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 - CanLII is a non-profit funded by lawyers
 - Provides free access to Canadian law at canlii.org
 - Easily accessible, fully searchable, and online
 - The best place to find the law



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- The Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII)
 - CanLII provides access to more than one million court cases and thousands of statutes
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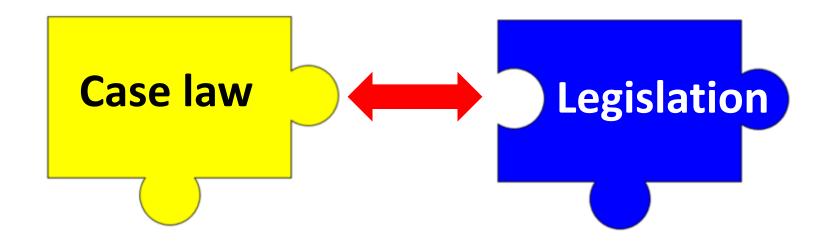
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- What is case law?
 - Written decisions from judges in the courts across Canada









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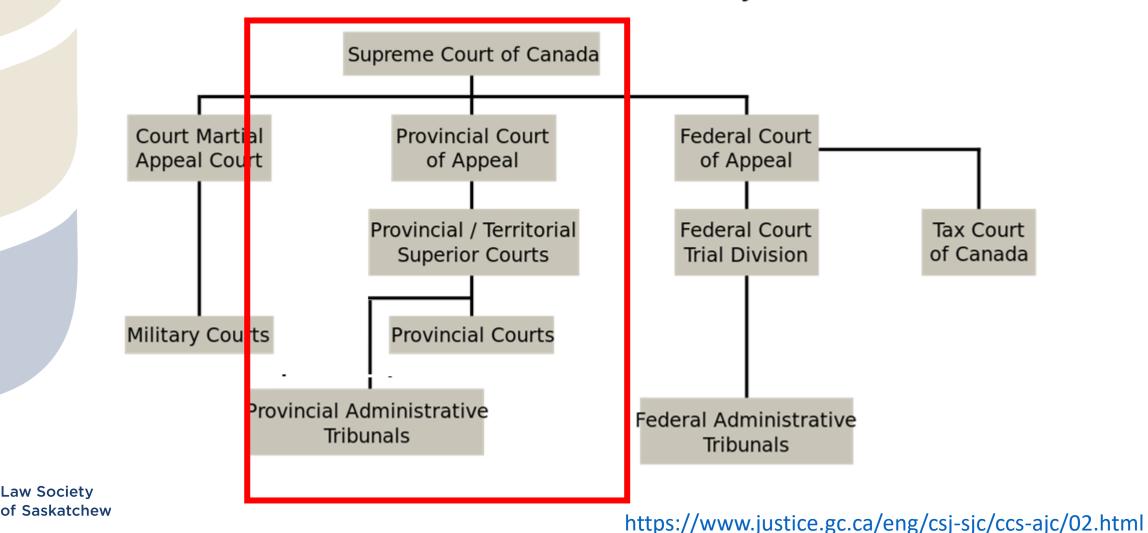




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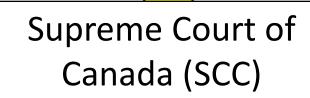
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Canada's Court System

- Saskatchewan Court of Appeal (SKCA)
 - Hears appeals on all civil and criminal matters
- Saskatchewan Court of King's Bench (SKKB)
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- Saskatchewan Frovincial Court (SKPC)
 - Most criminal matters, youth matters, small claims, traffic tickets, bylaws, and some family matters
- Administrative Tribunals & Boards
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Saskatchewan's superior courthouses change name to "King's Bench"

The Queen's death means superior courthouses in Saskatchewan are now called Court of King's Bench, the Ministry of Justice confirmed.

Bre McAdam · Saskatoon StarPhoenix

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Court of King's Bench in Saskatoon. PHOTO BY MATT SMITH /Saskatoon StarPhoenix

Superior courthouses across Saskatchewan will now be called Court of King's Bench after the death of <u>Queen Elizabeth II</u> on Thursday.



