



Strasbourg

Legal Searcher

Metadata-based search engine for
quantitative analysis of ECtHR jurisprudence

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HUDOC database

- many useful filters
- effective search engine
- too big to use on the mobile devices
- demands constant Internet access

Strasbourg Legal Searcher

- finds connections between judgements of European Court of Human Rights
- uses metadata search instead of full text
- faster than ordinary search
- depends on the diligence of the Court's gathering of judgements' metadata



Quick Search

- provides access the Court database wirelessly

Shared Case Law

- compares cases and finds their shared case law

Shared Future References

- finds references to the chosen cases
- shows case recalling frequency in its jurisprudence
- quantitative data assesses the relevance of the case

International Law Connections

- find all cases referring to chosen international law

Sample research

Looking for case law related to children rights.
HUDOC consists of more than 40,000 cases
(judgements and decisions only).

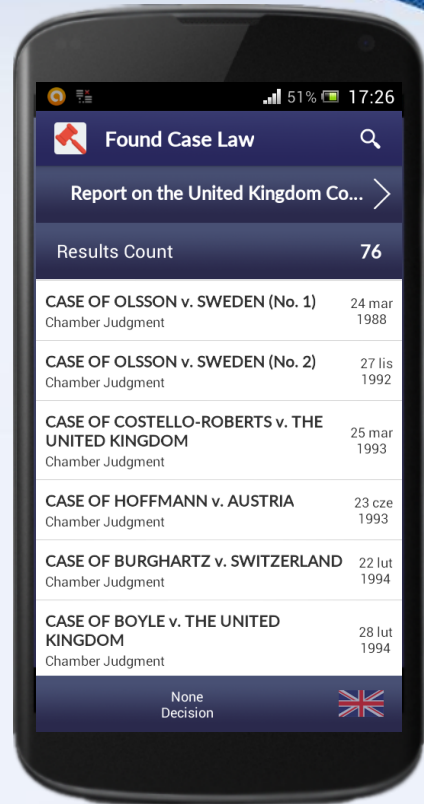
How to narrow it down?

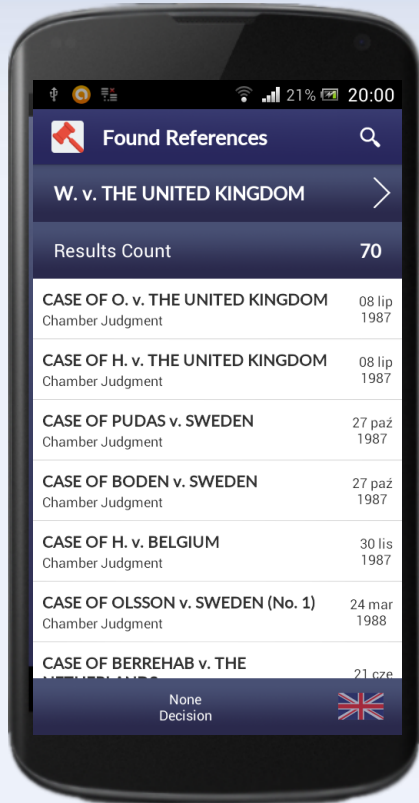
International law

- searching for “child” gets 116 results

Find connections

- make use of given cases for further research
(in our example, 76 cases)





Sample usage (examples)

Shared Case Law

many cases on children born out of wedlock are referring to Marckx v. Belgium of 1979

Shared References

W. v. the United Kingdom was quoted in many significant cases of state interference in the family

Metadata-based research

Pros

- quicker
- sometimes more precise than full-text search
- enhances traditional research by narrowing down results

Cons

- dependency on used database
- given results cannot be used in the research alone