

CANLII TIPS & TRICKS

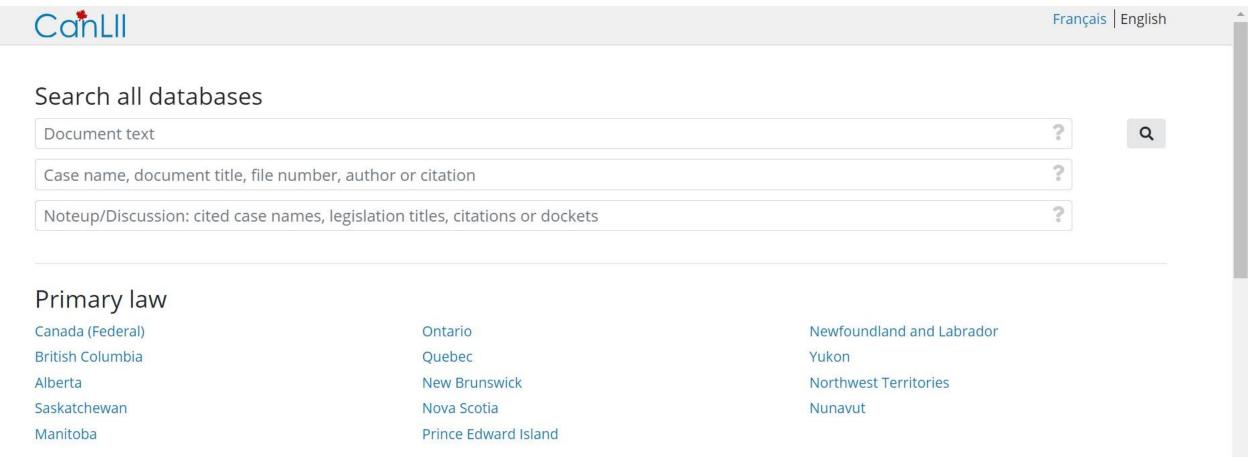
HOW TO FIND CASE LAW: METHOD 2



SCENARIO

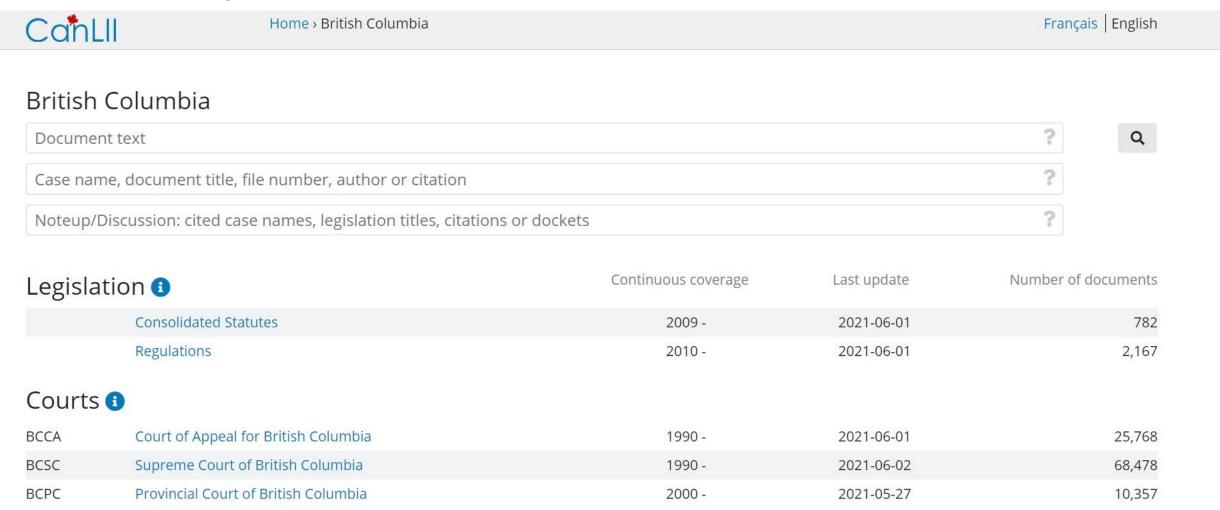
How do I find Supreme Court of British Columbia cases involving patients who were sexually assaulted by their physicians?

Filter by Jurisdiction



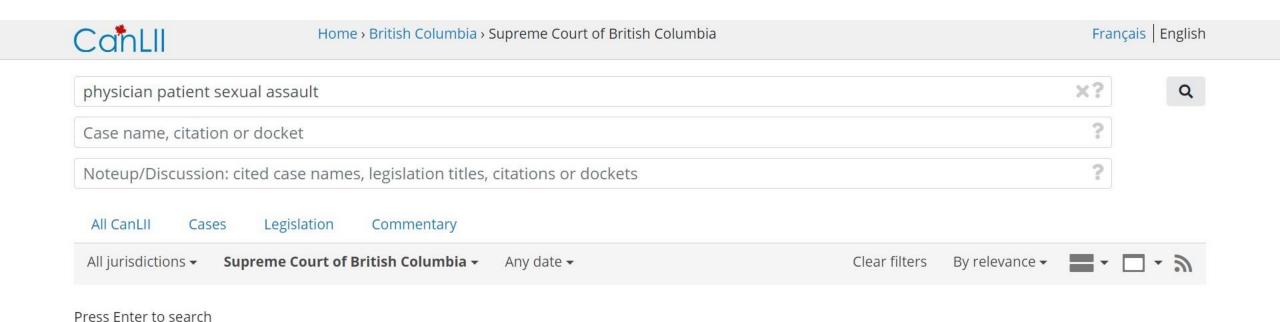
COMMENTARY: Clicking on British Columbia will allow us to restrict our search results to BC only.