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Plaintiff

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Ravdahl v Saskatchewan, 2009 SCC 7









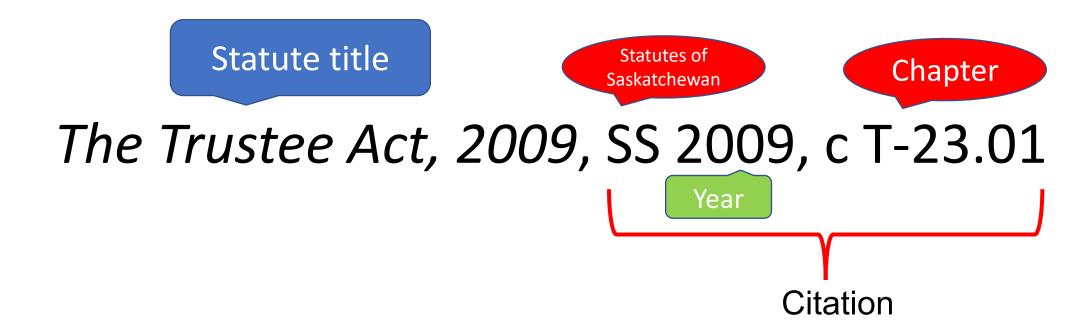


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R v Lewko, 2002 SKCA 121
Reiter v Powell, 2016 SKQB 100
R v Piapot, 2016 SKPC 38



Statute citations





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The Family Property Act, SS 1997, c F-6.3

The Business Name Registrations Act, RSS 1978, c B-11

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National Flag of Canada Act, SC 2012, c 12



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 - Let's locate Hoffmann v Monsanto, 2007
 SKCA 47





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New movie about Sask. farmer who went up against Monsanto dredges up old fight over accuracy of his story











Percy Schmeiser lost court battle against the agrochemical giant in 2004; movie paints him as the 'Everyman'



Bonnie Allen - CBC News - Posted: Oct 05, 2020 3:00 AM CDT | Last Updated: October 5, 2020



The first poster for Percy featured Christopher Walken standing in corn, shown at left. The crop at the heart of the film was actually canola, so the poster was corrected, shown at right. The Academy Award-winning actor plays Percy Schmeiser, a Saskatchewan farmer caught in a dispute over genetically modified canola seeds. (Mongrel Media)





