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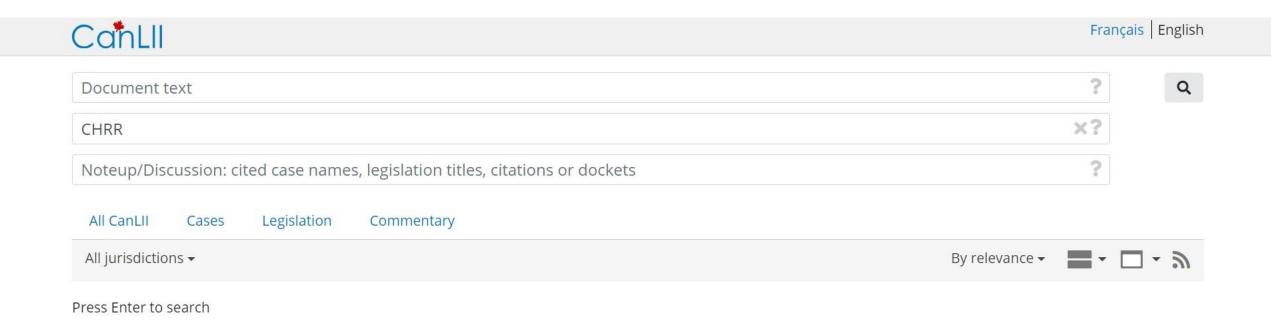
FINDING REPORTER DECISIONS



SCENARIO

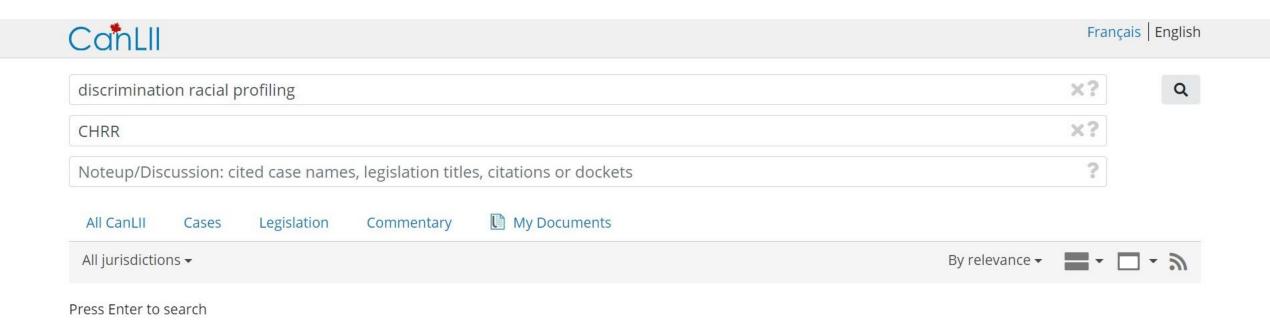
How do I find human rights tribunal decisions about discrimination and racial profiling? I need to find decisions that were published by the Canadian Human Rights Reporter during the last five years of its existence.

Use the Document Title Field



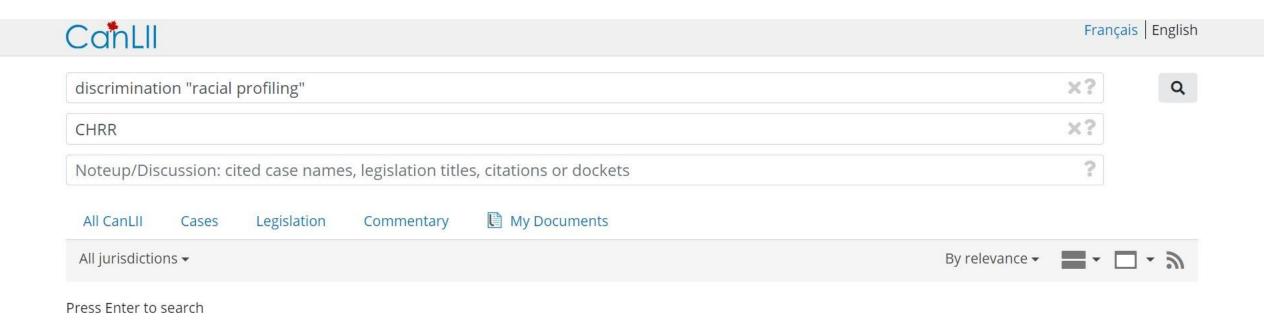
COMMENTARY: You can search for specific reporters by entering the abbreviation of the reporter (e.g. SCR, FCR, CHRR) into the Document Title field. In our case we have entered CHRR because we want to find decisions reported by the Canadian Human Rights Reporter.

