

# Researching Saskatchewan Case Law: Essential Legal Research with the Law Society of Saskatchewan Library

CanLII

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## 1. What is CanLII?

The Canadian Legal Information Institute, often referred to as CanLII, is a non-profit organization funded by the law societies of Canada and managed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.<sup>1</sup> CanLII provides free online access to Canadian law through its website, <http://canlii.org>. CanLII endeavors to support lawyers, the practice of law, and the Canadian public by providing an accessible, searchable, and free source of law.<sup>2</sup>

CanLII was first envisioned in 2000 by the National Virtual Law Library Group to fill the emerging demand for online legal resources and to become, “the best place to consult Canadian law.”<sup>3</sup> Supported by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada and partnered with Lexum, CanLII quickly grew into the outstanding legal resource it is today.

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<sup>1</sup> “CanLII”. Available at: <http://canlii.org>

<sup>2</sup> “About CanLII”. Available at: <http://canlii.org/en/info/about>

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

## 2. Scope

CanLII provides access to more than one million Canadian court cases and thousands of statutes, regulations, and tribunal decisions from every legal jurisdiction and court in Canada.<sup>4</sup> CanLII's aim is to provide comprehensive coverage of Canadian case law from 2000 to the present and as comprehensive as possible from dates earlier than this.<sup>5</sup> Information on the scope of CanLII can be found at: <http://www.canlii.org/en/databases.html>.

CanLII provides full coverage of Saskatchewan case law as follows:<sup>6</sup>

- Court of Appeal: 1994 to present
- Court of Queen's Bench: 2001 to present
- Provincial Court: 2001 to present

CanLII provides partial coverage of Saskatchewan case law for these courts from approximately 1980 to the present and access to a variety of Saskatchewan tribunal decisions:

Saskatchewan (10)			
SKCA	<a href="#">Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan</a>	1994 -	2014-02-18
SKQB	<a href="#">Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan</a>	2001 -	2014-02-18
SKPC	<a href="#">Provincial Court of Saskatchewan</a>	2001 -	2014-02-18
SKAIA	<a href="#">Automobile Injury Appeal Commission</a>	2003 -	2013-09-09
SKIPC	<a href="#">Information and Privacy Commissioner</a>	2004 -	2014-02-06
SKLA	<a href="#">Labour Arbitration Awards</a>	2009 -	2014-02-13
SKLSS	<a href="#">Law Society of Saskatchewan</a>	2010 -	2014-01-23
SKSEC	<a href="#">Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission</a>	2008 -	2014-01-29
SKHRC	<a href="#">Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission</a>	2008 -	2013-08-21
SKLRB	<a href="#">Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board</a>	2008 -	2014-02-17

The Law Society of Saskatchewan Library is working with CanLII to increase coverage of Saskatchewan case law. In the coming year, approximately 15,000 to 20,000 Saskatchewan cases will be added to CanLII. This will provide an almost complete record of Saskatchewan case law from 1909 to the present.

<sup>4</sup> "CanLII". Available at: <http://developer.canlii.org/>

<sup>5</sup> "CanLII Features". Available at <http://legalresearch.org/electronic/canlii-features/>

<sup>6</sup> "Scope of CanLII's Databases". Available at <http://www.canlii.org/en/databases>

### 3. Why Should You Use CanLII?

A 2012 study by CorbinPartners Inc. explored CanLII use among the Canadian legal community. The study discovered approximately nine in ten lawyers use CanLII for legal research and that 99 percent of users are satisfied with the website.<sup>7</sup> The study indicated CanLII is a frequent source for case law and is often identified as a first stop for legal research. Some of the reasons for using CanLII for research include:

- Ease of use
- Convenient access
- Favorable cost
- Depth of case law collection

CanLII has certain advantages over the Saskatchewan Cases Database: it allows searches for case law outside of Saskatchewan and is full-text searchable, while the Saskatchewan Cases Database is limited to searching short summaries of cases.

However, it is important to note that CanLII's noteup features may be less reliable and consistent than the same from the Saskatchewan Cases Database.

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<sup>7</sup> "National Client Needs Study". Available at [http://canlii.org/en/info/CanLII2012SurveySummary\\_en.pdf](http://canlii.org/en/info/CanLII2012SurveySummary_en.pdf)

## 4. Using CanLII

CanLII provides a user friendly search interface and is simple and intuitive to use. It is easy to sort search results and to locate relevant case law. CanLII can be accessed from the “Quick Links” area of the Law Society of Saskatchewan Library homepage at <http://www.lawsociety.sk.ca/library.aspx>. Alternatively, <http://canlii.org/> can be typed into your browser’s address bar.

CanLII can be used to:

- Locate known cases
- Locate Saskatchewan case law on a point of law
- Quickly locate a case with a common name
- Note up a case and identify decisions citing a particular decision
- Note up legislation and identify decisions citing a particular act
- Locate Saskatchewan tribunal decisions
- Identify related decisions, legislation cited, and decisions cited

The CanLII main screen appears as follows:

**Search**

Document text ?

Case name, legislation title, citation or docket ?

Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets ?

