

# Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute

## Quick Guide to Using PacLII



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## Where to start?

If you are accessing the Internet from USP, Emalus Campus: [www.paclii.org.vu](http://www.paclii.org.vu)

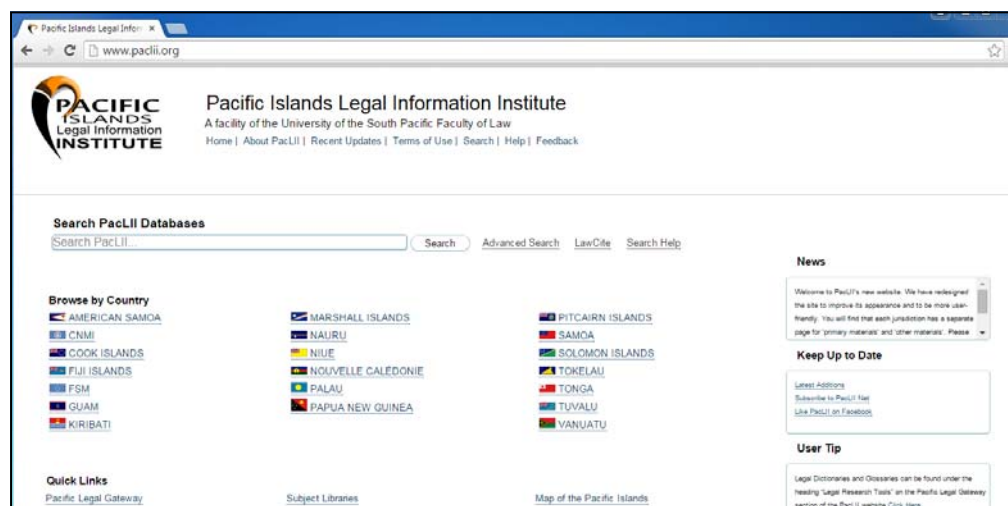
If you are accessing the Internet from outside Emalus Campus: [www.paclii.org](http://www.paclii.org)

There are two options to choose when locating information on PacLII:

- browsing, or
- searching

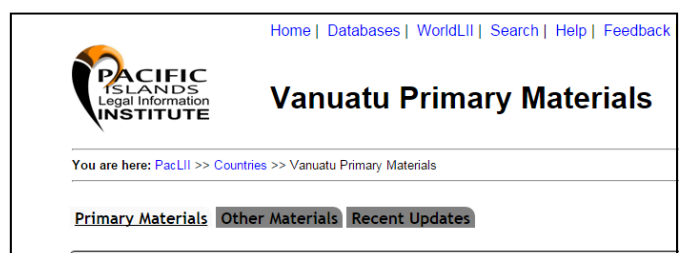
## Browsing PacLII Materials

In the centre of the PacLII homepage, there are links to each Pacific jurisdiction that take you to a Jurisdiction page.



There are three tabs on each Jurisdiction page:

- Primary Materials
- Other Materials; and
- Recent Updates.



# Browsing Case Decisions

## Jurisdiction Page:

**PACIFIC ISLANDS Legal Information INSTITUTE**  
**Vanuatu Primary Materials**

You are here: [PacLII](#) >> [Countries](#) >> [Vanuatu Primary Materials](#)

**Primary Materials** | **Other Materials** | **Recent Updates**

Search Vanuatu Databases [Search] [Search Help] [Advanced Search]

Search:  Cases  Legislation  All Databases

**Vanuatu Case Law**

**Courts**

- Vanuatu Court of Appeal
- Vanuatu Supreme Court
- Vanuatu Magistrates Court
- Island Courts of Vanuatu (English)
- Aelan Kot blong Vanuatu (Bislama)