Add Keywords into the Document Text Field



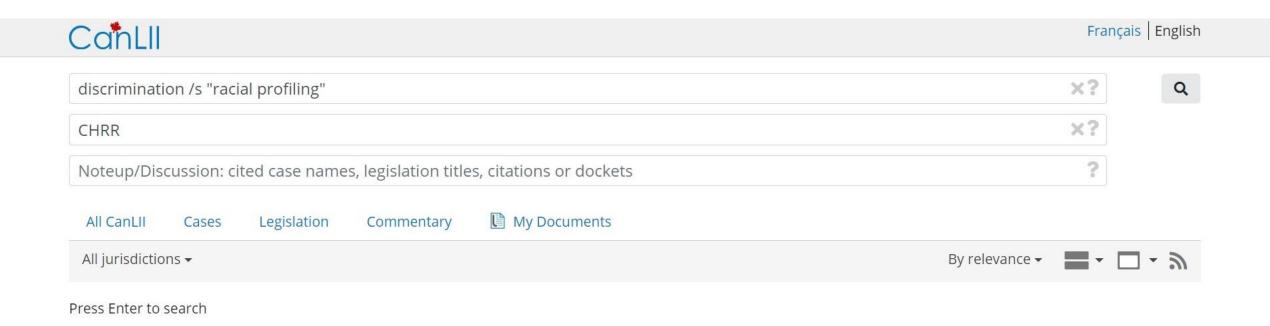
COMMENTARY: After parsing the question it is clear that discrimination and racial profiling are the most relevant search terms to use.

Add Quotation Marks



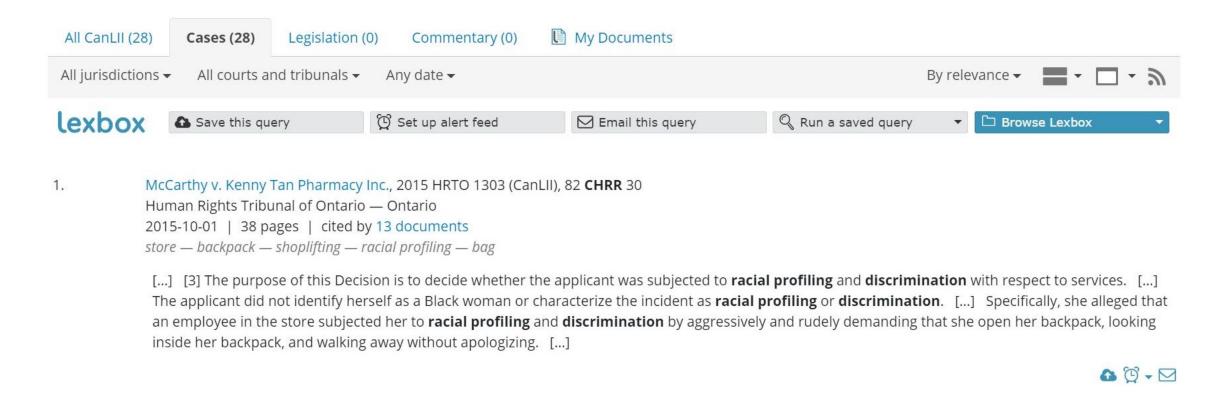
COMMENTARY: Adding quotation marks will help us find documents that have racial profiling as a complete phrase rather than as two separate words.

