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What is FirstPoint?

FirstPoint is a case law research tool that integrates content from a number of Thomson Reuters leading case law research products, such as the Australian Digest and Australian Case Citator. You can use FirstPoint to:

* Research a particular area of law using FirstPoint’s unique classification scheme and identify cases relevant to that area;
* Research the litigation history of a particular case and identify other cases which have considered your case;
* Read case summaries of key reported and unreported decisions – FirstPoint contains all the same case summary information found in the Australian Digest and the Australian Legal Monthly Digest (ALMD), all conveniently located in the one easy-to-search database.
* Conduct a custom search across a number of specialised search fields to identify particular information – for example, cases which consider a particular piece of legislation or judgments by a particular judge.

Coverage

FirstPoint is built from the citator information (litigation history and cases considered) contained in the Australian Case Citator, and case summaries from the Australian Digest and the ALMD.

The coverage of these products (and hence of FirstPoint) is as follows:

Australian Case Citator – Citator information for Australian reported cases starting from 1825.

Coverage of Australian unreported cases starts from September 1999.

Refer to Appendix A for details of the report series included in the Australian Case Citator.

Refer to Appendix B for more detail on which unreported cases receive citator information on FirstPoint.

Australian Digest and ALMD – Classifications and case summaries for significant Australian reported cases starting from 1825. Classifications for unreported Australian judgments from September 1999 onwards, with summaries for key unreported judgments from September 1999 also.

Refer to Appendix A for a list of report series included in the Australian Digest and the ALMD.

Refer to Appendix B for more detail on unreported case coverage.

FirstPoint is updated each working day with citator information derived from the latest case law and new summaries from key cases.

FirstPoint contains links to full text law reports and unreported judgments, as well as full text law reports in PDF format. Please note that separate subscriptions are required to access this content.

FirstPoint allows the researcher to search under the following categories:

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| Party Names | This field searches the title and full list of party names in the case. |
| Citation | Use this field to search for a case by year, volume, series and page number e.g. 175 CLR 1. |
| Subject | This field searches for content by legal classification. For example, you can search for cases about penalties for environmental offences by typing “penalties” into the search box and specifying that the search be confined to the “Environment and planning” classification. |
| Legislation Title  Legislation Provision No. | Use these fields to find cases that judicially consider a section of an Act. |
| Cases Cited (Party)  Cases Cited (Citation) | These fields allow you to narrow your search down to cases which have cited or referred to other cases by the party names or citation. |
| Court | Use this field to search by court, e.g. Supreme Court of Victoria. |
| Judge | Use this field to limit a search to cases heard by a particular judge/s surname, e.g., Kirby. |
| Year | This field narrows the search down to cases heard in a particular year or range of years. |

APPENDIX A

FirstPoint features Digest and Australian Case Citator content for the following Reports series:

§ Only Australian cases are digested from the English reports.