**Browse**

<a href="#">Canada (Federal)</a>	<a href="#">Ontario</a>	<a href="#">Newfoundland and Labrador</a>
<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	<a href="#">Quebec</a>	<a href="#">Yukon</a>
<a href="#">Alberta</a>	<a href="#">New Brunswick</a>	<a href="#">Northwest Territories</a>
<a href="#">Saskatchewan</a>	<a href="#">Nova Scotia</a>	<a href="#">Nunavut</a>
<a href="#">Manitoba</a>	<a href="#">Prince Edward Island</a>	

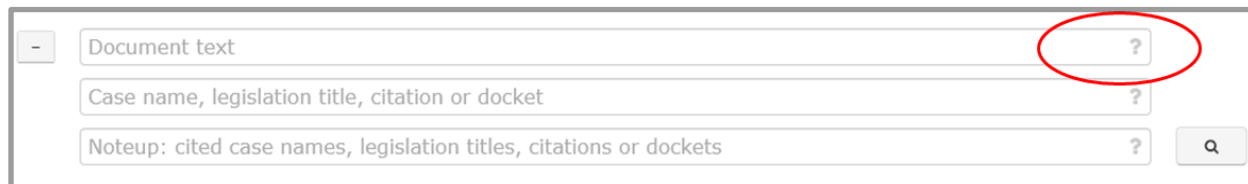
CanLII can be searched in three primary ways:

- Keyword search
- Known item search: Search by case name, legislation, citation, or docket
- Noteup search: Search by cited case or cited legislation

The three methods of searching CanLII correspond to the three CanLII search boxes available from the main screen.

## 5. Boolean Search Words

CanLII's Boolean search words are displayed in a pop-up box when the cursor is placed over the question mark icon to the right of the search interface:



By default, the search engine processes a space between terms as a logical AND. The following operators allow you to change this default processing.

Find	Operator (case sensitive)	Example
This exact <b>phrase</b>	""	"R. v. Douglas"
<b>All</b> these words	AND, and, no operator	permit hunting
<b>Any</b> of these words	OR, or	city <b>or</b> municipality
<b>None</b> of these unwanted words	NOT, not	custody <b>not</b> child
Words within the same <b>paragraph</b>	/p	levy /p probate
Words within the same <b>sentence</b>	/s	tax /s income
Words within <b>n</b> words	/n	letter /5 credit
Exclude <b>plurals</b> and <b>derivatives</b>	EXACT(), exact()	<b>exact</b> (translator)

This is crucial as every online database has its own unique set of Boolean search words. For example, CanLII's Boolean search words differ significantly from the Saskatchewan Cases Database Boolean search words. It is always helpful to review a database's Boolean search words prior to searching.

Boolean search words can help us search more effectively and efficiently. They can easily broaden or narrow a search by combining different concepts together. Six important Boolean search words to note prior to searching CanLII are:

AND	Narrow a search by combining concepts together
OR	Broaden a search to include results that mention any of the keywords
" "	Narrow a search by searching for an exact phrase
( )	Group similar concepts together
/p	Narrow a search by searching within a paragraph
/s	Narrow a search by searching within a sentence

## 6. Example Search Scenarios

This paper will review seven example search scenarios that will demonstrate basic use of CanLII.

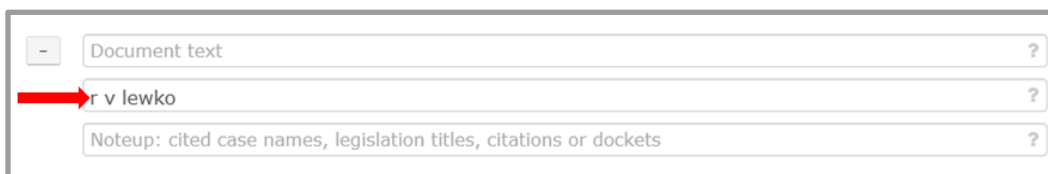
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## 6.1 Searching for a Known Case

In the first search scenario, I would like to locate a 2002 Saskatchewan Court of Appeal case: *R. v. Lewko*, 2002 SKCA 121.

Begin the search by entering the case name in the known item search box.

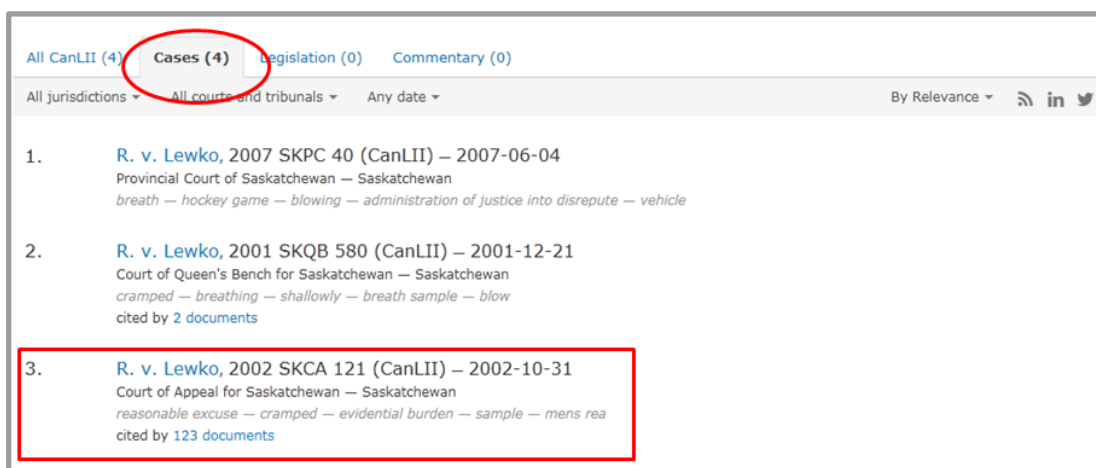


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

r v lewko ?

Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets ?

Based on the results, this search retrieved four cases. The third result appears to be the correct one: *R. v. Lewko*, 2002 SKCA 121.



All CanLII (4) **Cases (4)** Legislation (0) Commentary (0)

All jurisdictions ▾ All courts and tribunals ▾ Any date ▾ By Relevance ▾   

1. [R. v. Lewko, 2007 SKPC 40 \(CanLII\) – 2007-06-04](#)  
Provincial Court of Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan  
*breath — hockey game — blowing — administration of justice into disrepute — vehicle*
2. [R. v. Lewko, 2001 SKQB 580 \(CanLII\) – 2001-12-21](#)  
Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan  
*cramped — breathing — shallowly — breath sample — blow*  
cited by [2 documents](#)
3. [R. v. Lewko, 2002 SKCA 121 \(CanLII\) – 2002-10-31](#)  
Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan  
*reasonable excuse — cramped — evidential burden — sample — mens rea*  
cited by [123 documents](#)

The full-text of this case is displayed when the case name is selected. CanLII displays information about the case at the top of the screen including the style of cause, date, docket, neutral citation, parallel citations, an option to open the case in PDF format, and a noteup feature. The reflex record identifies the legislation and decisions that *R. v. Lewko* has cited.



**R. v. Lewko, 2002 SKCA 121 (CanLII)**

Date: 2002-10-31

Docket: CA02121; 421

Parallel citations: [2003] 2 WWR 197; 169 CCC (3d) 359; 7 CR (6th) 71; 227 Sask R 77

URL: <http://canlii.ca/t/5g0t>

Citation: R. v. Lewko, 2002 SKCA 121 (CanLII), <<http://canlii.ca/t/5g0t>> retrieved on 2014-02

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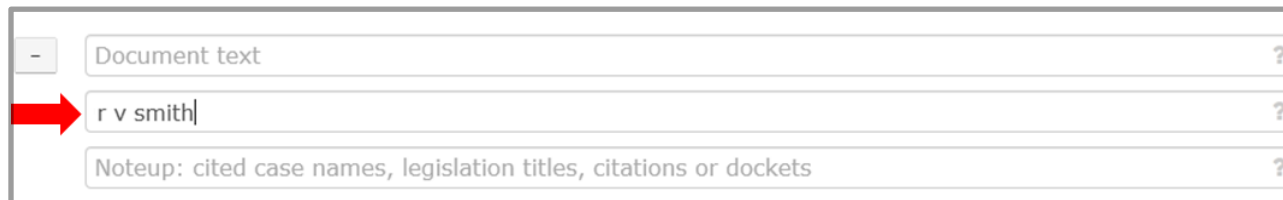
Noteup: [Search for decisions citing this decision](#)

Reflex Record: [Related decisions, legislation cited and decisions cited](#)

## 6.2 Searching for a Case with a Common Name

In the second search scenario, I would like to locate a Saskatchewan Court of Appeal criminal judgment. The case involved an individual with the surname Smith. All I can recall is that the case took place somewhere in the past fifteen years and involved drug trafficking.

Begin the search by entering a case name in the known item search box.



Document text ?

r v smith ?

Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets ?

Based on the results, the initial search retrieved 563 cases named *R. v. Smith*. The amount of results needs to be reduced as there are too many cases to scan through. CanLII searches can be narrowed by jurisdiction, court level, and date at the top tab.



All CanLII (563) Cases (563) Legislation (0) Commentary (0)

All jurisdictions ▼ All courts and tribunals ▼ Any date ▼

First, limit the search by jurisdiction so it only retrieves Saskatchewan case law. Second, limit the search by court level so it only retrieves cases from the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. Third, limit the search by date by entering a date range: 2000 to 2014.



Jurisdiction	Count
Canada (Federal)	20
British Columbia	90
Alberta	80
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>68</b>
Manitoba	19
Ontario	175
Quebec	15
New Brunswick	14
Nova Scotia	39
Prince Edward Island	2
Newfoundland and Labrador	18
Yukon	23
Northwest Territories	0
Nunavut	0

Uncheck all

All courts and tribunals	Count
All courts and tribunals	82
All courts	82
Appeal courts	28
All tribunals	0
Labour	0
Privacy	0
Human rights	0
Discipline	0
Securities	0
<b>☑ Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan (SK)</b>	

Any decision date	Count
Any decision date	14
Last week	0
Last three months	0
Last year	0
Last three years	0
Last ten years	8

Decision date is: YYYY MM DD [calendar icon] OK

Decision date between: 2000 01 01 [calendar icon] and 2014 12 31 [calendar icon] OK

By limiting this search by jurisdiction, court level, and date, the amount of results have been reduced to 11. This is a more reasonable amount of cases to read.

