

Most Cited and Citing References

When you are searching for cases on Westlaw Australia, sorting the case results by Most Cited sorts results by how often they have been cited in other documents on Westlaw e.g. cases, legislation, secondary sources and Practical Law materials.

This feature can be helpful if you have a well-formed legal issue, but you want to find a case that has been cited many times before.

How to use the Most Cited feature

1. Conduct a search for a legal issue. **E.g., breach! /p "fiduciary duty"**.
2. Select Cases from the **Content types** section to filter results by cases only.

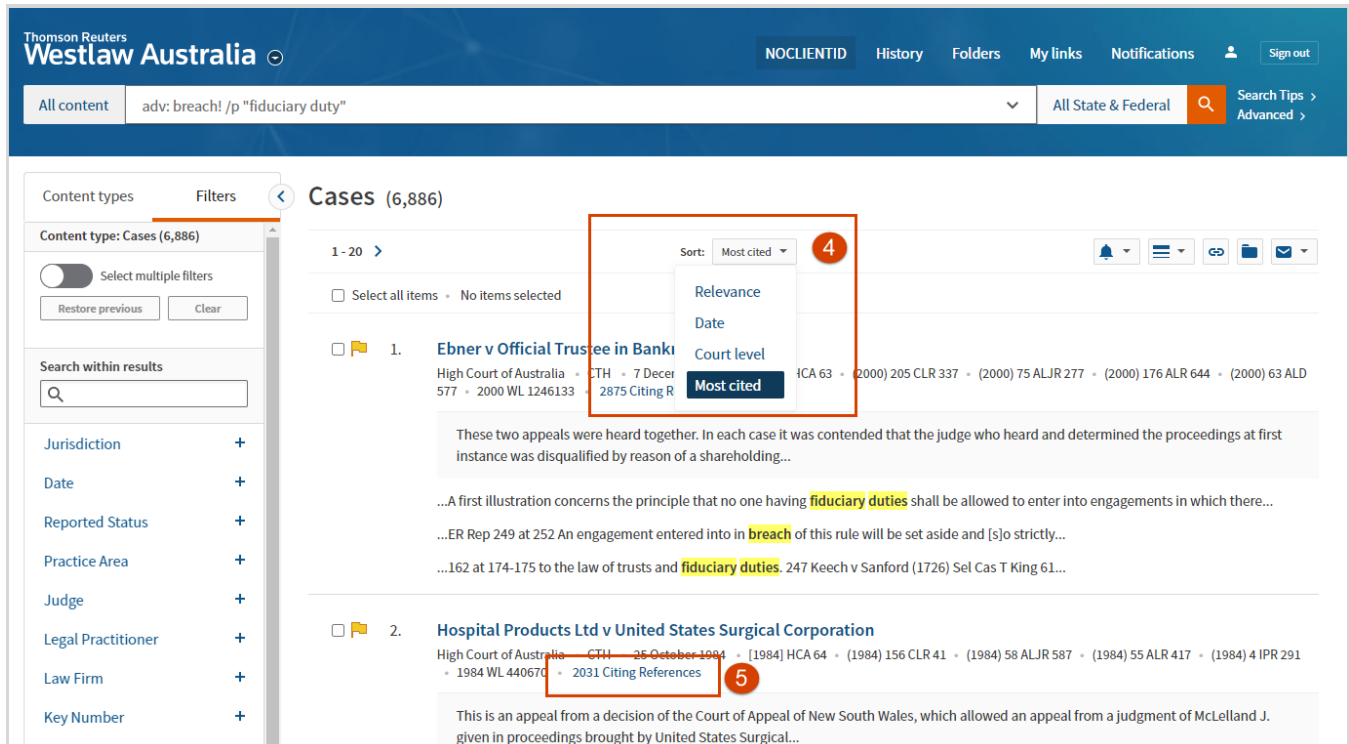
The screenshot shows the Westlaw Australia interface. At the top, the search bar contains the query "adv: breach! /p 'fiduciary duty'" with a red box and a circled "1" highlighting it. Below the search bar, the "Content types" sidebar is visible, with "Cases" selected and highlighted by a red box and a circled "2". The main content area shows the "Overview (6)" view of search results. The first result is "20 Trevis Court Pty Ltd v Emmapeel Holdings Pty Ltd" with a snippet of text: "The plaintiff ('Trevis') once owned land at 20 Trevis Court, Blackstone. The first defendant ('Emmapeel') purported to exercise its power of sale as a second mortgagee. It sold the land to...".

3. To view the total citing reference count in the result list, ensure the results are set to display the **Most Detail**.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Australia interface with the search results view set to "Cases (6,886)". The "Content types" sidebar is now filtered to show "Cases (6,886)". The main content area shows the first result, "20 Trevis Court Pty Ltd v Emmapeel Holdings Pty Ltd", with a snippet of text: "The plaintiff ('Trevis') once owned land at 20 Trevis Court, Blackstone. The first defendant ('Emmapeel') purported to exercise its power of sale as a second mortgagee. It sold the land to...". A red box and a circled "3" highlight a dropdown menu in the top right corner of the results area, which contains three options: "Less detail", "More detail", and "Most detail".

4. By default, results will be sorted by **Relevance**. Change the **Sort** option to **Most cited** to display search results sorted by how often they have been cited in other documents on Westlaw.
5. Click the **Citing References** count from the case result to display all documents that have cited the selected case.

 **Note:** Citing References include cases, legislation, secondary sources, and practical law materials that cite this case.



The screenshot shows the Westlaw Australia search results page. The search query is "adv: breach! /p "fiduciary duty"". The results are sorted by "Most cited". The first case is "Ebner v Official Trustee in Bank" (High Court of Australia, 1991). The second case is "Hospital Products Ltd v United States Surgical Corporation" (High Court of Australia, 1984). The "Citing References" count for the second case is 2031.

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