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| AAR | Administrative Appeals Reports (1989 -) |
| ABC | Australian Bankruptcy Cases (1928 - 1964) |
| ABC (NS) | Australian Bankruptcy Cases (New Series) (2004 -) |
| AC | English Law Reports, Appeal Cases (1891 -) |
| ACLC | Australian Company Law Cases (1982 -) |
| ACLR | Australian Company Law Reports (1974 - 1989) |
| A Crim R | Australian Criminal Reports (1979 -) |
| ACSR | Australian Corporations and Securities Reports (1990 -) |
| ACTLR | Australian Capital Territory Law Reports (2008 -) |
| ACTR | Australian Capital Territory Reports (1973 -) |
| AEGR | Australian Estate and Gift Duties Reporter (1971 - 1980) |
| AILR | Australian Industrial Law Review (1997 -) |
| AIPC | Australian Industrial and Intellectual Property Cases (1985 -) |
| AJR | Australian Jurist Reports (Victoria) (1870 - 1874) |
| AJR (NC) | Australian Jurist Reports (Notes of Cases) (1870 - 1874) |
| ALD | Administrative Law Decisions (1979 -) |
| ALJR | Australian Law Journal Reports (1927 -) |
| All ER | All England Law Reports (1936 -) |
| All ER Rep | All England Reports Reprints (1825 - 1936) |
| ALN | Australian Administrative Law Service (Notes) (1977 - 1986) |
| ALR | Australian Law Reports (1973 -) |
| ALR | Argus Law Reports (1895 - 1973) |
| ANZ ConvR | Australian and New Zealand Conveyancing Reports (1979 -) |
| ANZ Insurance Cases | Australian and New Zealand Insurance Cases (1979 -) |
| APA | Australian Planning Appeals (1982 - 1993) |
| App Cas | English Law Reports, Appeal Cases (1875 - 1890) |
| Argus (Newspr) (Vic) | Argus Reports (Newspaper) (1895 - 1959) |
| AR (NSW) | Arbitration Reports (New South Wales) (1902 -) |
| ARLR | Australian Resources Law Reports (2009 -) |
| ASAL | Australian Sales and Fair Trading Law Reporter (1997 -) |
| ASC | Australian Consumer Sales and Credit Law Cases (1978 -) |
| ASLC | Australian Securities Law Cases (1971 -) |
| ASTLR | Australian Succession and Trusts Law Reports (2009 -) |
| ATC | Australian Tax Cases (1969 -) |
| ATD | Australian Tax Decisions (1930 - 1942) |
| ATPR | Australian Trade Practices Reporter (1978 -) |
| ATR | Australian Tax Reports (1992 -) |
| Aust Torts Reports | Australian Torts Reports (1985 -) |
| BC (NSW) | New South Wales Bankruptcy Cases (1890 - 1899) |
| B & CR | Bankruptcy and Company Winding-up Reports (1918 - 1941) |
| Beav | Beavan’s Reports, Rolls Court (1838 - 1866) |
| BFRA | Banking and Finance Reports of Australia (2003 -) |
| Bing | Bingham’s Reports, CP (1822 - 1834) |
| BPR | Butterworth’s Property Reports (1981 -) |
| BR | Broadcasting Reports (1979 -) |
| Build LR | Building Law Reports (1976 -) |
| CAR | Commonwealth Arbitration Reports (1905 -) |
| CB (NS) | Common Bench Reports (New Series) (1856 - 1865) |
| CCR (Vic) | County Court Reports (Victoria) (1966 - 1972) |
| Ch | English Law Reports, Chancery (1891 -) |
| Ch D | English Law Reports, Chancery Division (1875 - 1890) |
| CLR | Commonwealth Law Reports (1904 -) |
| Com LR | Commercial Law Reports (1981 - 1983) |
| CPD | English Law Reports, Common Pleas Division (1875 - 1880) |
| Cr App R | Criminal Appeal Reports (1908 -) |
| CTBR | Commonwealth Taxation Board of Review Decisions (1925 - 1950) |
| CTBR (NS) | Commonwealth Taxation Board of Review Decisions (New Series) (1967 - 1986) |
| CTTTR(NSW) | Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal Reports (NSW) (2008-) |
| DCLR (NSW) | District Court Law Reports (New South Wales) (2003 -) |
| DDCR | Dust Diseases and Compensation Reports (New South Wales) (2004 -) |
| ER | English Reports (1825 - 1865) |
| Ex D | Exchequer Division (1875 - 1880) |
| Fam LR | Family Law Reports (1977 -) |
| FCR | Federal Court Reports (1985 -) |
| FLC | Family Law Cases (1986 -) |
| FLR | Federal Law Reports (1961 -) |
| FSR | Fleet Street Reports (1975 -) |
| GLD | Gaming and Liquor Decisions (2009 -) |
