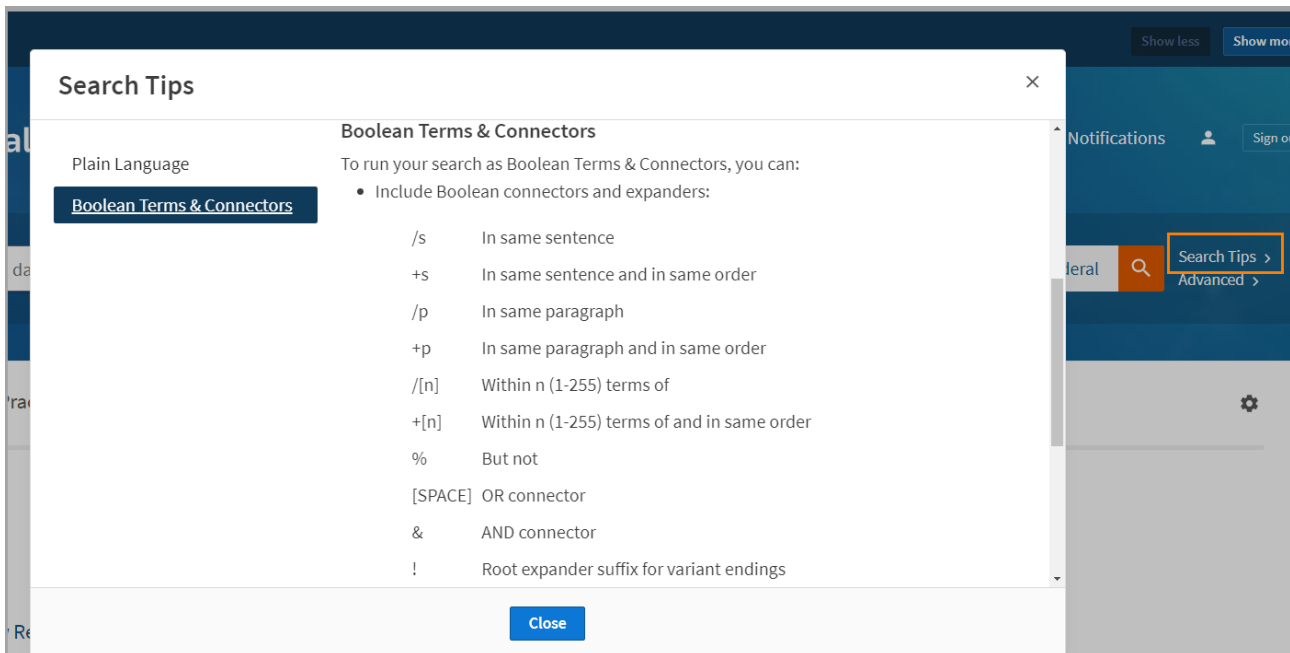




Finding cases using terms and connectors

For complex or specific search queries, you can search using terms and Boolean connectors.

Click on **Search tips** for a list of connectors you can use.



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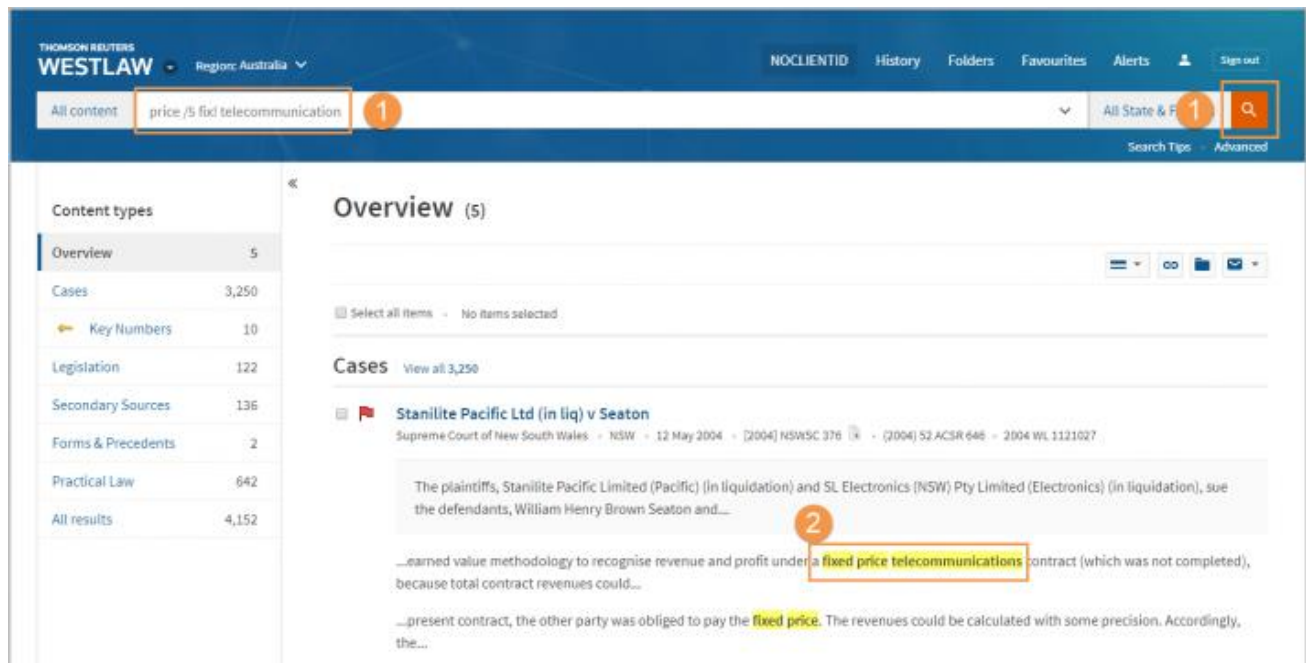
Finding cases using terms and connectors using the global search bar

