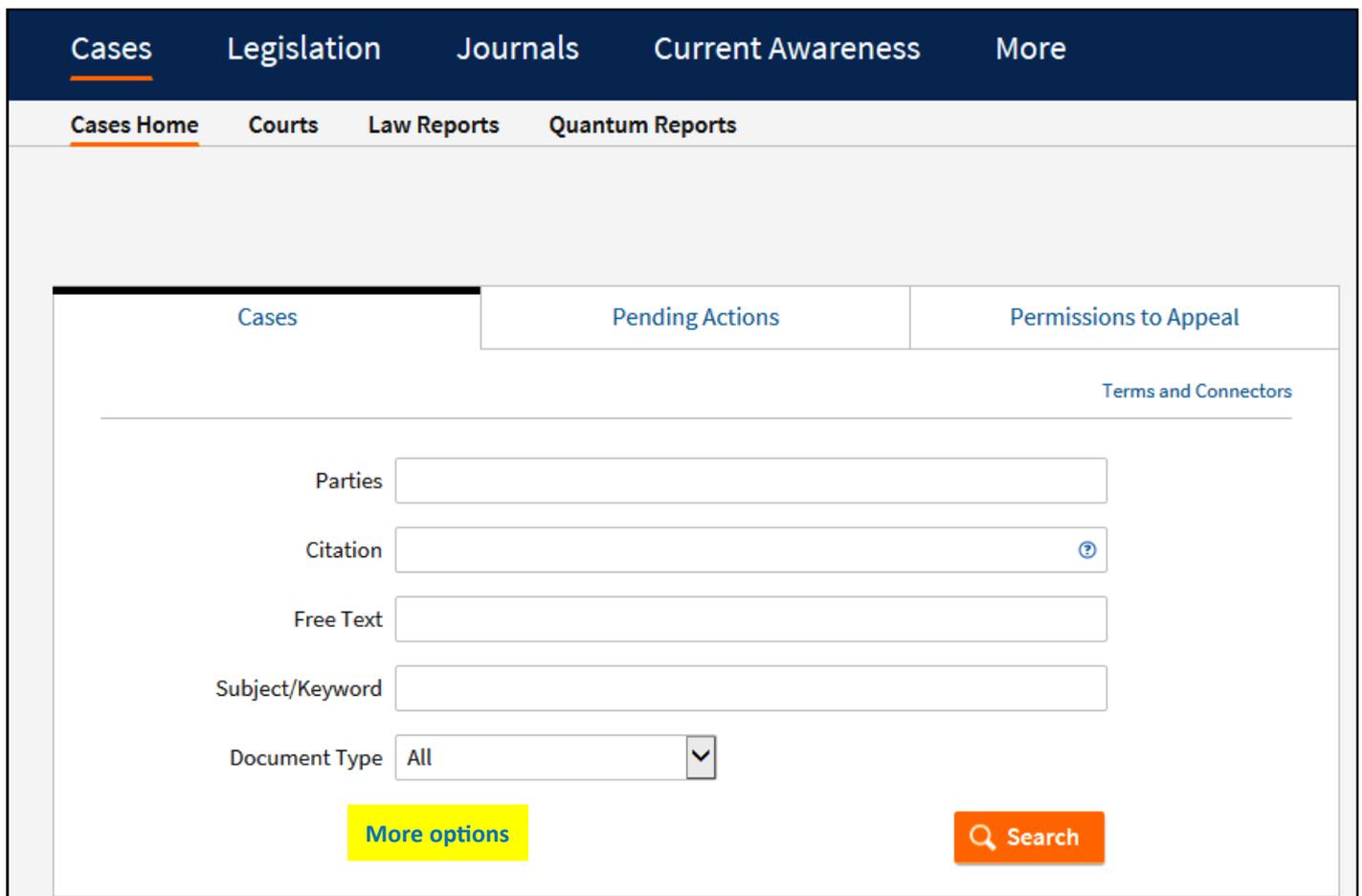
There are four sections:

- Cases Home - for searching for cases
- Courts - for browsing by court
- Law Reports - for browsing law reports
- Quantum Reports - to search for quantum reports on Kemp & Lawtel

Cases Home

The search box allows you to search by Parties, Citation, Free Text or by Subject term.