| HL Cas | Clark’s House of Lords Cases (1847 - 1866) |
| IPR | Intellectual Property Reports (1983 -) |
| IR | Industrial Reports (1982 -) |
| IRCR | Industrial Relations Court Reports (1994 -) |
| Ir R | Irish Reports (1894 -) |
| JP | Justice of the Peace Reports (UK) (1837 -) |
| Jur | Jurist Reports (1837 - 1854) |
| KB | English Law Reports, King’s Bench (1901 - 1952) |
| LCC | Land Appeal Court Cases (New South Wales) (1890 - 1921) |
| Legge | Legge’s Reports (1825 - 1862) |
| LGATR | Local Government Appeals Tribunal Reports (1972 - 1980) |
| LGERA | Local Government and Environmental Reports of Australia (1993 -) |
| LGR | Local Government Reports (1911 - 1956) |
| LGRA | Local Government Reports of Australia (- Vol 77) |
| LGR (NSW) | Local Government Reports (New South Wales) (1911 - 1956) |
| LJ Ch | Law Journal Reports, Chancery (1831 - 1846) |
| LJ PC | Law Journal Reports, Privy Council (1865 - 1946) |
| Ll R | Lloyd’s List Law Reports (- 1949) |
| Lloyd’s Rep | Lloyd’s List Law Reports (1950 -) |
| LRC | Law Reports of the Commonwealth (1985 - 1992) |
| LR Ch App | English Law Reports, Chancery Appeals (1865 - 1875) |
| LR CP | English Law Reports, Common Pleas Cases (1865 - 1875) |
| LR Eq | English Law Reports, Equity (1865 - 1875) |
| LR (NSW) | Law Reports (New South Wales) (1880 - 1900) |
| LR (NSW) B & P | Law Reports (New South Wales) Bankruptcy & Probate (1880 - 1900) |
| LR (NSW) D | Law Reports (New South Wales) Divorce (1880 - 1900) |
| LR (NSW) Eq | Law Reports (New South Wales) Equity (1880 - 1900) |
| LT | Law Times Reports (1859 - 1933) |
| LT(A)R | Land Titles (Australia) Reports (2008-) |
| LT (OS) | Law Times Reports (Old Series) (1843 - 1860) |
| LVR | Land and Valuation Court Reports (1922 - 1970) |
| Manson | Manson’s Bankruptcy Cases (1894 - 1914) |
| MAR | Municipal Association Reports (1886 - 1911) |
| MLR | Australian Media Law Reporter (1993 -) |
| MVR | Motor Vehicle Reports (1984 -) |
| N & S | Nicholls & Stops Reports (Tasmania) (1897 - 1904) |
| NSWBLR | Building Licensing Reports (New South Wales) (1992 -) |
| NSWCCR | New South Wales Compensation Court Reports (1985 - 2004) |
| NSW ConvR | New South Wales Conveyancing Reports (1980 -) |
| NSWLR | New South Wales Law Reports (1880 -) |
| NSWR | New South Wales Reports (1960 - 1970) |
| NTLR | Northern Territory Law Reports (1973 -) |
| NTR | Northern Territory Reports |
| NZFLR | New Zealand Family Law Reports (1981 -) |
| NZLR | New Zealand Law Reports (1883 -) |
| P | English Law Reports, Probate, Divorce and Admiralty (1891 - 1971) |
| PDQR | Planning and Development Queensland Reports (2007-) |
| QAR | Queensland Administrative Reports (1994 -) |
| QB | Queen’s Bench (1891 -) |
| QBD | English Law Reports, Queen’s Bench Division (1875 - 1890) |
| QCLLR | Queensland Crown Lands Law Reports (1859 - 1973) |
| Q ConvR | Queensland Conveyancing Reports (1982 -) |
| QCR | Queensland Criminal Reports (1860 - 1907) |
| Qd R | Queensland Reports (1958 -) |
| QJPR | Queensland Justice of the Peace Reports (1907 - 1972) |
| QLCR | Queensland Land Court Reports (1974 -) |
| Qld Lawyer Reps | Queensland Lawyer Reports (1973 -) |
| QLR | Queensland Law Reporter (1902 - 1957; 1972 - 1976) |
| QPLR | Queensland Planning Law Reports (1981 -) |
| QSCR | Queensland Supreme Court Reports (1860 - 1881) |
| QSR | State Reports (Queensland) (1902 - 1957) |
| QWN | Queensland Weekly Notes (1908 - 1972) |
| R | The Reports (15 Vols, 1893 - 1895) |
| Res & Eq J | Reserved and Equity Judgments (New South Wales) (1845 -) |
| RJ | Judgments of the Supreme Court of New South Wales for the District of Port Phillip — a’Beckett J (1846 - 1851) |
| R & McG | Income Tax Decisions of Australasia, Ratcliffe & McGrath (1891 - 1927) |
| R & McG (1928-1930) | Income Tax Decisions of Australasia, Ratcliffe & McGrath (1928 - 1930) |
| R & McG Ct of Rev | Court of Review Decisions, Ratcliffe & McGrath (New South Wales) (1927) |