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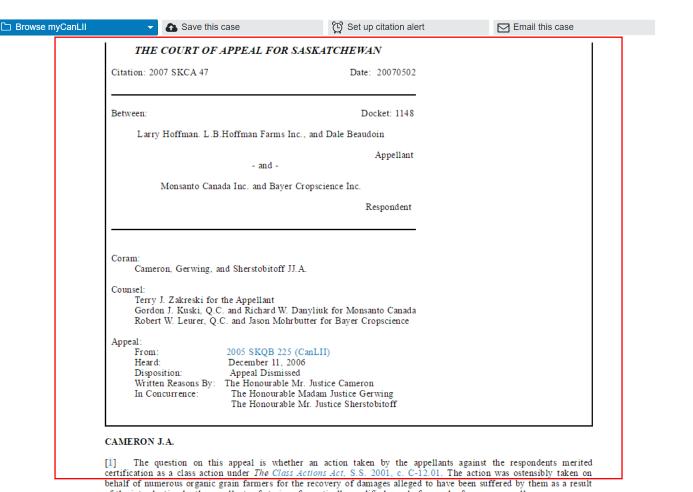
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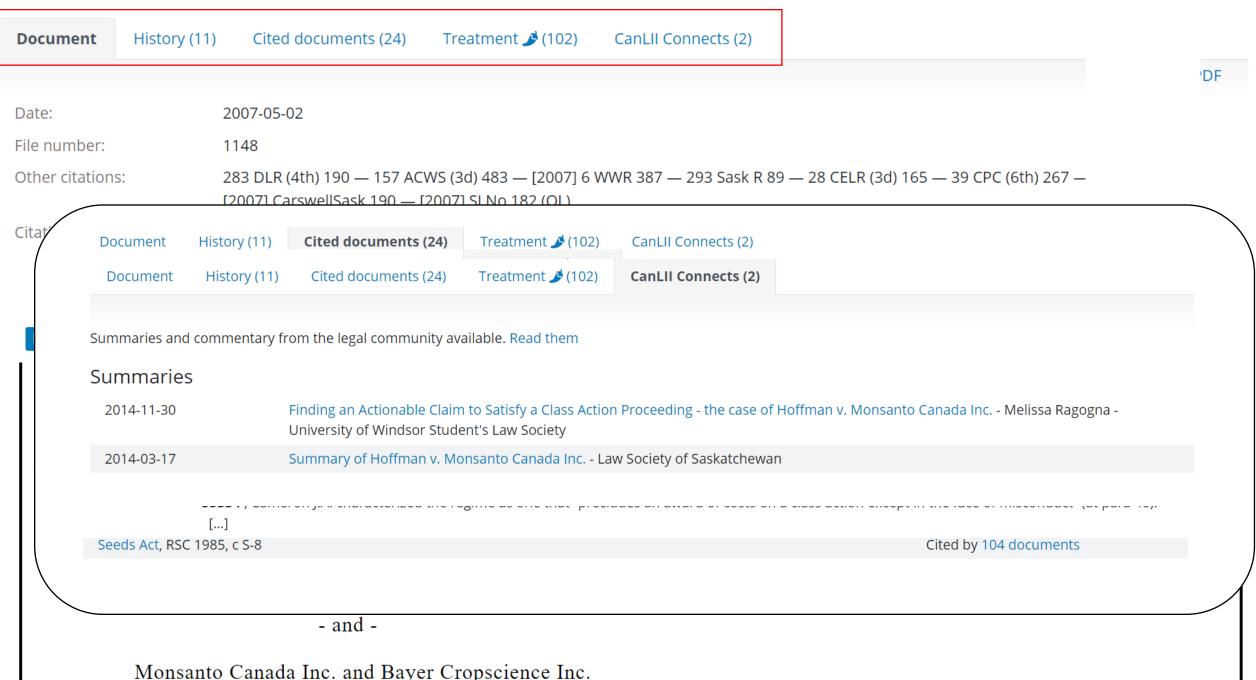
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plaintiff to satisfy the judge that the pleadings disclose an apparently veritable cause of action on the basis of the facts as pleaded and the law that applies. b) Having noted that each of the causes of action was novel in some respects, the trial judge went on to consider each of them, beginning with the common law causes of action in negligence, nuisance and trespass. Applying the governing body of principle to each cause of action as pleaded, the judge concluded that the pleadings did not disclose a cause of action. The Court can find no material error in her reasons, nor

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- Searching for administrative tribunal decisions
 - CanLII provides access to a decisions from over twenty Saskatchewan tribunals
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SKSEC	Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan	2008 -	2023-08-29	108
SKIPC	Information and Privacy Commissioner	2004 -	2023-08-31	1,060
SKLA	Labour Arbitration Awards	N/A	2023-08-30	1,289
SKLSS	Law Society of Saskatchewan	2010 -	2023-06-08	106
SKAC	Saskatchewan Assessment Commission	2010 -	2014-10-23	1
SKFCA	Saskatchewan Board of Review under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, 1934	1907 - 1945	2022-06-14	11
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SKHRC	Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission	2009 -	2021-04-23	19
SKHRT	Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal	2006 - 2011	2021-07-06	354
SKLRB	Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board	2008 -	2023-08-22	840
SKLGB	Saskatchewan Local Government Board	1922 -	2014-10-21	8
SKMT	Saskatchewan Master of Titles	1907 -	2014-11-04	48
SKMB	Saskatchewan Municipal Board	2013 -	2023-08-16	869
SKMBR	Saskatchewan Municipal Boards of Revision	2015 -	2020-02-20	40
SKORT	Saskatchewan Office of Residential Tenancies	2006 -	2023-08-29	14,003
SKPMB	Saskatchewan Provincial Mediation Board	2006 -	2017-03-22	7
SKREC	Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission	1998 -	2023-05-09	405

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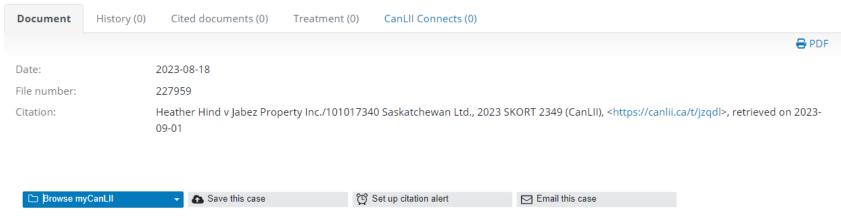
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File #227959

