

## Searching for Judgments

Our website provides a facility to search through judgments or determinations only (a search that excludes other website content).

Initially, when you arrive at the Judgments or Determinations pages, a list of recent additions is available below the search box. These will list any documents that have been uploaded during the previous **eight weeks**.

Recent Judgments				
Date Delivered	Title	Court	Judge	Date Updated
06/09/2019	<a href="#">Clarington Developments Ltd v HCC International Insurance</a>	High Court	Simons J.	12/09/2019
31/07/2019	<a href="#">Gladney -v- Forte; Gladney -v- Forte</a>	Court of Appeal	Birmingham P.	11/09/2019
30/08/2019	<a href="#">Athropharm (Europe) Limited -v- The Health Products Regulatory Authority</a>	High Court	Noonan J.	10/09/2019
30/07/2019	<a href="#">In the matter of Star Film Frames Ltd. (In liquidation)</a>	Court of Appeal	Pear J.	04/09/2019
22/07/2019	<a href="#">Director of Public Prosecutions -v- Burke</a>	Court of Appeal	McCarthy J.	03/09/2019

## Viewing Judgments/Determinations

There are 2 different view options – click anywhere in the Title area (marked in red below) to open the judgment itself in full-screen mode. Click in either of the other areas – marked in purple – to open a details view, which provides more information about the judgment itself before proceeding to open it.

Recently Uploaded Judgments				
Date Delivered	Title	Court	Judge	Date Uploaded
08/07/2020	<a href="#">University College Cork -v- Electricity Supply Board</a>	Supreme Court	Clarke, C.J., MacMenamin J.	08/07/2020
08/07/2020	<a href="#">Hughes European Group SE v. The Health Insurance Authority</a>	Court of	Murray J.	08/07/2020

## Searching

This is the search screen that allows you to search judgments (or Determinations on its page).

### Search for a Judgment

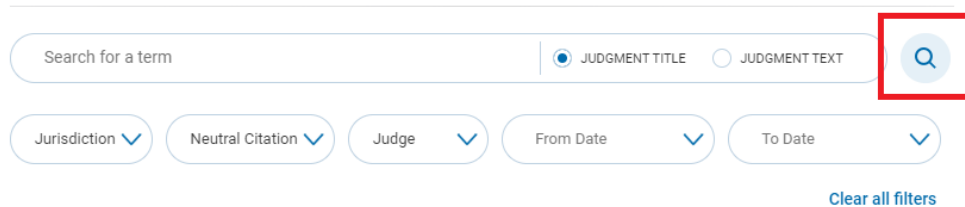
Quickly find a judgment by searching for the title or using the filters below.

All judgments are now available.

JUDGMENT TITLE  JUDGMENT TEXT

[Clear all filters](#)

When you have entered your search terms and/or any filters, click the search button. Please make sure not to use unsupported characters listed at the end of this document. Search results will appear in the area below the search box replacing the list of 'Recent Judgments'.



The image shows a search interface with a search box containing the text "Search for a term". To the right of the search box are two radio buttons: "JUDGMENT TITLE" (selected) and "JUDGMENT TEXT". A magnifying glass icon is highlighted with a red box. Below the search box are five filter buttons: "Jurisdiction", "Neutral Citation", "Judge", "From Date", and "To Date", each with a dropdown arrow. A "Clear all filters" link is located below the filter buttons.

## Keyword searching

Type your keyword(s) into the search box. You can choose to search in judgment titles only, or in the body of judgments, by ticking the relevant option (**Judgment Title** or **Judgment Text**).

If searching for a simple term (e.g. Environment), just enter the specific term. However, if term is more complex (e.g. bankruptcy summons), the search term/phrase **should be enclosed in quotes** (e.g. "bankruptcy summons") – this will ensure an exact match in your search result. If you don't use quotation marks, you may find results that include all terms, but not necessarily together.

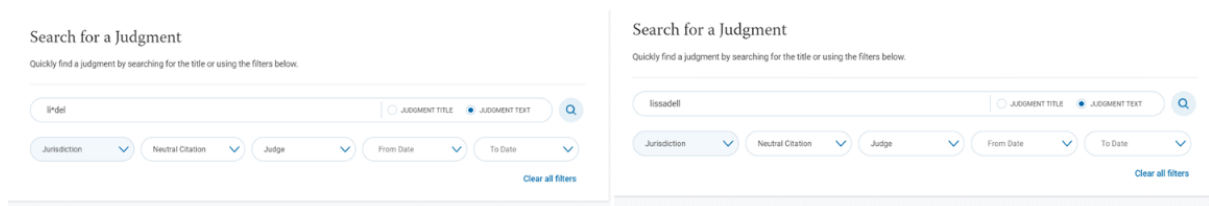


The image shows the same search interface as above, but with a red box highlighting the search box and the radio buttons. The search box contains the text "Search for a term". The "JUDGMENT TITLE" radio button is selected, and the "JUDGMENT TEXT" radio button is unselected. The magnifying glass icon is also highlighted with a red box.