| RPC | Reports of Patent Cases (1884 -) |
| RR | Revised Reports (1785 - 1866) |
| RTR | Road Traffic Reports (1970 -) |
| SAIR | South Australian Industrial Reports (1916 -) |
| SALCR | South Australian Licensing Court Reports (1967 - 1978) |
| SALR | South Australian Law Reports (1865 - 1892; 1899 - 1921) |
| SAPR | South Australian Planning Reports (1967 - 1981) |
| SASR | South Australian State Reports (1972 -) |
| SCR (NS) (NSW) | Supreme Court Reports (New South Wales) (New Series) (1878 - 1879) |
| SCR (NSW) | Supreme Court Reports (New South Wales) (1862 - 1876) |
| SCR (NSW) Eq | Supreme Court Reports (New South Wales) Equity (1862 - 1879) |
| SR (NSW) | State Reports (New South Wales) (1901 - 1970) |
| SR (NSW) B & P | State Reports (New South Wales) Bankruptcy & Probate (1901 - 1970) |
| SR (NSW) Eq | State Reports (New South Wales) Equity (1901 - 1970) |
| SR (WA) | State Reports (Western Australia) (1979 -) |
| STR(NSW) | Strata Titles Reports (NSW) (2007-) |
| Tarl | Tarleton Term Reports (New South Wales) (1881 - 1883) |
| Tas Bldg App R | Tasmanian Building Appeal Reports (1967 -) |
| Tas LR | Tasmanian Law Reports (1905 - 1940) |
| Tas R | Tasmanian Reports (1979 -) |
| Tas SR | Tasmanian State Reports (1941 - 1978) |
| TLR | Times Law Reports (1885-1952) |
| VAR | Victorian Administrative Reports (1988 -) |
| V ConvR | Victorian Conveyancing Reports (1982 -) |
| Vic ACR | Victorian Accident Compensation Reports (1985 -) |
| Vic WCR | Victorian Workers’ Compensation Reports (1982 -) |
| VIR | Victorian Industrial Reports (1982 -) |
| VLR | Victorian Law Reports (1875 - 1956) |
| VLR (E) | Victorian Law Reports (Equity) (1875 - 1884) |
| VLR (IP & M) | Victorian Law Reports (Insolvency, Probate & Matrimonial) (1875 - 1884) |
| VLR (L) | Victorian Law Reports (Law) (1875 - 1884) |
| VLR (M) | Victorian Law Reports (Mining) (1875 - 1884) |
| VPA | Victorian Planning Appeal Decisions (1969 - 1982) |
| VR | Victorian Reports (1957 -) |
| VR (E) | Victorian Reports (Equity) (1869 - 1872) |
| VR (IE & M) | Victorian Reports (Insolvency, Ecclesiastical & Matrimonial) (1869 - 1872) |
| VR (L) | Victorian Reports (Law) (1869 - 1872) |
| WA Arb R | Western Australian Arbitration Reports (1901 - 1920) |
| WALR | West Australian Law Reports (1898 - 1959) |
| WAR | Western Australian Reports (1960 -) |
| WCATR | Workers’ Compensation Appeal Tribunal Reports (South Australia) (1988 -) |
| WCBD (Vic) | Workers’ Compensation Board Decisions (Victoria) (1938 -) |
| WCBD (WA) | Workers’ Compensation Board Decisions (Western Australia) (1950 -) |
| WC & Ins Rep | Workmen’s Compensation & Insurance Reports (England) (1912 - 1933) |
| WCR (NSW) | Workers’ Compensation Reports (New South Wales) (1926 - 1980) |
| WCR (Q) | Workers’ Compensation Reports (Queensland) (1916 - 1987) |
| WCR (Vic) | Workers’ Compensation Reports (Victoria) (1982 - 1986) |
| WCR (WA) | Workers’ Compensation Reports (Western Australia) (1982 - 1989) |
| WN | Weekly Notes (England) (1866 - 1952) |
| WN (NSW) | Weekly Notes (New South Wales) (1884 - 1970) |
| WR | Weekly Reporter (1853 - 1906) |
| W & W | Wyatt and Webb’s Reports (Victorian) (1861 - 1863) |
| W & W (E) | Wyatt and Webb’s Reports (Victorian) (Equity) (1861 - 1863) |
| W & W (IE & M) | Wyatt and Webb’s Reports (Victorian) (Insolvency, Ecclesiastical & Matrimonial) (1861 - 1863) |
| W & W (L) | Wyatt and Webb’s Reports (Victorian) (Law) (1861 - 1863) |
| WW & a’B | Wyatt, Webb and a’Beckett’s Victorian Reports (1864 - 1869) |
| WW & a’B (E) | Wyatt, Webb and a’Beckett’s Victorian Reports (Equity) (1864 - 1869) |
| WW & a’B (IE & M) | Wyatt, Webb and a’Beckett’s Victorian Reports (Insolvency, Ecclesiastical & Matrimonial) (1864 - 1869) |
| WW & a’B (L) | Wyatt, Webb and a’Beckett’s Victorian Reports (Law) (1864 - 1869) |
| WW & a’B (M) | Wyatt, Webb and a’Beckett’s Victorian Reports (Mining) (1864 - 1869) |