The screenshot shows a search results page with the following filters: All CanLII (82), Cases (11), Legislation (0), and Commentary (0). The search criteria are set to Saskatchewan, Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan, and the date range 2000-01-01 to 2014-12-31. The results are sorted by Relevance. The first result is *R. v. Smith*, 2009 SKCA 139 (CanLII) – 2009-12-07, cited by 6 documents. The sixth result is *R. v. Smith*, 2007 SKCA 71 (CanLII) – 2007-06-20, cited by 6 documents.

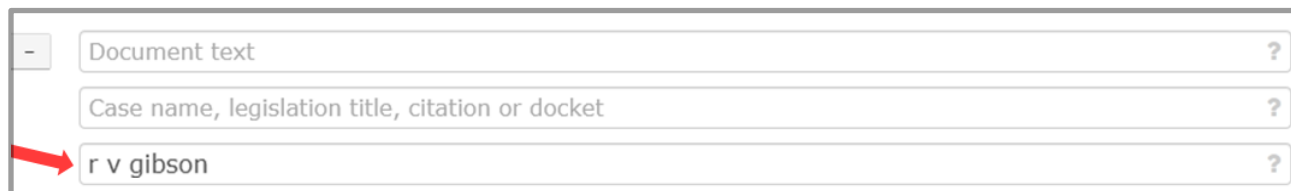
Rank	Case Name	Date	Court	Keywords	Cited by
1.	<i>R. v. Smith</i>	2009 SKCA 139 (CanLII)	2009-12-07	Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan officer – elapsed – minutes – test – last drink	6 documents
2.	<i>R. v. Smith</i>	2008 SKCA 34 (CanLII)	2008-03-14	Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan stay – parole – application for leave – sentence – interim	2 documents
3.	<i>R. v. Smith</i>	2009 SKCA 38 (CanLII)	2009-03-12	Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan sentence – vehicle – driving prohibition – speed – dangerous driving causing	6 documents
4.	<i>R. v. Smith</i>	2008 SKCA 61 (CanLII)	2008-05-14	Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan sexual – evidence – unprotected sex – reasonable doubt – complainants	3 documents
5.	<i>R. v. Smith</i>	2002 SKCA 103 (CanLII)	2002-09-17	Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan bail – presumption of innocence – will abscond – pre-trial detention – part of a criminal organization	1 document
6.	<i>R. v. Smith</i>	2007 SKCA 71 (CanLII)	2007-06-20	Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan miscarriage of justice – voir dire – evidence – verdict – ineffective	6 documents

The final step is to scan the results to determine whether the correct case was located. It appears that the sixth result is the correct case: *R. v. Smith*, 2007 SKCA 71.

### 6.3 Noting up a Case

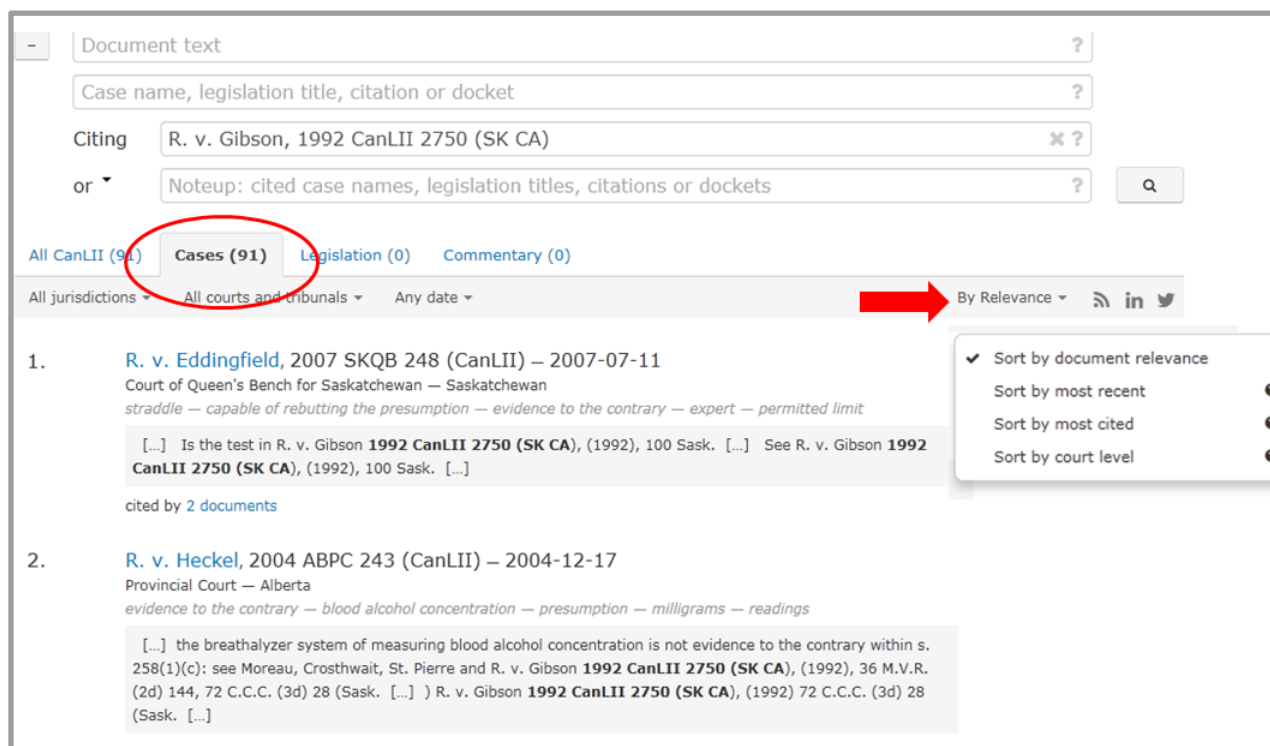
In the third search scenario, I am conducting research on the role of expert evidence in Saskatchewan case law. I have discovered *R. v. Gibson* (1992) 100 Sask R 88 is a Court of Appeal case that comments significantly on this topic. I would like to note up this case.

