

FINDING CASES BY SUBJECT: LEGAL DIGESTS

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Legal digests index and summarise reported cases by subject.

Case law digests are found in:

- *The Australian Digest*
- *Australian Legal Monthly Digest*
- *ALMD Advance*
- *Australian Current Law: Reporter*
- *ACL Express*

PRINT RESOURCES

The Australian Digest (3rd edition)

The Australian Digest contains summaries of cases back to 1825. The case law summaries are arranged alphabetically by Subject Title in alphabetical order according to a classification table known as the Key. The subject titles range from ABORIGINALS to WORKER'S COMPENSATION.

The law contained in each Title is further organised into a series of areas or sub-topics. Each area is allocated a number in square brackets []. This number is called the Digest Key number.

The Australian Digest and the Australian legal Monthly Digest both use the same Digest Key Numbering system to classify all cases.

Case law can be researched in the Australian Digest by using the following aids:

- The Digest Key located in the Key and Research Guide.
- The Subject Indexes located in volumes 2 – 3 of the Consolidated Index and Tables. (References are to Title and paragraph numbers.)
- The Table of Cases located in volumes 1-2 of the Consolidated Index and Tables. (References are to Title and paragraph numbers.)
- The Subject Index located at the end of each Title. (References are to Title and paragraph numbers.)
- The Table of Cases located at the start of most Titles (for Criminal Law see vol. 18; for Equity, see vol. 23). (References are to Title and paragraph numbers.)

Australian Legal Monthly Digest

Each monthly issue of the ALMD comprises two booklets:

- The Digest of Law and
- The Cumulative Tables

The Cumulative Tables include includes a List of (Subject) Titles, an Updater to the Australian Digest and a Table of Cases.

The information contained in the Digest of Law booklets of *Australian Legal Monthly Digest* are arranged according to the same Subject Titles as found in the Australian Digest.

ALMD Advance

ALMD provides digests of unreported cases. Cases subsequently reported will appear in the ALMD.

ALMD Advance comprises fortnightly volumes providing 'advance notice of the latest unreported cases and legislation plus analysis of significant recent decisions and Cumulative Tables which are reissued every three months. The Cumulative Tables include a Table of Cases and a Case Index arranged by Subject Title.

Australian Current Law: Reporter

The *Australian Current Law: Reporter* is published fortnightly. The case digests are arranged according to the ACL subject title classification.

A Cumulative Table of Cases and Cumulative Index are published separately every three months. The Cumulative Table of Cases combines the Table of Cases Digested and Table of Reported Decisions.

ACL Express

ACL Express is a fortnightly newspaper covering decisions of Australian courts. Case summaries are arranged according to ACL subject titles.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Australian Current Law: Reporter

Available via LexisNexisAU



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Australian Legal Monthly Digest

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