Add a Proximity Operator



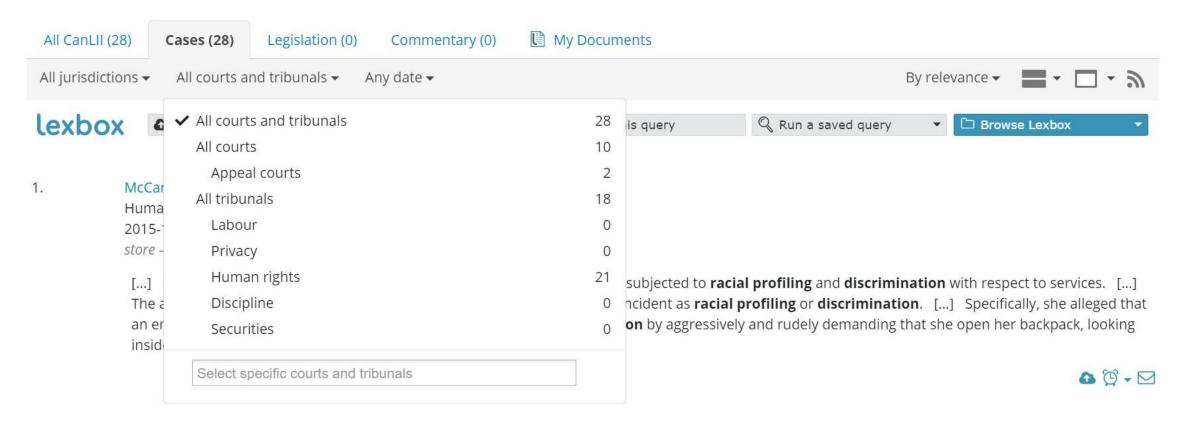
COMMENTARY: Using the proximity operator /s will allow us to search for documents that have discrimination and racial profiling in the same sentence. At this point we can press ENTER and search for documents.

Filter by Document Type



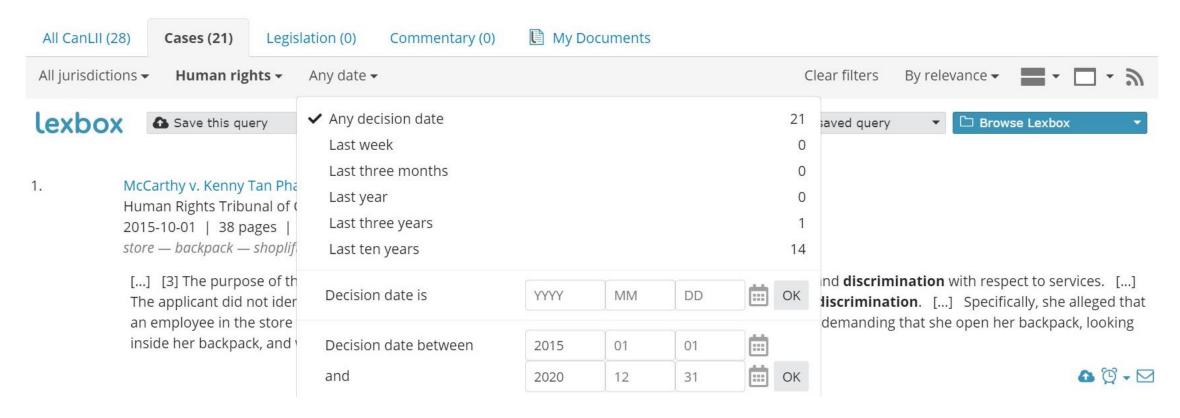
COMMENTARY: We need to click on the Cases tab in order to find court decisions.