Begin by entering the case name in the noteup search box.



The screenshot shows the CanLII search interface. The 'Noteup' search box is highlighted with a red arrow and contains the text 'r v gibson'. Other search boxes include 'Document text' and 'Case name, legislation title, citation or docket'.

Based on the results, *R. v. Gibson* (1992) 100 Sask R 88 has been cited 91 times.



The screenshot shows the CanLII search results for 'R. v. Gibson'. The 'Cases (91)' tab is selected, and the results are sorted by 'By Relevance'. A red arrow points to the sorting dropdown menu. The results list includes:

- R. v. Eddingfield**, 2007 SKQB 248 (CanLII) – 2007-07-11  
Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan – Saskatchewan  
*straddle — capable of rebutting the presumption — evidence to the contrary — expert — permitted limit*  
[...] Is the test in *R. v. Gibson* **1992 CanLII 2750 (SK CA)**, (1992), 100 Sask. [...] See *R. v. Gibson* **1992 CanLII 2750 (SK CA)**, (1992), 100 Sask. [...]  
cited by 2 documents
- R. v. Heckel**, 2004 ABPC 243 (CanLII) – 2004-12-17  
Provincial Court — Alberta  
*evidence to the contrary — blood alcohol concentration — presumption — milligrams — readings*  
[...] the breathalyzer system of measuring blood alcohol concentration is not evidence to the contrary within s. 258(1)(c): see Moreau, Crosthwait, St. Pierre and *R. v. Gibson* **1992 CanLII 2750 (SK CA)**, (1992), 36 M.V.R. (2d) 144, 72 C.C.C. (3d) 28 (Sask. [...]) *R. v. Gibson* **1992 CanLII 2750 (SK CA)**, (1992) 72 C.C.C. (3d) 28 (Sask. [...])

CanLII search results can be sorted by selecting the sorting tab on the right hand side of the screen. Results can be sorted by relevance, most recent, most cited, and court level.

## 6.4 Searching for Legislation


In this fourth search scenario, I am searching for case law that comments on *The Saskatchewan Administration of Estates Act, SS 1998, c A-4.1*. In particular, I would like to identify how many times section 3 of this act has been cited.

Begin by entering the legislation title in the noteup search box.




The screenshot shows a search interface with three input fields. The first field is labeled 'Document text' and contains a minus sign and a question mark. The second field is labeled 'Case name, legislation title, citation or docket' and contains a question mark. The third field, which is highlighted with a red arrow, is labeled 'Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets' and contains the text 'administration of estates act'.

Based on the search results, 30 cases have cited this act. Next, section 3 needs to be selected from the search box on the right side of the screen.



The screenshot shows the search results for 'administration of estates act'. The 'Citing' field contains 'The Administration of Estates Act, SS 1998, c A-4.1' and 'Section 3'. The 'or' dropdown is set to 'Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets'. The results are filtered by 'All CanLII (30)', 'Cases (30)', 'Legislation (0)', and 'Commentary (0)'. The first result is 'Adamson Estate v Fraser, 2013 SKQB 243 (CanLII) – 2013-06-20'. A dropdown menu on the right shows 'Section 3' selected, with other options like 'Section 3(1)', 'Section 3(2)', 'Section 9', 'Section 10', 'Section 13', and 'Section 14'.

Based on the search results, it appears six cases have cited section 3 of this act.



The screenshot shows the search results for 'administration of estates act' filtered to 'Section 3'. The 'Citing' field contains 'The Administration of Estates Act, SS 1998, c A-4.1' and 'Section 3'. The 'or' dropdown is set to 'Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets'. The results are filtered by 'All CanLII (6)', 'Cases (6)', 'Legislation (0)', and 'Commentary (0)'. The first result is 'Suwala v. Main, 2009 SKQB 223 (CanLII) – 2009-06-19'. A dropdown menu on the right shows 'Section 3' selected, with other options like 'Section 3(1)', 'Section 3(2)', 'Section 9', 'Section 10', 'Section 13', and 'Section 14'.

## 6.5 Searching for Saskatchewan Tribunal Decisions

In the fifth search scenario, I would like to locate Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board decisions. In particular, I would like to review decisions from the past five years.

Begin by selecting the Saskatchewan link from the menu below the search interface.



Selecting this link displays the CanLII Saskatchewan page. This page identifies Saskatchewan legislation, courts, boards, tribunals, and frequently consulted documents. Next, select the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board link indicated below.



