CaseBase is a case citator and annotator that covers Australian reported and unreported cases, and select reported cases from overseas.

CaseBase links to the full-text of unreported judgments and to a small number of law report series (e.g. ALR, VR)

**Why use CaseBase?**

- Search for Australian cases by subject, references to legislation, etc.
- Check citation details for cases
- Note-up / update cases
- Find journal articles about cases
- Find details of select cases from overseas and if they have been referred to in Australian courts or tribunals

**How to access CaseBase**

2. Click on **Databases** (under **Finding**)
3. Search for the title casebase and click on the title
You can search CaseBase in a number of ways...

1. **Search by subject**
   Use 'Contains text' to search within catchwords and summary sections only
   Use Boolean connectors (click on the 'Search tips' link for instructions)
   Use an exclamation mark (!) to search for various endings to a word
   e.g. judge! will find judge, judges, judgments. etc.

2. **Search by case name or citation**
   Use 'and' between party names

3. **Search for cases that have referred to a particular piece of legislation**
   Include the jurisdiction by adding w/p after the name of the Act

4. **Search for cases that discuss the meaning of a legal term**
Results list

The results will look like this, with the case name, citation details, court and judgment date listed. A short snapshot is included, with search terms highlighted. You can do a few things with these results...

- **Sort the results by date or relevance**
- **Look at a quick preview of the case**
- **Narrow your results by topic or court**

Case record

*Breen v Williams*(Medical Records Access case)


Court: HCA
Judges: Brennan CJ, Dawson, Toohy, Gaudron, McHugh and Gummow JJ
Judgment Date: 6/9/1996

Links to related cases, legislation and articles

Link to unreported version
There are 2 tables of cases for each case...

1. **Cases referring to this case**
   Tells you how subsequent cases have used the legal principles applied. Use this information to **update / noteup** the case
   - The **annotation** column indicates how the primary case was treated e.g. whether it was applied, distinguished, reversed, etc.
   - The **signal** column indicates the status of the subsequent case e.g. whether it has been applied or revered by a later case
   To view the record for the subsequent case, click on this signal

2. **Cases considered by this case**
   Tells you which cases were referred to by the primary case
   - The **annotation** column indicates how the primary case treated these earlier judgments e.g. whether it was applied, distinguished, reversed, etc.
   - The **signal** column indicates the overall status of the earlier case e.g. whether it has been applied or revered by a later case
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