Use the global search bar to conduct your search and press Enter or click Search.

e.g., **price /5 fix! AND telecommunication**

In this example the search string looks for price within 5 words of fix and telecommunication. The exclamation mark finds words such as fixed, fixing, fixes.

1. The overview page displays all results with your search terms highlighted in yellow.
2. Click on the highlighted words to open the document to that specific sentence.



Finding cases using the Cases advanced search template

To use the Cases advanced search template, click on **ALL Cases**, and then **Advanced** next to the global search bar.



The **Find documents that have** section includes a set of fields that can be populated to build a search string, e.g.,

- All of these terms: **director**
- Any of these terms: **liability duty**
- This exact phrase: **false statement**

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Cases advanced: (liability duty) & director & *false statement All State & Federal

Advanced Search: Cases

Set as start page

Use at least one field to create a Boolean Terms & Connectors query.

Find documents that have

All of these terms
 Term frequency

Any of these terms 2
 Term frequency

This exact phrase
 Term frequency

"Exclude documents" requires at least one additional field.

These terms

Document Fields (Boolean Terms & Connectors Only)

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Case Title/Party Name

Citation

Connectors and Expanders

- & AND
- /s In same sentence
- or OR
- +s Preceding within sentence
- /p In same paragraph
- "" Phrase
- +p Preceding within paragraph
- % But not
- /n Within n terms of
- | Root expander
- +n Preceding within n terms of
- * Universal character
- # Prefix to turn off plurals and equivalents

3. The results screen will list the cases relevant to your search.
4. Filter using the panel on the left side of the screen.

The screenshot displays the Thomson Reuters Westlaw interface. At the top, the search bar contains the query "advanced: (liability duty) & director & 'false statement'". The search results show 2,407 cases. The left-hand filter panel is expanded, showing various categories like Jurisdiction, Date, and Practice Area. The main content area lists three cases:

1. **Beckett v The Queen**
 Court of Criminal Appeal for New South Wales · NSW · 12 December 2014 · [2014] NSWCCA 305 · [2014] 247 A Crim R 94 · [2014] 315 ALR 295 · 2014 WL 7139889
 The applicant has been committed for trial on indictment in the District Court on the charge of perverting the course of justice pursuant to the Crimes Act 1900, s 319 (the offence). She...
 ...Dowling SC (Respondent) Matthew Hammond Solicitors (Applicant) Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Respondent) 2011/399953 [2014] NSWCCA 305 (2014...
 ...to possible taxation-related offences in relation to unpaid stamp duty. The judge at first instance, in refusing the attendee's...
2. **Johnson Matthey (Aust) Ltd v Dascorp Pty Ltd**
 Supreme Court of Victoria · VIC · 8 August 2003 · [2003] VSC 291 · [2003] 9 VR 171 · 2003 WL 22054227
 The plaintiff is a large refiner of gold and other precious metals. Between 1994 and 1997 Mr Gaffney, a customer melter employed by the plaintiff at its refinery at Settlement Road,...
 ...20k1298 20 Corporations 20k1210-k1352 Management and administration 20k1243-k1300 Duties and liabilities of officers of corporation 20k1298 Personal liability for acts of company conversion by company established liability of directors of corporation secondary or accessorial liability extent of directors' knowledge Were the directors liable for the company's conversion? The plaintiff was a large...
 ...first defendant. The second and third defendants were the only directors of the first defendant. The plaintiff sought damages from the defendants for conversion. It sued the directors as primary tortfeasors or, in the alternative, on a secondary or accessorial basis as directors whom it contended were liable for the company's conversion of the plaintiff's gold. The liability of the directors as primary tortfeasors was not made out as the company...
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 Administrative Appeals Tribunal of Australia · CTH · 21 July 2005 · [2005] AATA 696 · [2005] 60 ATR 1129 · 2005 ATC 197 · 2005 WL 1745588

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