Selecting this link displays a Labour Relations Board search page. Decisions can be searched by keyword, case name, citation, or docket. Additionally, decisions can be accessed and browsed by date. For example, select 2009 from the menu.

## Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board - Saskatchewan

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**Access by date** ([YYYY] = partial coverage)

<a href="#">2010</a>	<a href="#">2009</a>	<a href="#">2008</a>	<a href="#">[2007]</a>	<a href="#">[2006]</a>	<a href="#">[2005]</a>	<a href="#">2014</a>	<a href="#">2013</a>	<a href="#">2012</a>	<a href="#">2011</a>
<a href="#">[2004]</a>	<a href="#">[2003]</a>	<a href="#">[2002]</a>	<a href="#">[2001]</a>						

By selecting 2009 from the menu, all Labour Relations Board decisions from that year are displayed.

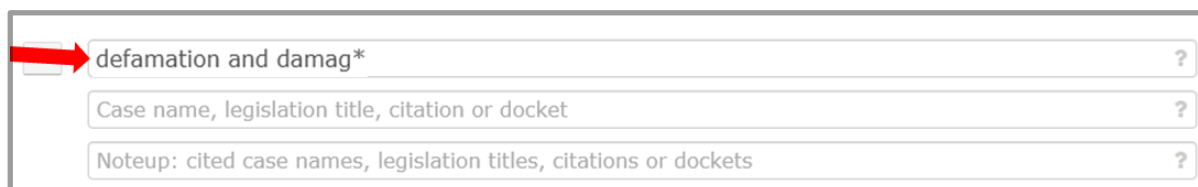
# Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board — January 2009

							2014	2013	2012	2011	
2010	2009	2008	[2007]	[2006]	[2005]	[2004]	[2003]	[2002]	[2001]		
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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2009-01-26	Saskatchewan Joint Board Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union and Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, Local 568 v. Off the Wall Productions Ltd., 2009 CanLII 2603 (SK LRB)										
2009-01-22	Roset v. Unite Here Union, Local 41, 2009 CanLII 2050 (SK LRB)										
2009-01-15	D.M. v. Canadian Union of Public Employees National, 2009 CanLII 2049 (SK LRB)										
2009-01-13	United Food and Commercial Workers, Local No. 1400 v. Wal-Mart Canada Corp., 2009 CanLII 2047 (SK LRB)										
2009-01-12	Saskatoon Regional Health Authority v. Service Employees' International Union, Local 333, 2009 CanLII 2051 (SK LRB)										
2009-01-12	United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 1400 v. Wal-Mart Canada Corp., 2009 CanLII 2048 (SK LRB)										
2009-01-06	Dishaw v. Canadian Office & Professional Employees Union, Local 397, 2009 CanLII 507 (SK LRB)										
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Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
							2014	2013	2012	2011	
2010	2009	2008	[2007]	[2006]	[2005]	[2004]	[2003]	[2002]	[2001]		

## 6.6 Searching for Saskatchewan Case Law on a Point of Law

In the sixth search scenario, I would like to locate recent Saskatchewan case law involving defamation and damages. In particular, I am interested in online defamation.

Begin by entering keywords in the keyword search box: *defamation AND damage\**. Using the Boolean AND will search for cases that mention both of these terms. The asterisk symbol is known as truncation. Placing it at the end of the word damage will enable the search to locate all variations of the word: damage, damages, or damaging.



Based on the results, the search located 161 Saskatchewan cases that mention defamation and any variation of the word damage. This amount of results needs to be reduced as there are too many cases to read through.

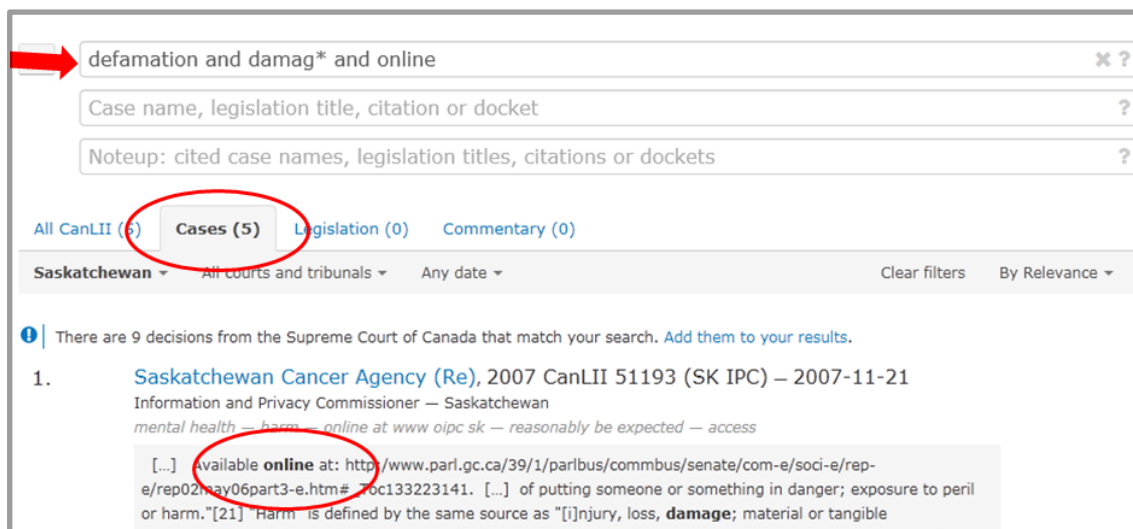


A strategy to reduce the amount of results is to add an additional search term: *defamation AND damage\* AND online*.