Filter by Court Level



COMMENTARY: Clicking on the link for the Supreme Court of British Columbia will allow us to filter our search results to include BCSC decisions only.

Add Keywords into the Document Text Field



COMMENTARY: Physician, patient, and sexual assault are the most relevant search terms to use.

Add Boolean Operators



Press Enter to search

COMMENTARY: We will also add sexual harassment and sexual misconduct just in case there are documents that use either phrase interchangeably with sexual assault. The OR operator will help us find documents that have sexual assault, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct in them.

Add Quotation Marks



COMMENTARY: Adding quotation marks will help us find documents that have sexual assault, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct as complete phrases rather than as separate words.

Add Parentheses



Press Enter to search

COMMENTARY: Adding parentheses will allow us to prioritize documents that have sexual assault, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct as complete phrases.

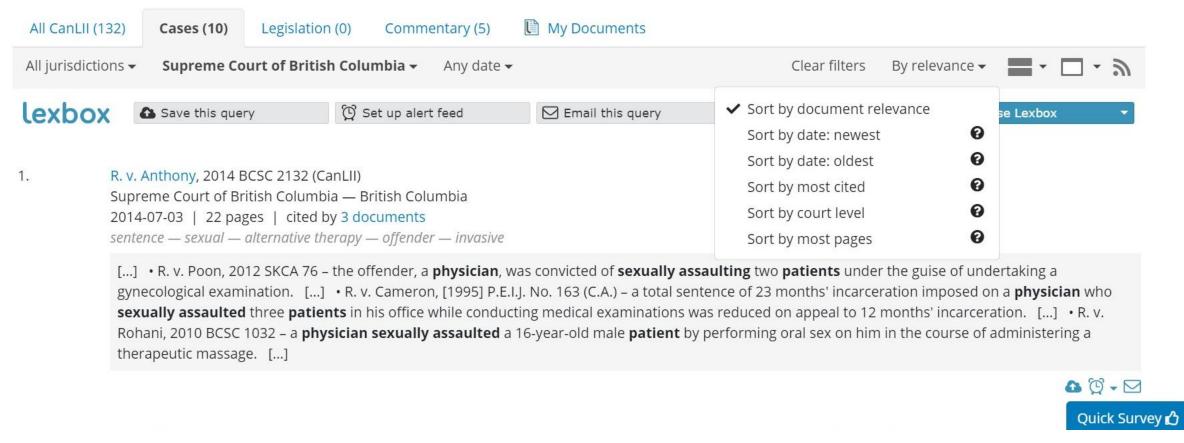
Add Proximity Operators



Press Enter to search

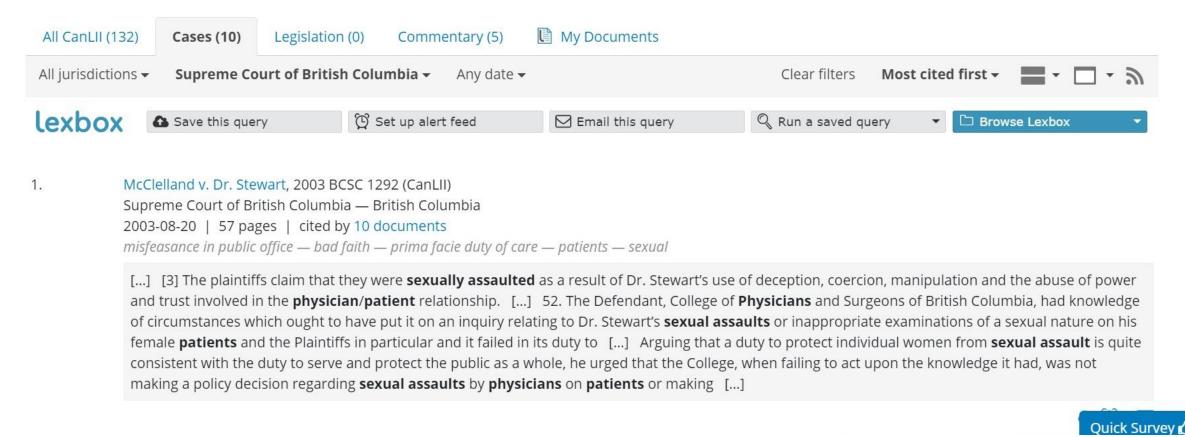
COMMENTARY: Using the proximity operator /s will allow us to search for keywords or phrases that are in the same sentence. At this point we can press ENTER and search for documents.

Filter by Relevance



COMMENTARY: Our search results were automatically filtered to include cases only. This is because we had already chosen the Supreme Court of British Columbia as a filter. The only step remaining is to filter our search results by relevance. In this example we will choose Sort by Most Cited.

Mission Accomplished!



COMMENTARY: If you are interested in learning more about how to search in CanLII effectively we recommend visiting https://www.canlii.org/en/info/search.html for more tips and tricks!