Document Type allows you to search Case Analysis documents, Law Reports and Judgments or All.



The screenshot shows the 'Cases Home' search interface. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the following menu items: **Cases** (underlined), **Legislation**, **Journals**, **Current Awareness**, and **More**. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with **Cases Home** (underlined), **Courts**, **Law Reports**, and **Quantum Reports**. The main content area features a search form with the following elements:

- Three tabs: **Cases** (selected), **Pending Actions**, and **Permissions to Appeal**.
- A link for **Terms and Connectors** on the right side.
- Search criteria fields:
 - Parties**: A text input field.
 - Citation**: A text input field with a help icon (question mark in a circle) on the right.
 - Free Text**: A text input field.
 - Subject/Keyword**: A text input field.
 - Document Type**: A dropdown menu currently set to **All**.
- Two buttons at the bottom:
 - A yellow **More options** button.
 - An orange **Search** button with a magnifying glass icon.

By clicking on **More Options**, additional fields are available such as Court and Judge.

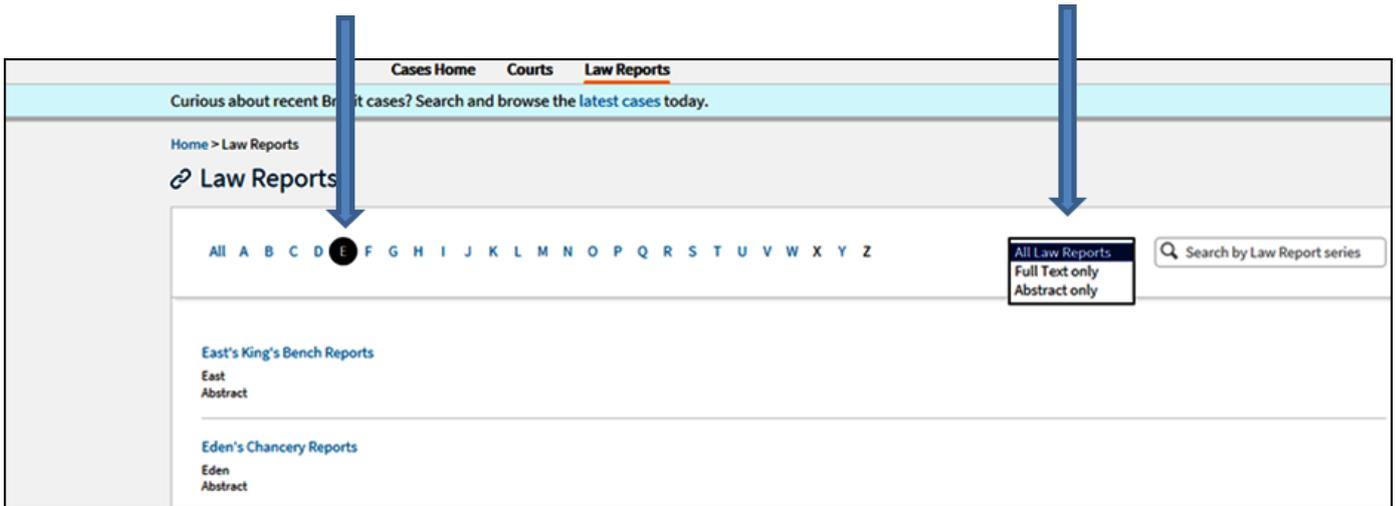
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Filter by Case Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cases		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice Directions		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Permissions to Appeal		
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Law Reports