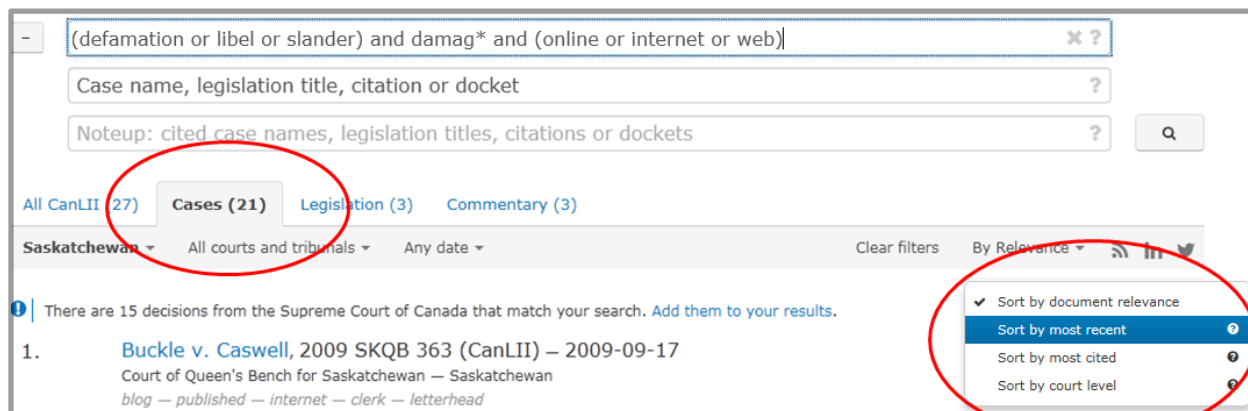
Based on the results, the new search retrieved only five cases, fewer than I expected. Additionally, the results do not appear relevant. They refer to specific online links rather than online defamation.



A strategy to increase the number of results is to think of additional synonyms for our search terms and link them together with the Boolean OR. For example, defamation might also be described as libel or slander. Online might also be described as internet or web.



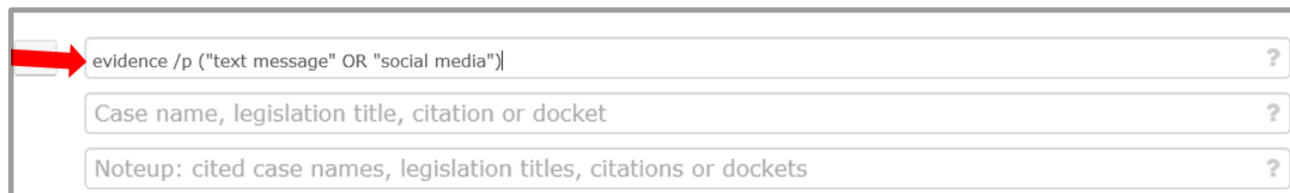
Based on the results, it appears the new search located 21 cases. The results appear far more relevant than the previous search. The final step is to sort these results by date.



## 6.7 Searching for Saskatchewan Case Law on a Point of Law

In the final search scenario, I would like to locate Saskatchewan cases that have commented on the use of text messages and social media as evidence.

Begin the search by entering keywords in the keyword search box: *evidence /p ("text message" OR "social media")*. Phrases are placed in quotation marks. /p is a Boolean command that enables a search to look within a single paragraph. As such, this search is looking for the word evidence within the same paragraph as either phrase.




Based on the results, the search retrieved 28 cases that contain the word evidence within the same paragraph as either phrase.



A strategy that may make this search more precise is to search within a single sentence rather than within an entire paragraph: *evidence /s ("text message" OR "social media")*.



Based on the results, this new search retrieved 16 cases.



Search results for: **evidence /s ("text message" OR "social media")**

Case name, legislation title, citation or docket

Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets

**All CanLII (16) Cases (16) Legislation (0) Commentary (0)**

Saskatchewan ▾ All courts and tribunals ▾ Any date ▾ Clear filters By Relevance ▾ in

1. **R v Hill, 2013 SKPC 82 (CanLII) – 2013-07-02**  
Provincial Court of Saskatchewan — Saskatchewan  
*cell phone — text messages — search — bags of cannabis marihuana — psilocybin mushrooms*