Citation: Heather Hind v Jabez Property Inc./101017340 Saskatchewan Ltd., 2023 SKORT 2349

Date: 8/18/2023
Hearing Officer: Randall King
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BETWEEN:

Heather Hind

CLAIMANT/TENANT

- and -

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RESPONDENT/LANDLORD

Appearing:

Heather Hind, self-represented Christine Lwanga for the Landlord

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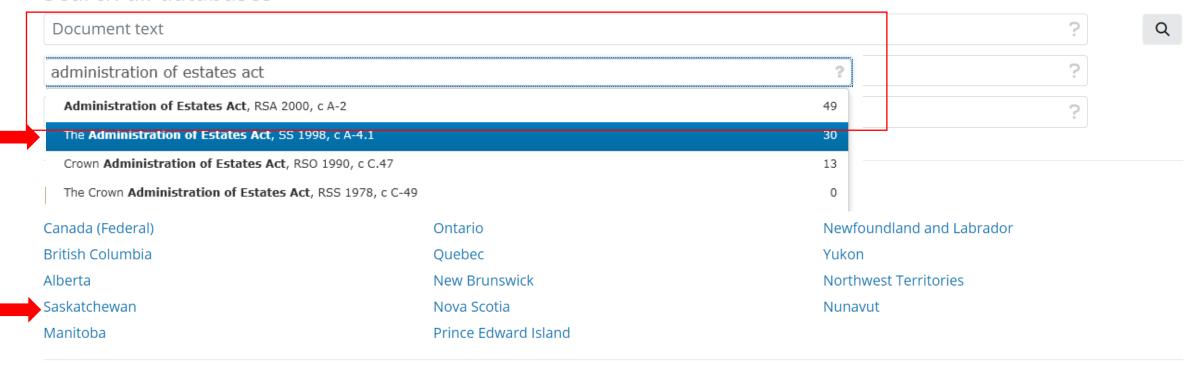
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SKDC	Saskatchewan District Court	1907 - 1981	2021-01-21	193
SKSU	Saskatchewan Surrogate Court	1907 -	2017-01-03	90
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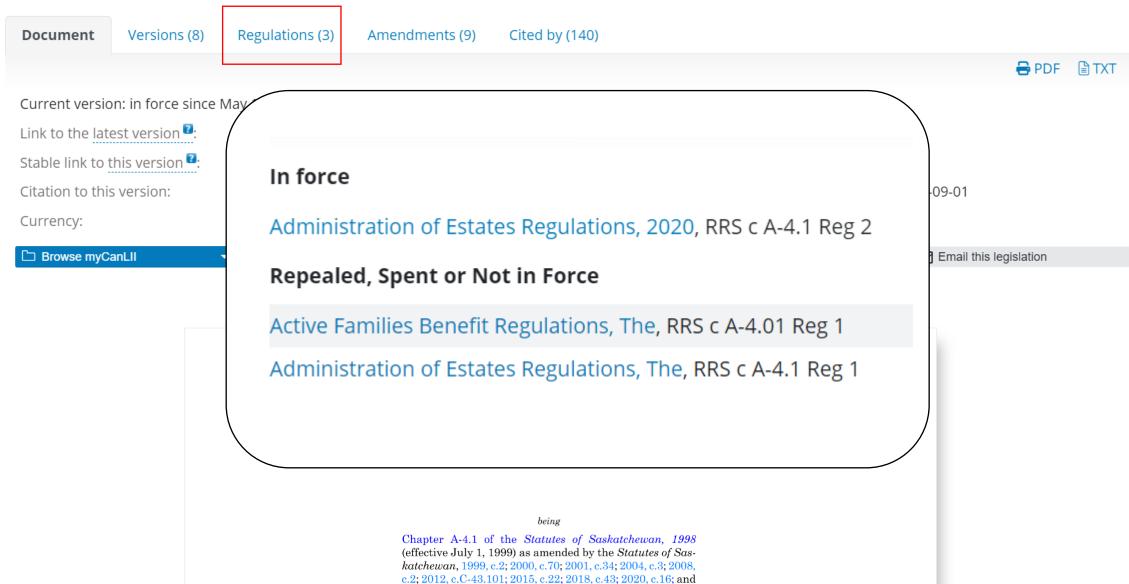
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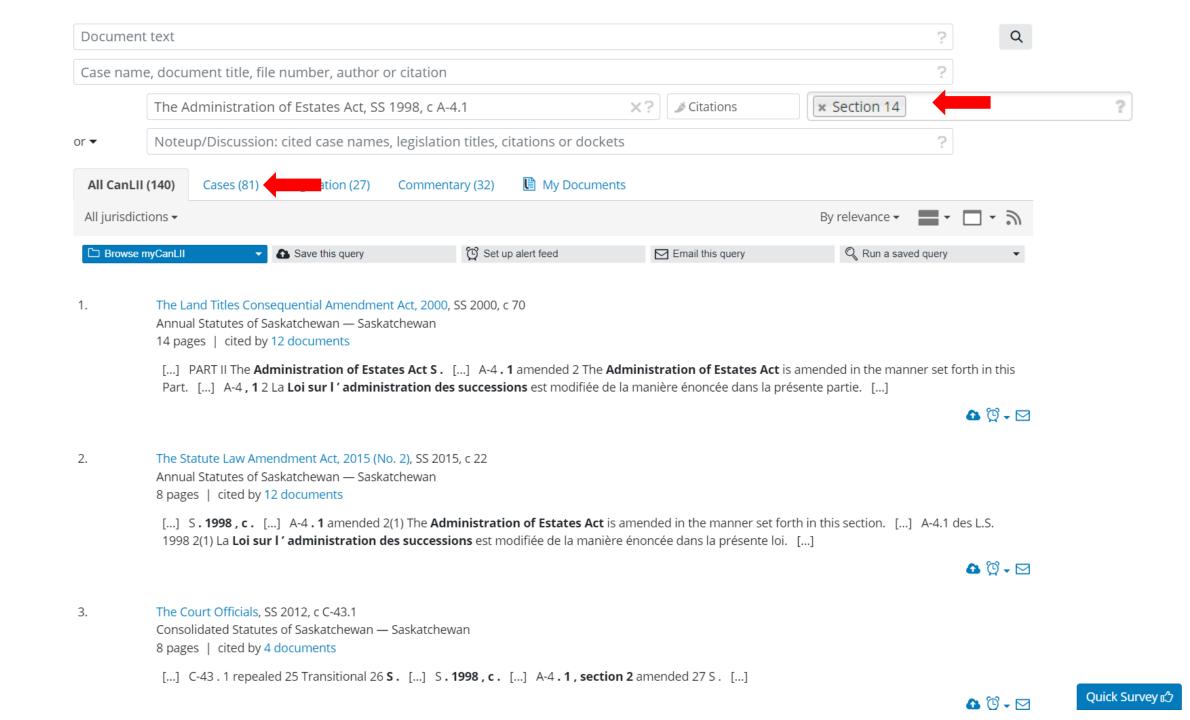