**Tribunals and Other Quasi Judicial Bodies**

- Vanuatu Community Parole Board
- Vanuatu Election Dispute Committee

**Law Reports and Other Collections**

- Vanuatu Law Reports 1909-1994
- Unreported Judgments 1911-1994

**Court Related Material**

- Vanuatu Court Rules

**Vanuatu Legislation**

**Constitutional Instruments**

- Konstitusion blong Ripablik blong Vanuatu (Bislama)
- Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu (English)
- Constitution de la République de Vanuatu

**Legislation**

- Vanuatu Consolidated Legislation - 2006 Edition (English)
- Vanuatu Consolidated Legislation - 2006 Edition (French)
- Vanuatu Sessional Legislation (English)
- Vanuatu Sessional Legislation (French)
- Vanuatu Consolidated Subsidiary Legislation - 2006 Edition (English)
- Vanuatu Subsidiary Legislation

- Vanuatu Legislation Indexes

**Parliament Related Material**

- Standing Orders of the Parliament of Vanuatu

- Both reported & unreported decisions are published on PacLII
- Separate database for each level of court and tribunal
- Indexes to Law Reports are available

## Court Database Page:

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**PACIFIC ISLANDS Legal Information INSTITUTE**  
**Court of Appeal of Vanuatu**

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**Court of Appeal of Vanuatu**

Database last updated: 12 May 2015  
 Most recent decision: 8 May 2015  
 Number of decisions: 586

*Browse by title of decision*

Decisions beginning with ...  
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*Browse by year of decision*

Decisions for the years ...  
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This database contains electronic versions of selected decisions of the Court of Appeal of Vanuatu.

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 URL: <http://www.pacLII.org/vu/cases/PUC4>

## Decision Page:

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**Court of Appeal of Vanuatu**

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**Wilco Hardware Holdings Ltd v Attorney General [2013] VUCA 12; Civil Appeal 54-12 (26 April 2013)**

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU (Civil Jurisdiction)**

*Name of decision*

*Medium Neutral Citation*


*Parallel Citation*

*Date of decision*

## Investigating the Case History

In the list of links at the top of the court Decision page, there is a link to the case history available on the LawCite citator. *Note: citations not cited correctly within a judgment, nor citations contained within a judgment that is not published on PacLII, will not be included in LawCite.*

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### Court of Appeal of Vanuatu

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## Solomon v Turquoise Ltd [2007] VUCA 9; Civil Appeal Case 04 of 2007 (5 April 2007)

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU  
(Appellate Jurisdiction)



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### Solomon v Turquoise Ltd 2





[\[2007\] VUCA 9](#)  
Court of Appeal of Vanuatu  
Vanuatu  
5th April, 2007

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#### Cases Referring to this Case

Case Name	Citation(s)	Court	Jurisdiction	Date	Full Text	Citation Index
<a href="#">Mele v Saterua</a>	<a href="#">[2014] VUSC 164</a>	Supreme Court of Vanuatu	Vanuatu	27 Nov 2014	<a href="#">PacLII</a>	 
<a href="#">Salpir v Siviliri-Sunae Joint Village Land Tribunal</a>	<a href="#">[2014] VUSC 82</a>	Supreme Court of Vanuatu	Vanuatu	4 Jul 2014	<a href="#">PacLII</a>	 


#### Cases and Articles Cited

Case Name	Citation(s)	Court	Jurisdiction	Date	Full Text	Citation Index
<a href="#">Tori v Morris</a>	<a href="#">[2001] SBHC 39</a>	High Court of Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands	circa 2001	<a href="#">PacLII</a>	  2
<a href="#">Attorney-General v Pacoil Fiji Ltd</a>	<a href="#">[1999] FJCA 42</a>	Court of Appeal of Fiji	Fiji	13 Aug 1999	<a href="#">PacLII</a>	  1

## Browsing Legislation

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## Tonga Primary Materials

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**Primary Materials** | **Other Materials** | **Recent Updates**

Search Tonga Databases   [\[Search Help\]](#) [\[Advanced Search\]](#)