## Search Examples

- If you are searching for a Judgment Title where the title parties are Smith and Jones, you can search using the formats: Smith AND Jones **or** Smith-v-Jones (Please note there should be **no space** before or after -v-). If the title is more complex (e.g. A.B.C.-v-X.Y.Z.), it should be enclosed in quotes (e.g. "A.B.C.-v-X.Y.Z.") or use AND (e.g. A.B.C. AND X.Y.Z.).
- **Term 1 AND Term 2 AND Term 3** (e.g. Minister AND Justice AND Equality) - returns any record containing all three terms.
- **Term 1 OR Term 2** (e.g. Smith OR Jones) - returns any record containing either term or both terms.
- **Term 1 Term 2** (e.g. Workplace Relations) - returns any record containing both terms.
- **"Phrase"** (e.g. "Minister for Justice") - returns any record containing the phrase.
- **Term 1 AND "Phrase"** (e.g. Smith AND "Minister for Finance") - returns any record containing both the term and phrase.
- **'Wildcard'** searching may be used. For example, searching for li\*dell in Judgment Text returns all records containing a word that starts with 'li' and ends with 'dell' (e.g. lissadell), and searching

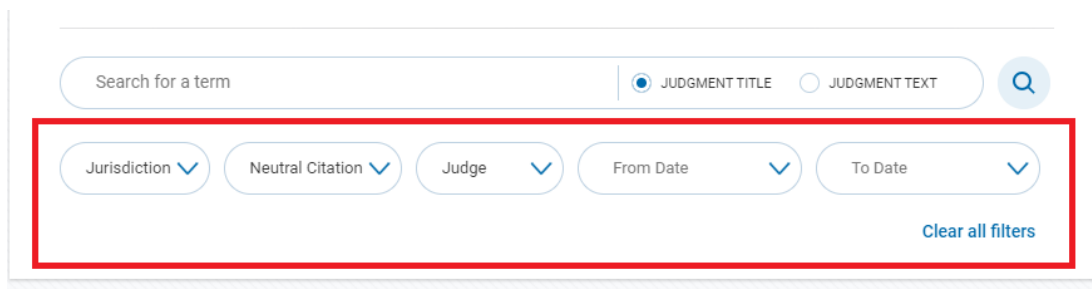
for \*ldre\* returns all records which contain a word with letters 'ldre' in the middle (e.g. children).



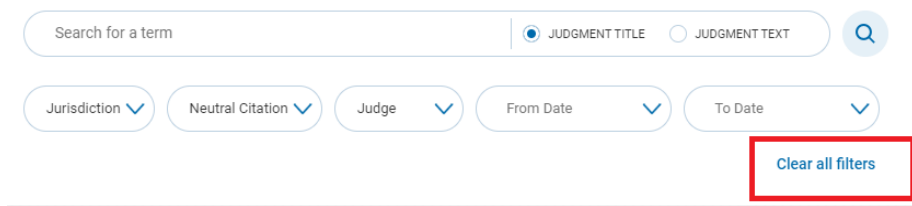
## Using search filters

You can use one or more filters alongside – or separately to – keyword searching.

**You can apply as many of the filters to a search as you wish.**

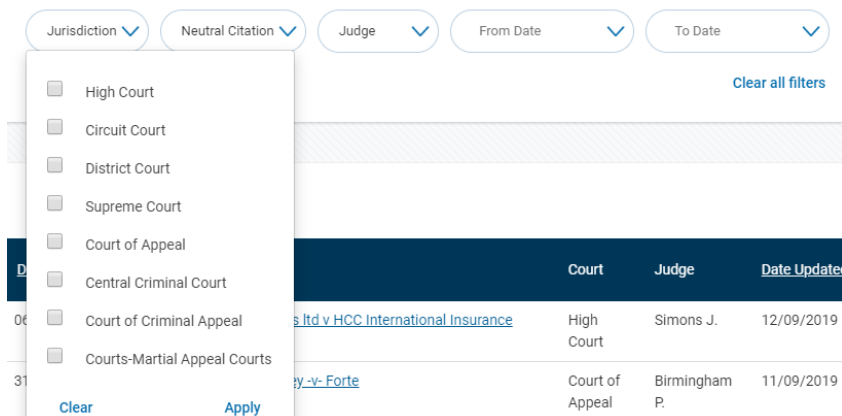


Note: at any point, you can remove filters by clicking the 'Clear all filters' option.



## Filter by Jurisdiction

Tick one (or more) courts from the list to restrict the search to that/those courts only, and click 'Apply' to set the filter.



**Note:** when filtering is applied, the filter button becomes shaded.

Search for a term

Jurisdiction  Neutral Citation

### Filter by Neutral Citation

You can enter a neutral citation number (formatted as below with square brackets), and click 'Apply' to set the filter.

Search for a term  JUDGMENT TITLE  JUDGMENT TEXT

Jurisdiction  Neutral Citation  Judge  From Date  To Date

[2019] IECA 234

Clear Apply

Clear all filters

### Filter by Judge

Type the judge's surname and click 'Apply' to set the filter.

Search for a term  JUDGMENT TITLE  JUDGMENT TEXT

Jurisdiction  Neutral Citation  Judge  From Date  To Date

Type a Judge's name here

Clear Apply

Clear all filters

### Date Filtering

Choose the month and year, and then click on the date in the month to apply the filter.

This is the best option if you simply want to browse judgments between particular dates.

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Jurisdiction  Neutral Citation  Judge  From Date  To Date

Clear all filters

Calendar overlay: Sep 2019. Days 1-30. Year 2009-2019. Year 2019 is highlighted.

### Unsupported characters

The following characters are unsupported, and you should try to avoid using them in search keywords as they may not result in a successful search:

/ \ & + - @ # ~ ^ : | ! ^ . [ ] { } ( )

We hope this addresses the most common questions you might have. Please feel free to contact us at [sitecomments@courts.ie](mailto:sitecomments@courts.ie) with any further queries.