

How do I find a specific federal or state court case?

Step One: Visit the Lexis-Nexis Academic homepage. Use the “Look up a Legal Case” easy search box. You may also choose to use the “Search by Content Type” option and select “Federal and State Cases” from the Legal category.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic homepage. On the left, there is a sidebar titled "Look up a Legal Case" with options for searching by citation, parties, or topic. On the right, the "Academic Search" area is visible, with a "Search By Content Type" dropdown menu. The "Legal" category is selected, and the "Federal and State Cases" option is highlighted with a red circle. Other options include "All News", "Broadcast Transcripts", "Federal Statutes and Regulations", "Law Reviews", "Legal Reference", "Patent Search", "State Statutes and Regulations", and "Shepard's® Citations".

Step Two: At the next screen, links to landmark cases will be visible. Select “Advanced Options.” In the red search box, enter a party name, the exact legal citation, or subject of interest. Specify date of interest and court’s jurisdiction. All fifty states, the U.S. Supreme Court, circuit courts, and courts of appeals are represented. Then select “Apply” and “Search” inside the red search box.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic "Federal and State Cases Search" page. The search box is highlighted in red. Below the search box, there are "Advanced Options" including a "Date" filter (From and to) and a "Build Your Own Segment Search" section. The "Build Your Own Segment Search" section includes a "Select a Segment" dropdown, "And", "Or", "And Not", "w/S", and "w/p" buttons, and a text input field with a helpful tip. Below these options, there are checkboxes for "All Federal & State Courts", "Federal" (U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Supreme Court Briefs, All Federal Courts, All US Courts of Appeals, All US District Courts, Federal Military Courts, 1st Circuit, 2nd Circuit, 3rd Circuit, 4th Circuit, 5th Circuit, 6th Circuit, 7th Circuit, 8th Circuit, 9th Circuit, 10th Circuit, 11th Circuit, DC Circuit, Federal Circuit), and "States" (All States Highest Courts, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota).

Step Three: If a single case is an **exact match** for the search, it will be displayed in the succeeding screen. The case’s full legal citation appears at the top, followed by its title, prior history, and case summary (shown in gray, shaded area). Full content of the case appears underneath.

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No. 07-1499
 SUPREME COURT OF IOWA
 763 N.W.2d 862; 2009 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 31

April 3, 2009, Filed

PRIOR HISTORY: [**1]
 Appeal from the Iowa District Court for Polk County, Robert B. Hanson, Judge. Defendant appeals from district court summary judgment ruling holding state statute limiting civil marriage to a union between a man and a woman unconstitutional.

DISPOSITION: AFFIRMED.

CASE SUMMARY

PROCEDURAL POSTURE: Defendant county appealed summary judgment granted by the Iowa District Court for Polk County in favor of plaintiffs, six same-sex couples, challenging the district court’s holding that Iowa Code § 595.2 (2009), which prohibited same-sex marriages, was unconstitutional because it violated the equal protection clause of the Iowa Constitution, Iowa Const. art. I, § 6.

A sample search of cases discussing marriage (“marriage” and “at least five occurrences”) in Iowa results in a significant number of matches. The roster reflects case titles, followed by legal citations. Use the “Sources by Category” in the left menu to isolate cases of interest.

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3. In re Marriage of Vaughan, No. 11-0325, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 812 N.W.2d 688; 2012 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 41, April 27, 2012, Filed

4. In re Marriage of Morris, No. 11-0118, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 810 N.W.2d 880; 2012 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 13, February 17, 2012, Filed

5. Freedom Fin. Bank v. Estate of Boesen, No. 09-0397, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 805 N.W.2d 802; 2011 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 92, November 18, 2011, Filed, Related proceeding at Metabank v. Estate of Boesen, 2012 Iowa App. LEXIS 6 (Iowa Ct. App., Jan. 19, 2012)

6. Iowa Supreme Court Atty. Disciplinary Bd. v. Schmidt, No. 10-0912, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 796 N.W.2d 33; 2011 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 19, April 8, 2011, Filed

7. In re Marriage of Veit, No. 09-1312, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 797 N.W.2d 562; 2011 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 15, March 18, 2011, Filed, Rehearing denied by, Rehearing overruled by In re Veit, 2011 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 29 (Iowa, Apr. 27, 2011)

8. Ashenfelter v. Mulligan, No. 08-2075, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 792 N.W.2d 665; 2010 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 145, December 30, 2010, Filed, Related proceeding at In re Marriage of Mulligan, 2011 Iowa App. LEXIS 414 (Iowa Ct. App., June 15, 2011)

9. In re Marriage of Howell, No. 09-0084, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 2010 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 132, December 17, 2010, Filed, Reported at In re Marriage of Howell, 792 N.W.2d 685, 2010 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 151 (Iowa, 2010) Rehearing denied by In re Marriage of Howell, 2011 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 1 (Iowa, Jan. 14, 2011)

10. In re Marriage of Johnson, No. 08-1326, SUPREME COURT OF IOWA, 781 N.W.2d 553; 2010 Iowa Sup. LEXIS 36, April 30, 2010, Filed

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