Fastcase
Next-Gen Legal Research
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What is Fastcase?

- Founded in 1999
- (A tech company that survived!)
- The mission was simple – create an alternative to Westlaw and Lexis for conducting research on primary law.
- This is not just a cheaper version of the big two, but something entirely different.
- We are now partners with 27 state bar associations and have over 800,000 subscribers.
Why should you try it?

- The principle behind Fastcase is a lot like Google.
- More automation, less leg work.
- Researching on Fastcase is not like browsing through indexes on 90’s Yahoo.
- Fastcase eliminates the “luck” element of haphazardly finding an important case early in your research.
- Find cases on purpose instead.
- Fastcase has smart tools that you cannot find anywhere else.
Sort What’s Important to the Top

- Sort the most cited cases to the top of your results list in one click.

- Also sort by those cases that were cited the most by other cases that satisfy your search terms. These will often be the most relevant.

- It’s just counting, really helpful counting.
Authority Check

- You can click on the numbers displayed next to a case name to see every case that cited back to it on the Authority Check Page.

- A case that has been cited with negative citation signals per the Bluebook rules will be flagged by “Bad Law Bot” on multiple pages. More detail is available on the Authority Check page.

- Various statistical information about citations and data visualization.
Forecite

- Alerts you to important cases you may have overlooked.
- Sometimes the most important cases will not match your terms.

Forecite: Fastcase has identified 3 additional decisions that may be relevant to your research topic, but do not contain one or more of your search terms.

Interactive Timeline
Fastcase specializes in primary law, but we partner with other companies that are great at what they specialize in.

Like HeinOnline and Clio, leaders in secondary sources and practice management, respectfully.

This is a fully integrated feature. HeinOnline results pop up as you search (but you can hide them too).

Only pay for law review articles when you find something useful instead of perpetually financing other people’s research.
Customer Support

Available 8 am - 8 pm Eastern, Monday through Friday
(excluding holidays)

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