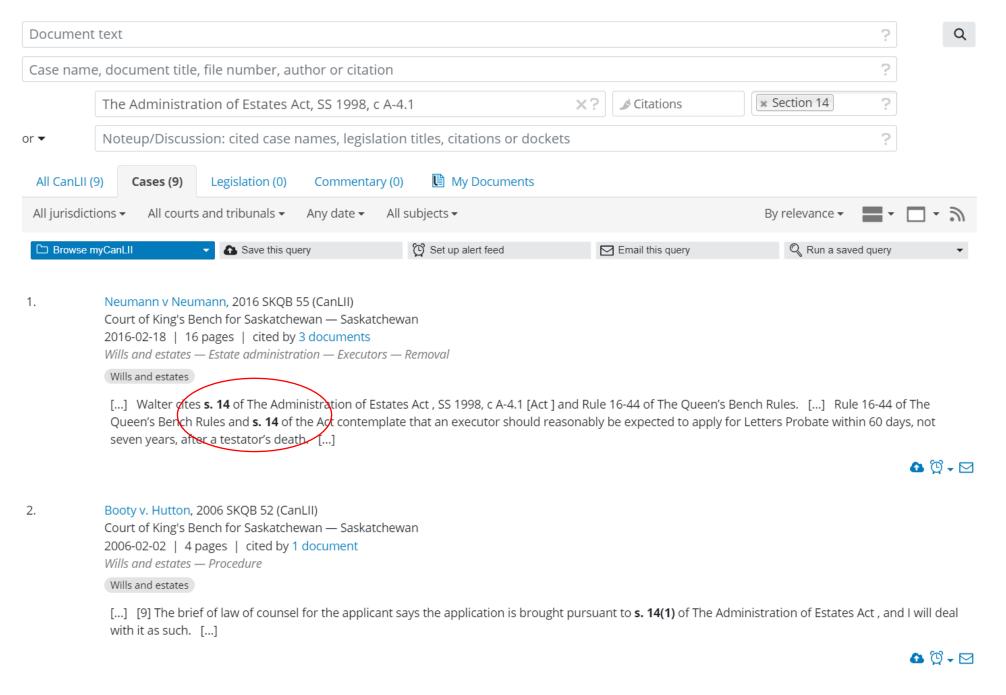
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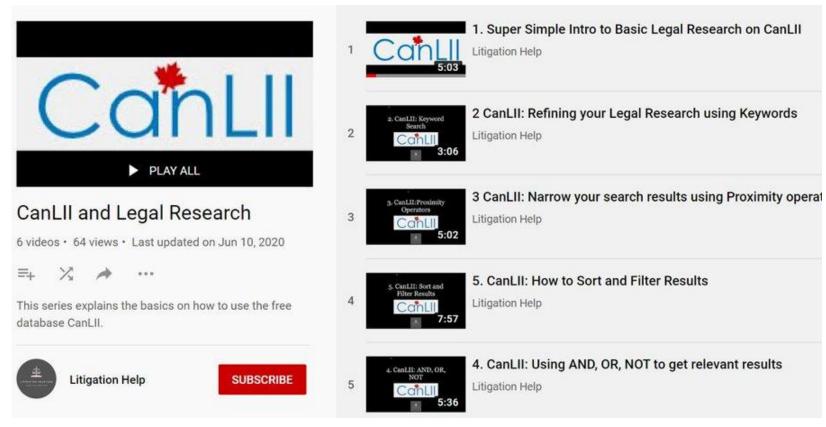