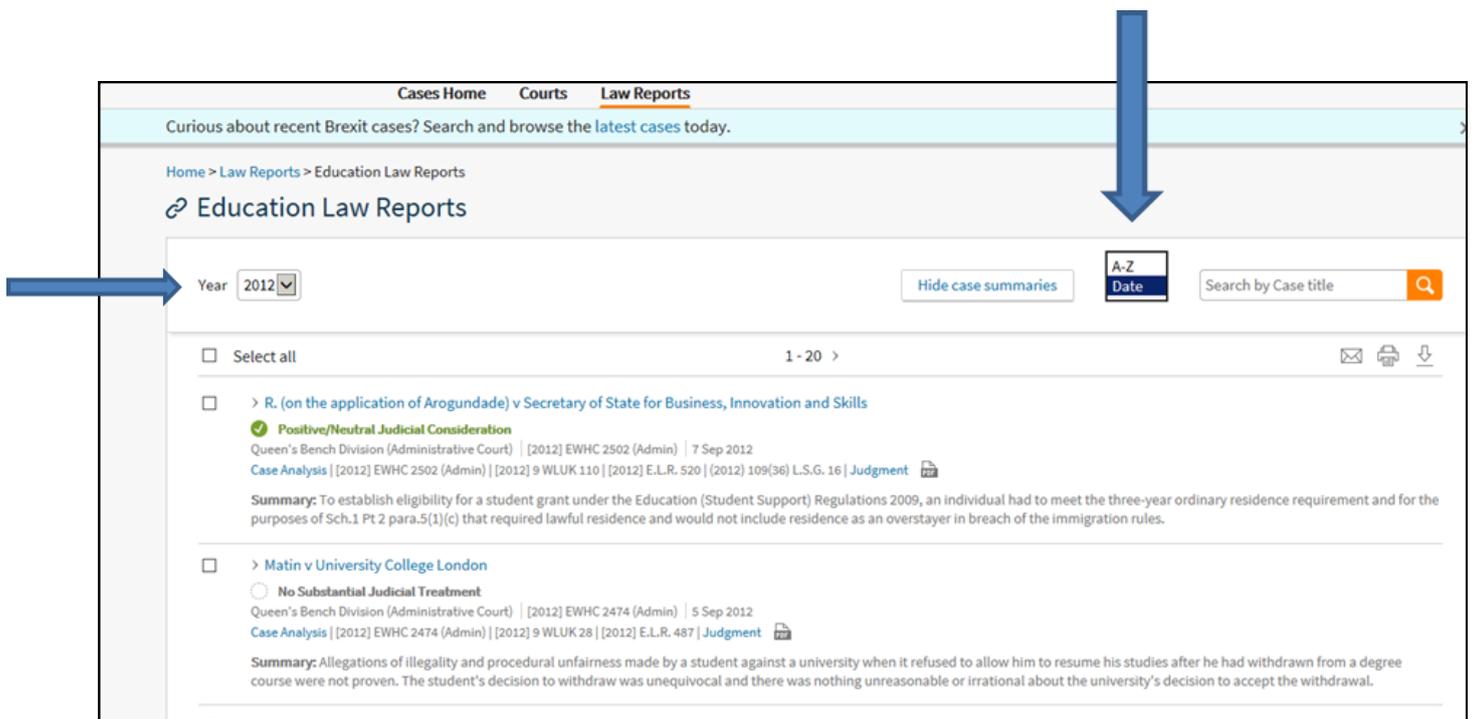
Here you can browse alphabetically by law report series title. Or you can search by law report series title.

If you want to browse, select a letter from the A-Z list. You can also opt to find titles that are in abstract form only, full text only or all reports.

A list of titles will then be displayed.



Click on the title you want to browse. The cases within that series are listed in A-Z order. You can change this to display in date order with the most recent first. Or you can select a specific year and display in either date order or in A-Z order.



EDITING RESULTS

If your initial Cases search retrieves too many hits you can use the filters on the left of the screen to narrow your search by Topic, Jurisdiction, Court, Date, Authority or Status (treatment).

The screenshot shows the Westlaw interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', and 'More'. Below the navigation bar, there are two main sections: 'Cases Home' and 'Law Reports'. The 'Cases Home' section on the left contains filters for Jurisdiction, Court, and Status, each with a list of options and corresponding counts. The 'Law Reports' section on the right displays a list of cases, each with a checkbox, a radio button for 'No Substantial Judicial Treatment', and details such as the court, date, subject, and keywords. The cases listed are: 1. No Substantial Judicial Treatment (Court of Appeal (Civil Division) | [2018] EWCA Civ 1895 | 10 Aug 2018), 2. Smooth Financial Consultants Ltd, Re (Chancery Division | [2018] 8 WLUK 84 | 8 Aug 2018), 3. Jones Bros Ruthin (Civil Engineering) Co Ltd v Revenue and Customs Commissioners (First-tier Tribunal (Tax Chamber) | [2018] UKFTT 500 (TC) | 30 Jul 2018), and 4. R. v Jones (Christopher Wyn) (Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) | [2018] EWCA Crim 1733 | 5 Jul 2018).