Search:  Cases  Legislation  All Databases

#### Tonga Case Law

##### Courts

- Tonga Privy Council
- Tonga Court of Appeal
- Tonga Supreme Court
- Tonga Magistrates Court
- Tonga Land Court

##### Law Reports and Other Collections

- Tonga Law Reports 1908-2010

##### Court Related Material

- Tonga Court Rules
- Judicial Code of Conduct Rules 2010

#### Tonga Legislation

##### Constitutional Instruments

- Constitution of Tonga (English)
- Konisitutone (Tongan)

##### Legislation

- Tonga Consolidated Legislation - 1988 Edition
- Tonga Sessional Legislation
- Tonga Subsidiary Legislation
- Tonga Bills
- Tonga Legislation Indexes

##### Parliament Related Material

- Tonga Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly

##### Other Applicable Legislation

- United Kingdom Legislation for Tonga

## Explanation of the types of Legislation on PaCLII:

**Constitution:** the supreme written law of a country.

**Consolidated Legislation:** versions of acts that include amendments made after their original enactment and which are currently in operation unless amended by an Act passed after the consolidated date. Check the last date of consolidation.

**Sessional Legislation:** individual acts enacted by the legislature of the country since independence.

**Subsidiary Legislation:** laws made by a person or body authorised to do so by enacted legislation, eg orders, rules, etc.

**Other applicable legislation:** introduced laws enacted by the legislature of the administering jurisdiction prior to a country's independence and that may still apply, eg UK Legislation in Tonga.

## Legislation Database Page:

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### Tonga Sessional Legislation

You are here: PaCLII >> Databases >> Tonga Sessional Legislation

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#### Tonga Sessional Legislation

Database last updated: 31 October 2013  
Number of documents: 463

Legislation beginning with ...

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Legislation for the years ...

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This database contains Acts enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Kingdom of Tonga. A collection of legislation indexes are available on the [Legislation Index page](#). To check holdings in Tonga page.

## Browsing Secondary Legal Information

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#### Samoa Other Materials

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Search Samoa Databases [Search] [Search Help] [Advanced Search]

Search:  Cases  Legislation  All Databases

Other Samoa Resources on PaCLII

- Government
- Sources of Law
- Samoa Law Reform Commission Publications
- Samoa Ombudsman Commission Reports

Samoa Law-Related Websites

- Parliament of Samoa
- Samoa Law and Justice Sector
- Samoa Law Reform Commission
- Samoa International Finance Authority

For **jurisdiction specific** secondary legal information and links to related websites, click on the second tab on the Jurisdiction Page.

For **regional** secondary legal information, research tools and international resources, visit the Pacific Legal Gateway via link under Quick Links on the PaCLII homepage.

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#### PACIFIC LEGAL GATEWAY

A free portal for Pacific Islands regional resources and legal research tools. To research Pacific Islands primary legal materials, visit the PaCLII homepage.

You are here: PaCLII >> Pacific Legal Gateway

Pacific Legal Gateway categories:  
[Regional Resources](#) | [Regional Law-Related Websites](#) | [Pacific Island News](#) | [Legal Research Tools](#) | [International Legal Websites and Resources](#)

**Regional Resources**

Regional Law Collections

on PaCLII:

- Law Reports of the Commonwealth
- Index of Judgments from the Pacific Islands (1980-2003)
- Western Pacific High Commission Legal Documents Collection
- Pacific Human Rights Law Digest - Volume 4 (2013)

on the Web:

- Document Collections (USP Emaus Library)
- Pacific Law Collection (USP Emaus Library)
- Western Pacific Archives (Auckland University Library)
- Western Pacific High Commission Holdings (USP Emaus Library)

Pacific Islands Law Journals

**Regional Law-related Websites**

Pacific Islands Region

By Source/Subject:

- Human Rights
- Inter-Government Organisations
- Non-Government Organisations
- Law Reform
- Lawyers
- More

By Jurisdiction:

- Click on a jurisdiction name in the map below

Northern  
Western  
Neutral

# Searching PacLII Databases

There are three places to conduct a search on PacLII: the PacLII homepage, the Advanced Search page, and each Jurisdiction Page.

