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Searching for a case
Search for Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company [1891-94] All ER Rep 127
Getting started – Lexis homepage

You can also click on the Case Law tab to bring you to a more advanced search.

You can use the quick search to refer to different types of resources including case law.

The My Bookshelf allows you to gain easy access to popular law reports, journals, encyclopaedias etc.

Tip: Quick search is good for browsing, if you are searching for something specific, please use the individual search tabs.

Getting started? You can download our quick reference guide or search results guide (right click on link -> save as).
Searching for cases – Case Law tab

Source: You can select by jurisdiction or some specific reports

Search terms: Searches all results for your keywords

Search filters: Searches results for specific fields of information
You may find that when you search for a case, several results will appear – in this case, how do we know what we are looking for?
Which is the right result?

One thing you can do to filter your results is my narrowing it by the Result Groups – if you are only interested in cases you can narrow to categories such as Judgments and Law Reports.
Check on the citation required. ICLR is the “official” reporting body for the UK while All England Law Reports are a commercially available alternative.
Searching by case citation or name?

• If you are looking for a specific case or law report, it is better to search by case citation.

• Searching by name could pull out other cases with the same name/parties or mentions of the case in other judgments.
Searching within a case

Search for mentions of “conditional offer” within Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company [1891-94] All ER Rep 127
Searching within a case

Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Co

Also reported [1893] 1 QB 256; 62 LjQB 257; 67 LT 837; 57 JP 325; 41 WR 210; 9 TLR 124; 4 R 176

COURT OF APPEAL
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Mentions of “conditional offer” will be highlighted in red

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The defendants, the proprietors of a medical preparation called the Carbolic Smoke Ball, published in a newspaper an advertisement in which they said
Reading a case on Lexis
When you clicked on the full text case on Lexis, you may wonder what does it all mean? This will briefly summaries some of the features on Lexis that you may have noticed.

**Case signals** – clicking on it leads to the citator document.

**Case citation**

**Citator document aka Case Overview** – contains case digest information, summary and noting up information.

**Alternative citations for the case**

**Cases and commentary that discuss the present case**
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Searching around a topic
Case search – By search terms

Search for cases on the standard of care in the context of medical negligence
Case search – By search terms

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Note: You can switch between Boolean and natural language search (searching without Boolean operators) here

Apply Boolean!
Case search – By search terms

You can go back to refine your search here

Or you can narrow your search by searching within the results
Case Overview
You may have some other questions...

• How do you view the history of a case?
• How do you see which cases a case has considered?
• How do you see how other cases have treated a case?

➡️ The case overview function is very helpful!
Case overview

You can also filter by citator
Case overview

Catchwords & Digest – Gives you keywords and a summary of the case

Case History – Shows history of previous cases throughout different courts

Cases referring to this case – Case treatment from subsequence cases

Cases considered by this case – Cases referred to within the judgment of the case
Any questions?

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