1. Sign In

When prompted to sign in you need to enter your user ID (email address) and password (unless your organisation has stipulated otherwise). If you use Athens or Shibboleth to sign in, select the relevant link on the sign in form.

2. Searching

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

For greater searching flexibility, 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 barristers—and gives you a selection of search boxes to restrict your search to specific sections of a document, e.g. Year, Court or Subject.

3. 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.

On the left-hand side of the screen there are links to filter your results by document type and by jurisdiction, and an interactive text box to filter your results by the text appearing on the results profiles.

4. Document Information Screen

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.

For each case, the Overview & Citations page gives a summary of the most important information that is detailed more fully via the linked headings on the left of the page.

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.

You can see which cases were referred to 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.

See which cases have subsequently cited your case, and how, as well as seeing which courts around the world the case has been cited in.

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

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.

6. 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.

The Precedent Map is a visual tool that shows how cases are related to one another. The bigger the circle for a case on the edge, the more it has in common with the case in the centre.

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

7. Linking to Other Services

JustCite links to over 100 data partners, including Justis. To link to the full text of a document, simply click a citation on the right-hand side of the document 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.

You can customise which services you would like to see links for. In this way, JustCite can be used as a way of managing all your subscriptions and as a single point of entry for your legal research.

8. My JustCite

For those signed in as individual users, My JustCite contains a list of all your recent activity, as well as saved searches and documents, saved full text links, and client usage information.

Click the date in the top right to specify which date or date range to view, and use the links on the left to filter the activity list by type—document, search or full text link—or by client code.

Documents can be printed, emailed and downloaded from the My JustCite area.

You can also change your settings to place a weighting in your results on a particular jurisdiction.