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Searching for cases by a Case Name

The database opens at a General Search template for the whole database. You can use the Quick Find menu to search for cases, legislation, forms and precedents and definitions

1. Alternatively, you can select the Cases tab from the red search panel
   (Cases search form allows you to search across all case sources)
2. Select source/s by clicking the drop down arrow in the sources field
3. Enter the name of party or parties of your case (eg. hill and van erp)
4. Click on Search.

Searching Commentary

Search for specific commentary - Includes access to Halsbury’s Laws of Australia, Fords Principles on Corporations Law, Cross on Evidence, Williams Civil Procedure (Vic.) and other titles.

1. Click on the Commentary tab from the red search panel
2. Click on drop down arrow in the Sources field to select source
3. Specify what keywords are to be found within the commentary
4. Click on search

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Searching Legal Dictionaries

Search for terms that are legally defined and supported by Australian legislative and judicial authority (Encyclopaedic Australian Legal Dictionary) or search for words and phrases defined in legislation or judicially interpreted in the Australian superior courts and selected tribunals (Australian Legal Words & Phrases)

1. Select Dictionaries tab from the red search panel.
2. Select the most appropriate source from the Source pull down menu.
   For example, Encyclopaedic Australian Legal Dictionary.
3. Choose the most appropriate field to enter your search terms (eg. Defined Terms field)
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