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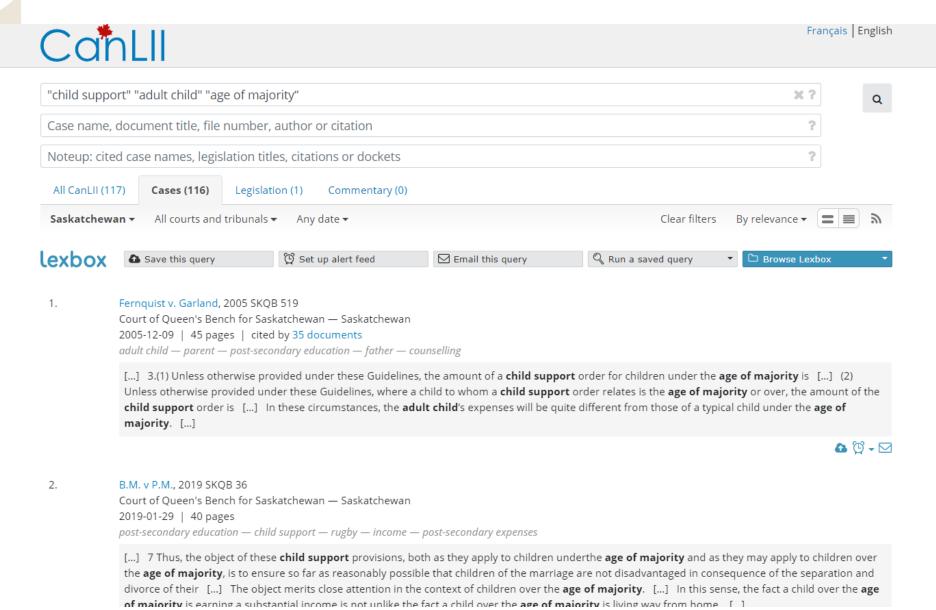
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