The PacLII search engine is called SINO (Size is No Object). Many of the LII systems use SINO, including CommonLII and WorldLII. SINO is a full text search engine, meaning it examines all of the words in every document as it tries to match the search criteria.

## 1. PacLII homepage: All Database Search



The screenshot shows the Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute logo and navigation links. Below the logo is a search bar labeled "Search PacLII Databases" with a "Search" button and links for "Advanced Search", "LawCite", and "Search Help".

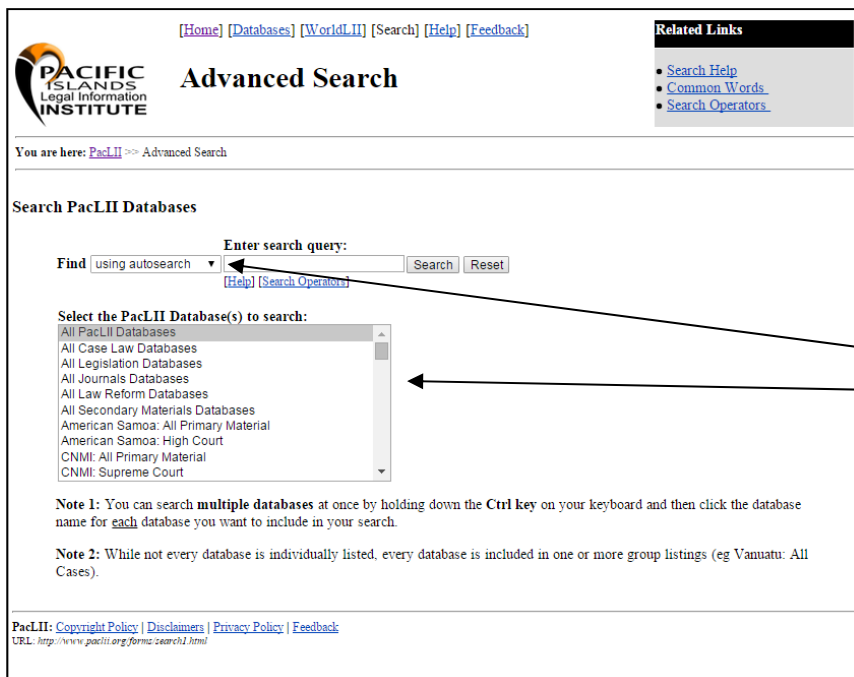
The Search option on the PacLII homepage searches documents in all databases.

Type a keyword and click on search

### SEARCH HINTS:

- Check the spelling of the keywords entered
- Only use distinctive keywords and phrases – think about how your topic will be addressed in the document as the search engine only picks up exact words and phrases
- Try different searches to get as many relevant results as possible
- Avoid using punctuation marks like apostrophes, hyphens and commas

## 2. Advanced Search Page



The screenshot shows the "Advanced Search" page with a search query input field, a "Search" button, and a "Reset" button. Below the search field is a dropdown menu for "Select the PacLII Database(s) to search:" with a list of database options. Arrows point from the search query field and the database selection dropdown to the explanatory text on the right.

For more search options, use the Advanced Search.

From the homepage, click on the 'Advanced Search' link.

Use the Advanced Search to select:

- search method and
- individual database(s) in which to search

Follow the steps on the next page.

## PacLII Advanced Search steps:

**Select Search Method:** In the box next to the word 'Find:', click on the drop-down menu and select a search method (see below for an explanation of these methods).

**Select PacLII Database(s) to Search:** use the scroll bar to select a database or a grouping of databases. Make multiple selections by holding down the ctrl key and clicking on as many options as required.

