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Enter any title, citation or subject term into the search box at the top of the page. JustCite will search across case law (going back to 1163), legislation (going back to 1235), EU law (going back to 1951), and journal articles (going back to 1986), and provides a record of practising barristers in England and Wales.

For more particular searching, click the Advanced search link next to the main search box. Advanced searching allows you to choose which document type you are looking for—cases, legislation, EU materials or articles—and gives you a selection of search boxes to restrict your search to specific sections of a document, e.g. Year, Court or Subject.

The search box appears on all pages throughout JustCite, allowing you to search from anywhere within the service.

Results

If your search returns more than one document, you will be taken to the results screen where documents are ordered by JustCite Ranking—an intelligent combination of factors designed to bring leading cases, relevant legislation and related articles to the top.

Results profiles on JustCite give you key information about a document, including title, year, subject matter, document type, jurisdiction and, where applicable, status.

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Document Information Screen

The JustCite information screen for a document is divided into different sections that vary depending on the type of document you are looking at.

A case, for example, will include sections for Overview & Citations, Cases Considered, Subsequent Cases, Legislation Considered and Articles.

Navigate between these sections by clicking the links on the left-hand side of the page.

To return to the results screen click on the Back to search results link at the top of the page. Click on any title link on the page to change the focus of JustCite to that document.

Citations in Context

Within Cases Considered and Subsequent Cases, the Citations in Context feature isolates the key paragraphs from judgments that discuss cases, removing the need to scan long full-text documents.

Overview & Citations

The Overview & Citations section is selected by default when you arrive at the page, and gives a summary of the most important information from other sections.

You can see which cases were considered in the case you are looking at and how each of them was cited. Clicking on one of them will switch JustCite’s focus to that case.

Subsequent Cases

See which cases have subsequently cited your case, and how—JustCite can tell you whether it has been applied, considered, referred to, distinguished, or overruled.
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**Legislation Considered**

Find out which statutes and statutory instruments were cited by your case. Click on the name to switch the focus of JustCite to that piece of legislation.

**Articles**

JustCite also gives you a list of journal articles related to your document. Clicking on an article will bring up key information from it, as well as links to the full-text version.

**JustCite Community**

Registered users can set up a profile in JustCite Community, and submit commentaries and summaries, giving users the opportunity to collaborate and share legal expertise.

**Precedent Map**

The Precedent Map is a visual representation of how cases are related to one another.

Cases on the left are cited by the central case, and cases on the right cite the central case.

Cases are ordered chronologically, in a clockwise direction. The oldest case cited appears in the lower left, and the most recent citing case appears in the lower right.

The colour of line denotes whether a case was treated positively (green), negatively (red) or neutrally (amber).

Hover over a case on the edge of the map to see which other cases on screen are connected to it. Click on any cases around the edge of the map to move them into the centre and view the map for that case.

There is a maximum number of cases that can be displayed. For a complete list you will need to use the Cases Considered and Subsequent Cases views within the main information page.

**Linking to Other Services**

To link to the full text of a document, simply click a citation on the right-hand side of the screen. If the full text is available, you will be presented with a drop-down list of the free and subscription services that provide the full text of the chosen document. Clicking on one of these links will take you directly to the full-text document on the selected service as long as you are a subscriber to that service.

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