

## In-Depth Electronic Legal Research with Fastcase

1. Overview
  - a. Jurisdictions – All Primary Law
  - b. Outline
    - i. Organizational Tips
    - ii. Keywords
    - iii. Sorting
    - iv. Interactive Timeline
    - v. Authority Check
    - vi. Annotating Fastcase Statutes
2. Facts:
  - a. Armed Robbery in NJ
  - b. Police found the gun in the garbage outside his apartment.
  - c. Looking for cases to suppress the gun.
3. Searching Keywords
  - a. Brainstorming keywords: parties, things, places, potential claims, relief
  - b. Look for synonyms: no cross-referencing in Electronic Research
  - c. Boolean Operators – and, or, not, w/3, phrases, truncate words
  - d. Expanding and narrowing your search
    - i. “Fourth Amendment” and search and (garbage or trash) and curb\* w/5 evidence
      1. Only 30 cases – doesn’t seem right – caselaw in most states
    - ii. “Fourth Amendment” and search and (garbage or trash) and curb\* (exclude or suppress)
      1. Supreme Court – only one case
      2. “Fourth Amendment” and search and (garbage or trash)
        - a. 1000 results
4. Finding Cases
  - a. California v. Greenwood: Supreme Court – three results
    - i. Cited 438 Times
    - ii. Jump to most relevant paragraph
    - iii. Using Recent Documents Feature to Organize Your Research
    - iv. Using Authority Check
  - b. U.S. v. Redmon
    - i. Jump to most relevant paragraph
    - ii. Sheet #2
  - c. Search NJ law – US v. Hempele – “Print/Save”
5. Three ways to bring these cases back up
  - a. Citation – Redmon - 138 F.3d 1109

- b. Favorites – Greenwood
  - c. Recent Documents – Hempele
- 6. Searching Statutes
  - a. Florida – 90.502
  - b. Citation lookup
  - c. View outline
    - i. Title VII
    - ii. Evidence
  - d. Self Annotate – Narrow to florida
    - i. 90.502 – 144 Results
    - ii. 90.502(2) - 30 results
    - iii. Can sort – most relevant - interpretation