Find a judgment with
Find that Case@Flinders


Step 1: Check you have the full citation

A reference to a judgment will look like:

Party name(s) (Year) Volume Law report series Starting page
Mabo v State of Queensland (No.2) (1992) 175 CLR 1

This is for a reported judgment, where the series is organised by volume

OR

Party name(s) [Year] Law report series Starting page
Bakker v Stewart [1980] VR 17

This is for a reported judgment, where the series is organised by year

OR

Party name(s) [Year] Court identifier Judgment number
Quarmby v Keating [2009] TASSC 80

This is for a medium neutral citation, usually used for unreported cases

If you do not have the full citation, login to CaseBase and search for the party names.
Step 2: Search Find that Case@Flinders

Type in the abbreviation given in the citation

e.g. Mabo v State of Queensland (No.2) (1992) 175 CLR 1

Step 3: Learn where you can find the case

The results will tell you **what the abbreviation stands for**, which will be either:

- The full title of the law report series
- The name of the court or tribunal

It will also point you to where you can find the case:

Abbreviation: CLR

Title: Commonwealth Law Reports
This is an authorised law report series for the High Court of Australia

Available in print: In the law library on bookcase 15 (Map)
Available online: Via Legal Online
Jurisdiction: Australia - federal jurisdiction

a. Online
Click on the link to find the case

b. In the Law Library
See over for details on locating a case
Step 4a: Find the judgment online

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You can either:

- Select the year the case was decided and look through the list for your case
- Click on ‘Name Search’ at the top of the screen and type in the party names
  
  *Tip: use ‘and’ between the names instead of ‘v’*

Find [this case name] mabo and queensland

CCH IntelliConnect
Click on the symbol next to the name of the law report series to see a list of yearly volumes.
Find the year from the citation and click on the symbol next to that to view the list of cases from that year.

Legal Online
You can either:

- Select the volume given in the citation and browse for the case
- Type the party names into the ‘Case name’ search box

Lexis.com
Search for the party names by typing: NAME(party name) and NAME(party name)

LexisNexis AU
You will see a list of volumes
Click on the symbol next to the volume given in the citation to find your case

Westlaw International
Type the citation (excluding the party names and brackets) into the ‘Find by citation’ box
Select the jurisdiction as listed on Find that Case@Flinders
Step 4b: Find the judgment in the Law Library

e.g. Mabo v State of Queensland (No. 2) (1992) 175 CLR 1

Note down the following details from Find that Case@Flinders

- The bookcase where the law report series is located
  - Bookcase 15
- The full name of the law report series
  - CLR = Commonwealth Law Reports

Go to the Law Reports Collection in the Law Library

Each row is numbered – look for the bookcase number you noted down

Go down that row

Look for the law report series

Get the year/volume given in the citation

Year = 1992 (in brackets)
Volume = 175 (after the year)

Flip to the starting page number given in the citation

Starting page = 1 (after the abbreviation)