**Enter search query:** enter appropriate keywords for the search method being used. If using the search type 'This Boolean query', use the Boolean Search Operators and Connectors' table at the back of this guide to combine two or more keywords

*Eg. constitution AND amend\**

### **Search Methods:**

There are six search type options to choose from:

- **Find: Using Autosearch** tries to work out what type of search is being used and applies it to the search.
- **Find: any of these words** to find documents that contain one or more of the words that you type in
- **Find: all of these words** to find documents that contain every word that you type in
- **Find: this phrase** to find documents that contain the exact phrase that you type in
- **Find: this document title** to only search across the titles of documents
- **Find: this Boolean phrase** to do a more complex search using terms and connectors

## 3. Jurisdiction Page: Jurisdiction Search

On each jurisdiction page, you can search for materials for that particular jurisdiction. This search uses the Autosearch method. Type in your search query, select whether to search over cases, legislation or all databases, and then click on Search.

The screenshot displays the search interface for Tonga Primary Materials on the Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Databases, WorldLII, Search, Help, Feedback, and Report an error. The Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute logo is on the left, and the page title "Tonga Primary Materials" is centered. Below the title, a breadcrumb trail reads "You are here: PacLII >> Countries >> Tonga Primary Materials". There are three tabs: "Primary Materials" (selected), "Other Materials", and "Recent Updates". A search box contains the text "Search Tonga Databases" and has a "Search" button, along with links for "Search Help" and "Advanced Search". Below the search box, there are radio buttons for "Cases", "Legislation", and "All Databases", with "All Databases" selected. At the bottom, there are four links: "Tonga Case Law", "Tonga Legislation", "Courts", and "Constitutional Instruments".

# Sorting and Viewing Search Results

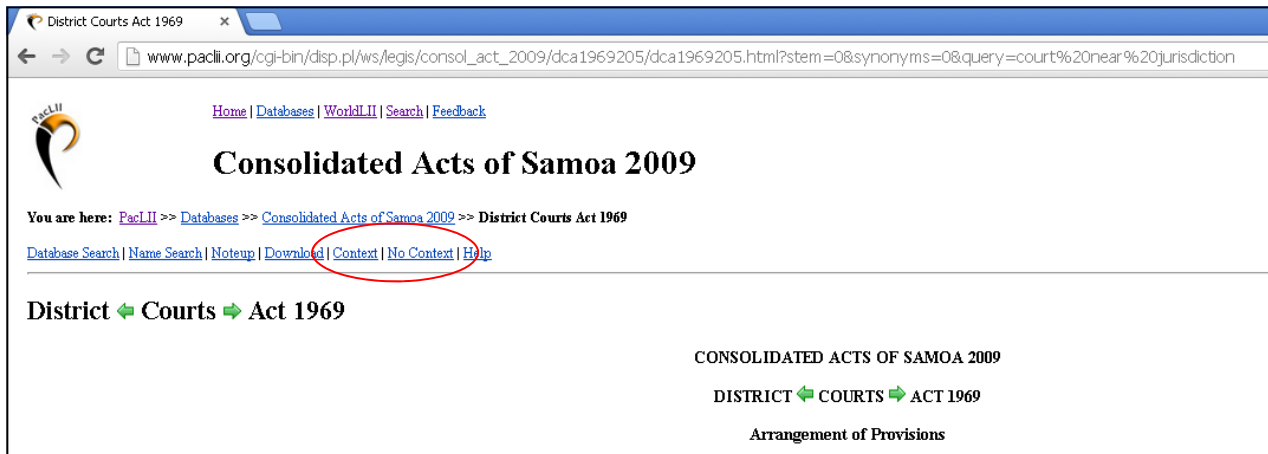
Click on the tabs at the top of the results list to change the sorting of your results:

- By Relevance – lists results most relevant to your search (default view)
- By Citation Frequency – lists results by how often they are cited
- By Date – lists results with the most recent document first
- By Database – lists results by database if the search was across more than one database
- By Title – lists the results alphabetically by the title of the document