APPENDIX B

Courts and Tribunals covered by FirstPoint

FirstPoint contains classifications and citator information for both reported and unreported cases from courts on the following list. Key cases also receive a summary.

FirstPoint’s coverage of reported judgments commences from 1825.

FirstPoint coverage of unreported judgments for all courts begins from September 1999, except for the Federal Magistrates Court which commences from July 2000.

FirstPoint also contains classifications and relationships information for selected Tribunal decisions and decisions from other bodies as set out below:

Commonwealth

* High Court of Australia
* Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia
* Federal Court of Australia (single judge)
* Federal Magistrates Court
* Federal Circuit Court

Plus selected decisions from the following:

* Administrative Appeals Tribunal
* Australian Broadcasting Tribunal
* Australian Competition Tribunal
* Australian Industrial Relations Commission
* Australian Patent Office
* Australian Takeovers Panel
* Australian Trademarks Office
* Family Court of Australia
* Fair Work Australia/Fair Work Commission
* Industrial Relations Court of Australia
* National Native Title Tribunal

New South Wales

* Supreme Court of New South Wales (Court of Appeal)
* Supreme Court of New South Wales (Court of Criminal Appeal)
* Supreme Court of New South Wales (single judge)
* New South Wales Land and Environment Court

Plus selected cases from the following:

* New South Wales Administrative Decisions Tribunal
* New South Wales Industrial Relations Commission
* New South Wales District Court
* New South Wales Local Court
* New South Wales Dust Diseases Tribunal

Queensland

* Supreme Court of Queensland (Court of Appeal)
* Supreme Court of Queensland (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

* Queensland Planning and Environment Court
* Queensland District Court
* Queensland Industrial Relations Commission

South Australia

* Full Court of the Supreme Court of South Australia
* Supreme Court of South Australia (Court of Criminal Appeal)
* Supreme Court of South Australia (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

* South Australian Environment and Resources Development Court
* South Australian District Court
* South Australian Industrial Relations Commission
* South Australian Equal Opportunity Tribunal

Tasmania

* Full Court of the Supreme Court of Tasmania
* Supreme Court of Tasmania (Court of Criminal Appeal)
* Supreme Court of Tasmania (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

* Industrial Commission of Tasmania

Victoria

* Supreme Court of Victoria (Court of Appeal)
* Supreme Court of Victoria (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

* Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Western Australia

* Full Court of the Supreme Court of Western Australia
* Supreme Court of Western Australia (Court of Criminal Appeal)
* Supreme Court of Western Australia (single judge)

Plus selected cases from the following:

* Family Court of Western Australia
* Industrial Relations Commission of Western Australia
* State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia
* Western Australian Industrial Appeals Court
* Western Australian District Court
* Western Australian Mining Warden
* Western Australian Compensation Court
* Western Australian Medical Board
* Western Australian Liquor Licensing Court
* Western Australian Town Planning Appeals Tribunal

Australian Capital Territory

* Supreme Court of Australian Capital Territory (Court of Appeal)
* Supreme Court of Australian Capital Territory (single judge)

Plus selected decisions from:

* Australian Capital Territory Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Northern Territory

* Supreme Court of the Northern Territory (Court of Appeal)
* Supreme Court of the Northern Territory (Court of Criminal Appeal)
* Supreme Court of the Northern Territory (single judge)