SEARCH RESULTS

A typical case will look like this:

The screenshot shows a typical case search result page on Westlaw. The page has a navigation bar at the top with 'Home > Cases > Search Results > Document'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Table of Contents' section on the left with a search icon and a close button. The main content area on the right displays the case title 'Phelps v Hillingdon LBC' in large, bold, black text, followed by 'Jarvis v Hampshire CC', 'G (A Child) v Bromley LBC', and 'Anderton v Clwyd CC'. Below the case titles, it says 'Also known as: G (A Child), Re'. There is a yellow warning banner at the top right of the main content area that says 'Status for this alert is not available'. Below the case titles, there is a 'Case Digest' section with a 'Summary' sub-section. The summary text reads: 'At the hearing of four appeals the question of the liability of the local educational authorities for their failure to provide adequate educational psychological services was raised. It was held that a person exercising a particular skill or profession, such as an educational psychologist, might owe a duty of care towards particular pupils where it could be foreseen that those pupils may be injured if due skill and care were not exercised in the performance of that duty. The LEA could be held vicariously liable for its employee's acts if there was no public policy reason why such liability should be'.

On the left hand side you will see the following:

Case Analysis containing:

Case Digest - gives a summary of the case and decision.

Appellate History - details the history of the case.

Related Cases - contains a list of other cases between the same parties but on different points of law.

Under the Case Analysis there are the following tabs:

Law Reports - gives details of where the case has been reported with links to the full text where available.

Judgment - links to the judgment if available.

Primary References - includes details of key cases cited, all cases cited, key cases citing and all cases citing, key legislation cited and all legislation cited.

Commentary References - includes details of journal articles referring to the case with links to full text where available; details of Sweet & Maxwell books where the case is referred to.

Practical Law References - links to materials on Practical Law that refer to the case.

On the right of the case you will see the status icon, a link to the graphical history and key reference information, such as details of where the case has been reported, names of the judge(s), counsel and solicitors.

Phelps v Hillingdon LBC Case Digest	
Case Digest	
Summary	Positive/Neutral Judicial Consideration
At the hearing of four appeals the question of the liability of the local educational authorities for their failure to provide adequate educational psychological services was raised. It was held that a person exercising a particular skill or profession, such as an educational psychologist, might owe a duty of care towards particular pupils where it could be foreseen that those pupils may be injured if due skill and care were not exercised in the performance of that duty. The LEA could be held vicariously liable for its employee's acts if there was no public policy reason why such liability should be recognised and the failure to discover dyslexia and take steps to ameliorate the severe results of the congenital condition were breaches of duty, the result of which could amount to personal injuries to a person under The Supreme Court Act 1981 s.33(2).	View Graphical History
	Court House of Lords
	Judgment Date 27 July 2000
	Where Reported [2001] 2 A.C. 619 [2000] 3 W.L.R. 776 [2000] 4 All E.R. 504 [2000] 7 WLUK 825

PRINTING

The print icon is on the top right of the screen. There are basic and advanced options.

You will be shown a print dialogue box. Click on **Print**.

Printing can be collected at the Enquiry Point and costs 10 pence per page.

EMAILING

Select the email icon on the top right of the screen. There are basic and advanced options.

Enter your email address in the To box. Add a subject or note as appropriate. Click on **Email**.

SEARCH LANGUAGE

- &** Search terms in the same document
- or** Either search term or both terms
- %** Not containing terms
- " "** Search for an exact phrase within quotation marks
- /p** Terms in same paragraph
- /n** Within n terms of
- *** Universal character e.g. withdr*w will find withdraw or withdrew
- !** Search for terms with multiple endings e.g. employ! will find employee, employer or employed

HELP

For additional help, go to User Guides at the bottom of the screen.