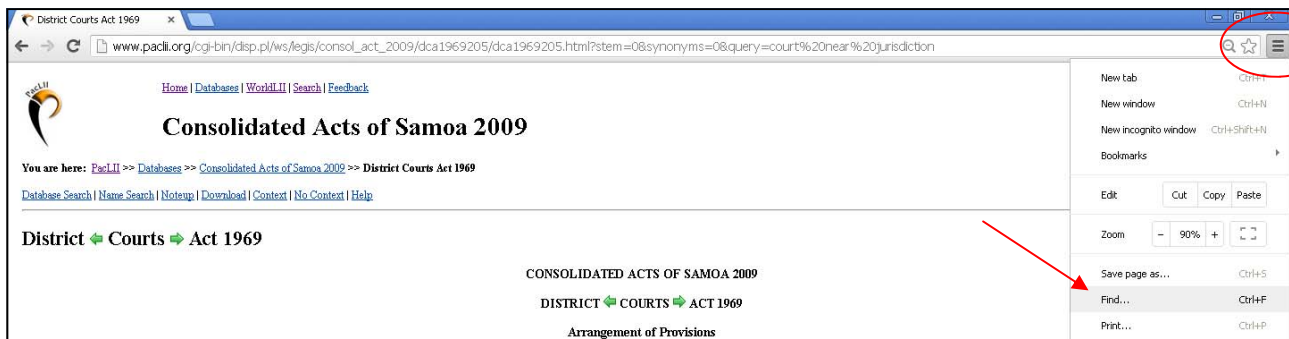


## How to find information quickly within a document:

1. Click on the **Context** button at the top of the page (if the document was found through a search). View the search words in the document by clicking on the left and right green arrows. To remove the green arrows for printing, click on **No Context**.



2. **Find** option. Use the 'Find' option available on the web browser being used to view the document to find a word within the page open. Type the word or phrase in the 'find' box provided.





## Summary of Boolean Search Operators and Connectors

Operator	Example(s)
<p><b>AND</b> Returns all documents that contain <b>both</b> the first term <b>and</b> the second term.</p> <p>Can be written "AND" or "and"</p>	land <b>AND</b> custom
<p><b>OR</b> Returns all documents that contain <b>either</b> the first term <b>or</b> the second term <b>or both</b>.</p> <p>Can be written "OR" or "or"</p>	murder <b>OR</b> manslaughter
<p><b>" PHRASE "</b> Enclose the phrase that you are looking for in quotes Returns all documents that contain your search terms directly next to each other in a phrase</p>	"customary land"
<p><b>NOT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finds documents that contain the first word, but do <b>not</b> contain the second.</li> <li>Can be written "NOT" or "not"</li> </ul>	transparency <b>NOT</b> money
<p><b>NEAR</b> Returns all documents where the first term appears nearby the second term.</p> <p>Words or phrases must be within 50 words of each other Order of terms not important</p>	customary <b>NEAR</b> land
<p><b>W/n</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Returns all documents where the first term appears within <b>n</b> words of the second term, where <b>n</b> is a number you specify Can use any number after slash (1 to 1000)</li> </ul> <p>Order of terms not important (ie "a w/5 b" same as "b w/5 a")</p>	customary W/5 land
<p><b>* (Wildcard)</b> An asterisk * matches any string (including none)</p> <p>Per the example: returns all documents containing a word beginning with tax - this would include: <b>tax, taxes, taxi, taxicab, taxation, taxable, taxing, taxidermy</b></p>	tax *
<p><b>TITLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finds documents where the search term located in the bracket is in the document title</li> <li>Per the example: returns documents that contain either 'health' or 'medical' or both in the title – for example: <i>Medical and Dental Practitioners Act, Health and Safety at Work Act</i></li> </ul>	title(health or medical)