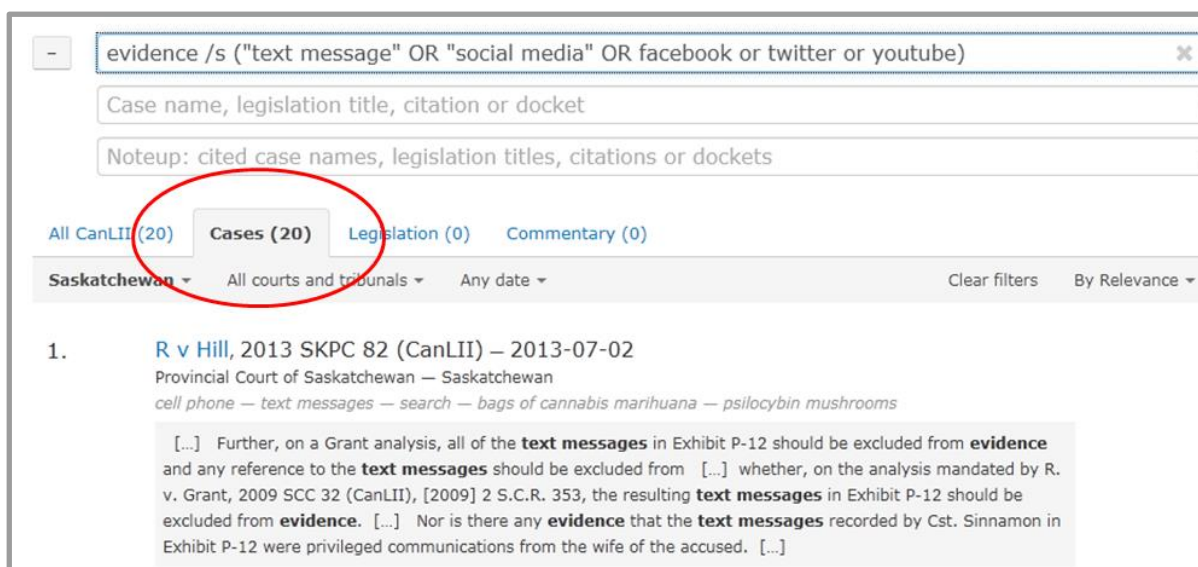
[...] Further, on a Grant analysis, all of the **text messages** in Exhibit P-12 should be excluded from **evidence** and any reference to the **text messages** should be excluded from [...] whether, on the analysis mandated by R. v. Grant, 2009 SCC 32 (CanLII), [2009] 2 S.C.R. 353, the resulting **text messages** in Exhibit P-12 should be excluded from **evidence**. [...] Nor is there any **evidence** that the **text messages** recorded by Cst. Sinnamon in Exhibit P-12 were privileged communications from the wife of the accused. [...]

Social media is a broad concept that can be described in numerous ways. For example, social media might also be described using the words Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube. By describing social media in such a broad way, this search may be missing some highly relevant cases. A new search statement reflecting additional ways to describe social media is: *evidence /s ("text message OR "social media" OR facebook OR twitter OR youtube)*.



Search results for: **evidence /s ("text message" OR "social media" OR facebook OR twitter OR youtube)**

Based on the results, this new search located 20 cases.



Search results for: **evidence /s ("text message" OR "social media" OR facebook OR twitter OR youtube)**

Case name, legislation title, citation or docket

Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets

**All CanLII (20) Cases (20) Legislation (0) Commentary (0)**

Saskatchewan ▾ All courts and tribunals ▾ Any date ▾ Clear filters By Relevance ▾

1. **R v Hill, 2013 SKPC 82 (CanLII) – 2013-07-02**  
Provincial Court of Saskatchewan — Saskatchewan  
*cell phone — text messages — search — bags of cannabis marihuana — psilocybin mushrooms*

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## 7 CanLII Tutorial Videos

The library has recently created an online series of CanLII tutorial videos. These can be accessed from the “Quick Links” area of the Law Society of Saskatchewan Library homepage at <http://www.lawsociety.sk.ca/library.aspx>.

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**Library News**

**Saskatoon Library** - As part of the Saskatoon Court House renovations, the Law Society Library in Saskatoon will be closed **September 23** and is scheduled to reopen in the spring of 2014. During the closure, Law Society members will have borrowing privileges at the University of Saskatchewan Law Library. Members are required to bring their Law Society member card for identification purposes. Please see the [Saskatoon Branch Temporary Closure Information Sheet](#) for more information on borrowing privileges at the University of Saskatchewan Law Library.

**Moose Jaw Library** - Due to damage at the Moose Jaw Court of Queen's Bench Court House, the Moose Jaw Law Society Library is temporarily closed. If you require materials or assistance, please contact the Regina Library at 306-569-8020, 1-877-989-4999 or by email at [reference@lawsociety.sk.ca](mailto:reference@lawsociety.sk.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Melanie Hodges Neufeld, Director of Legal Resources, at 569-8020 or [melanie@lawsociety.sk.ca](mailto:melanie@lawsociety.sk.ca).

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The tutorial videos demonstrate how to search CanLII for case law in a variety of practical ways.

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**CanLII Series: Searching the New CanLII**

**Ask A Librarian**

**Searching the New CanLII (1) A Basic "How-To" (5:57)**

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A Law Society Library Tutorial

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■ Searching CanLII by keyword and case name

■ Limiting your search by jurisdiction

■ Sorting your search by "most cited", "most recent", and "court level"

■ Example search scenarios

## **8 Additional Research Assistance**

If you have any questions about CanLII or require additional research assistance, please contact a Law Society Librarian. We are always happy to assist you over the phone, in person, or via email. The contact information for the library is:

Email: [reference@lawsociety.sk.ca](mailto:reference@lawsociety.sk.ca)

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