

Searching CanLII from the Provincial Court of BC Website

1. Click **Judgments and Decisions** and then click **Search Judgments**.



2. Enter your search criteria (text, case name, citation, etc.) in the search box

Text

- Will search *any* document with the words entered in this box. To search a phrase, type words in quotes. For example: "blood alcohol".

Document Title or Citation

- Enter the document title (i.e.: "R v Smith") or enter the letter and number combination assigned to decisions posted in CanLII (i.e.: 2005 BCPC 327).
- If you are looking for legislation (statutes, acts, or regulations), you can enter terms that are found in the title of the statute or regulation (i.e.: Access to Information Act).
- If you are looking for a decision, you can enter its neutral citation (the letter and number combination applied by the issuing court), CanLII citation (the combination applied by CanLII), or the citation of a law report supported by RefLex.

Noteup

- The noteup field allows you to limit search results to documents that contain the specified citations. This will provide other court decisions considering the case you specify, including appeals of it. You can also search for articles discussing the specified case.

Please note the following when entering text:

- The CanLII search does not recognize marks such as accents, cedilla and diresis. Typing protégé will produce the same results as protege.
- The search is not upper and lower case sensitive.
- It does not recognize punctuation found in legal citation acronyms and other abbreviations. For example, typing 2005 2 S.C.R is the same as typing 2005 2 SCR
- Parentheses are considered generic characters. Typing 3.4(2)(b) will also search for 3.4(2)b and similar variations.
- When uncertain of the wording of a term or when it might vary, use a * in the search. For example: typing constitution* will return documents containing constitution, constitutional, constitutionality or constitutionally.

*Once you begin typing, you can refine your search using the **Cases**, **Legislation** or **Commentary** tabs. By default, only the Provincial Court of BC database (BCPC) will be searched. To include other jurisdictions in your search, click the **All Jurisdictions** option to select federal courts and courts of other provinces. To search other courts and tribunals, click the arrow next to **BCPC**. A drop-down menu will appear with a search box at the bottom. Clicking in this box will show a window with the names of available courts and tribunals.

The screenshot shows the CanLII search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Judgments & Decisions, Types of Cases, Complaints and Appeals, Judicial Council, and Locations & Contacts. Below these is the CanLII logo and a breadcrumb trail: Home > British Columbia > Provincial Court of British Columbia. On the right, there are links for Français and English. The search bar contains the text 'jewel theft'. Below the search bar, there are three input fields: 'Case name, citation or docket', 'Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets', and a search button. Below the search bar, there are three tabs: All CanLII, Cases, Legislation, and Commentary. The 'Cases' tab is selected. Below the 'Cases' tab, there is a dropdown menu for 'All jurisdictions' which is open, showing a list of courts and tribunals. The 'BCPC' option is highlighted. Below the dropdown menu, there is a search button.



3. Click the button to begin your search.

4. Results will be displayed below the search bars. Click on the **blue case name** to read the document.

The screenshot shows the CanLII search results page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Judgments & Decisions, Types of Cases, Complaints and Appeals, Judicial Council, and Locations & Contacts. Below these is the CanLII logo and a breadcrumb trail: Home > British Columbia > Provincial Court of British Columbia. On the right, there are links for Français and English. The search bar contains the text 'jewel theft'. Below the search bar, there are three input fields: 'Case name, citation or docket', 'Noteup: cited case names, legislation titles, citations or dockets', and a search button. Below the search bar, there are three tabs: All CanLII (239), Cases (14), Legislation (3), and Commentary (2). The 'Cases' tab is selected. Below the 'Cases' tab, there is a dropdown menu for 'All jurisdictions' which is open, showing a list of courts and tribunals. The 'BCPC' option is highlighted. Below the dropdown menu, there is a search button. The search results are displayed below the search bars. The first result is 'Abdulla v. ICBC, 2001 BCPC 333 (CanLII) – 2001-11-22'. The second result is 'Bassra v. Insurance Corp. of British Columbia, 2001 BCPC 25 (CanLII) – 2001-02-16'. Each result includes a brief description of the case and a link to the full document.

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Highlighting of Terms

Search results will include coloured highlighting of terms that were in your query. A navigation bar displayed at the top right corner of your browser window allows you to navigate through terms. You can uncheck terms to deactivate their highlighting. If you do not need the navigation bar, you can hide it by clicking the X button in the upper right hand corner.

**It is recommended to uncheck terms prior to printing a document.*



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4. The save window will prompt for a save location and filename.

5. Click the Back button  to return to the CanLII search page.

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