Filter by Tribunal Type



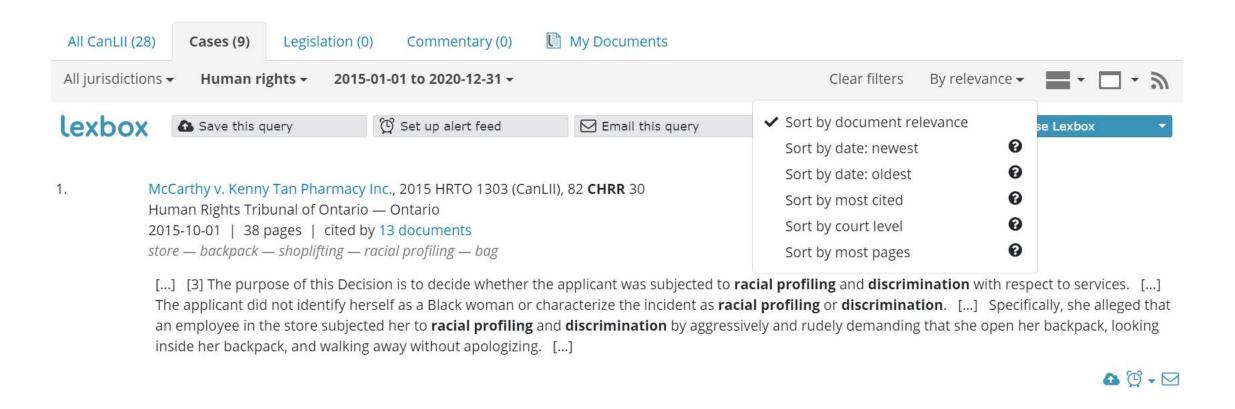
COMMENTARY: Clicking on the All Courts and Tribunals tab will allow us to filter our search results by a specific court or tribunal. For our purposes we will click on Human Rights.

Filter by Date



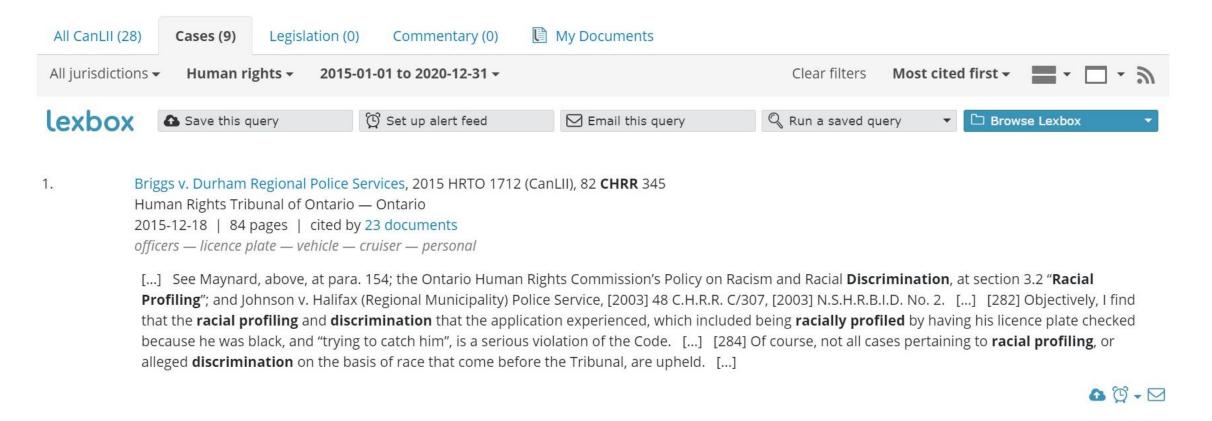
COMMENTARY: Clicking on Any Date will allow us to filter our search results by date. We have chosen to enter 2015 and 2020 as start and end dates respectively because we are only looking for decisions that were reported within the last five years of the CHRR's existence. Clicking on OK will allow us to apply this custom date filter to our search results.

Filter by Relevance



COMMENTARY: There are many sorting options. 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!