

Westlaw[®] Canada Quick Reference Card Using Smart Tools[®]

Smart Tools on Westlaw Canada help you to make sure you don't miss something important with your Westlaw Canada search. With Smart Tools you get great results without having to construct the perfect query.

Smart Tools includes the following:

- Did You Mean
- Add Related Terms

Did You Mean

The Did You Mean Smart Tool uses an ever-growing database of legal terms and acronyms on Westlaw Canada to help you find relevant documents quickly. The Did You Mean Smart Tool is much smarter than a simple spell checker; it is a legal search enhancement that you can trust.

The types of errors that Did You Mean Smart Tool identifies include:

- misspellings of common terms, e.g. *interrupt* instead of *interrupt*
- misspellings of legal terms, e.g. *habeus corpus* instead of *habeas corpus*
- misspellings of legal acronyms, e.g. *O.H.S.A.* instead of *O.S.H.A.*
- terms that are spelled correctly but are used incorrectly in a legal context, e.g. *parole /5 evidence* instead of *parol /5 evidence*

The spelling error was detected. Click this link to run a new search with corrected term *infringement*.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw Canada interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for LawSource, CriminalSource, FamilySource, InsolvencySource, IPSource, SecuritiesSource, and Litigator. The search results for 'R. v. Hamilton' are displayed, including the case name, citation (2005 CarswellAlta 1037), and subject (Criminal). A 'Did You Mean' section is highlighted, suggesting the term 'infringement' in yellow. Below this, there is a list of search results, with the first one being 'R. v. Hamilton, 2005 CarswellAlta 1037, 2005 SCC 47, [2005] A.W.L.D. 2452, 198 C.C.C. (3d) 1, 30 C.R. (8th) 243, 255 D.L.R. (4th) 283, EYB 2005-93219, J.E. 2005-1408, 336 N.R. 302, 50 Alta. L.R. (4th) 1, [2006] 2 W.W.R. 583, 371 A.R. 201, 354 W.A.C. 201, [2006] 2 S.C.R. 432, 135 C.R.R. (2d) 229, Supreme Court of Canada, July 29, 2005; Docket: 30021; Subject: Criminal, Criminal law --- General principles --- Incomplete crimes --- Counselling and procuring, Droit criminel --- Principes généraux --- Crimes incomplets --- Conseiller et amener (Judicially considered 22 times) ...expense of the liberty of others. In making criminal laws, therefore, society must seek a balance and beware of undue infringement [sic] on individual liberty through forbidding things which people should be free to do. [p. 6]'. The text is partially obscured by the 'Did You Mean' suggestion.

Figure 1: Did You Mean search sample

Add Related Terms

The Add Related Terms Smart Tool makes your research more thorough by automatically suggesting legal synonyms for your query. Synonyms of hundreds of Canadian legal terms and phrases are included in Westlaw Canada, and you can add any or all of the suggested terms to a new search.

For example, if you include the phrase *fraudulent transfer* in a query, Westlaw Canada might also suggest *sham sale*, *alter ego* or *constructive trust*. You are given the option to add any or all alternative terms to strengthen your query.

To view Add Related Terms Smart Tool, click **Full Screen List** located in the upper right corner of the **Result List** tab.

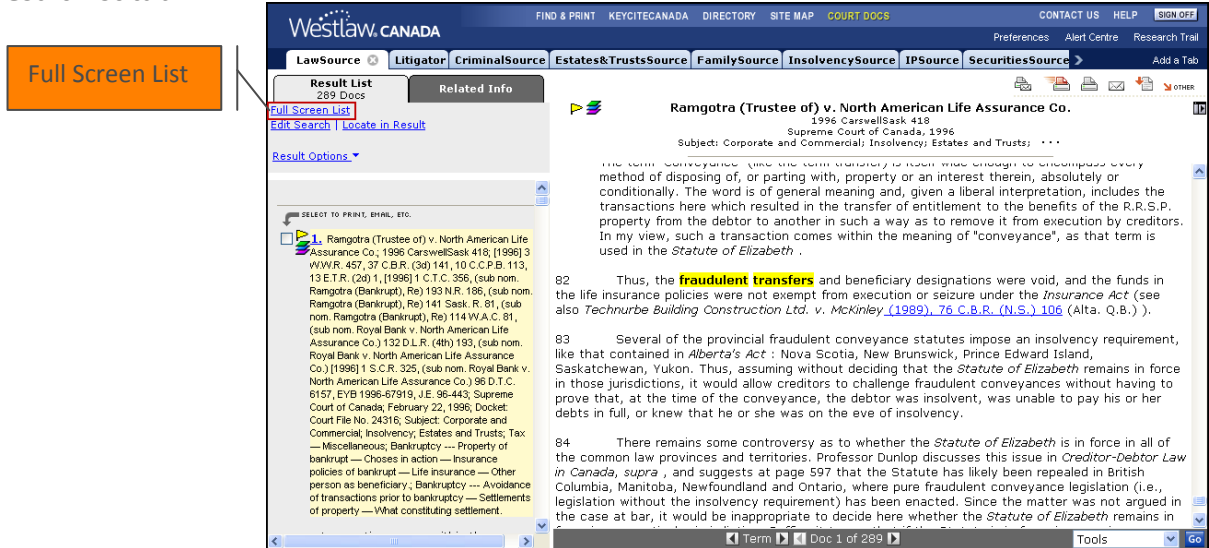


Figure 2: Split-screen view

The Add Related Terms Smart Tool appears at the top of the Result List page.

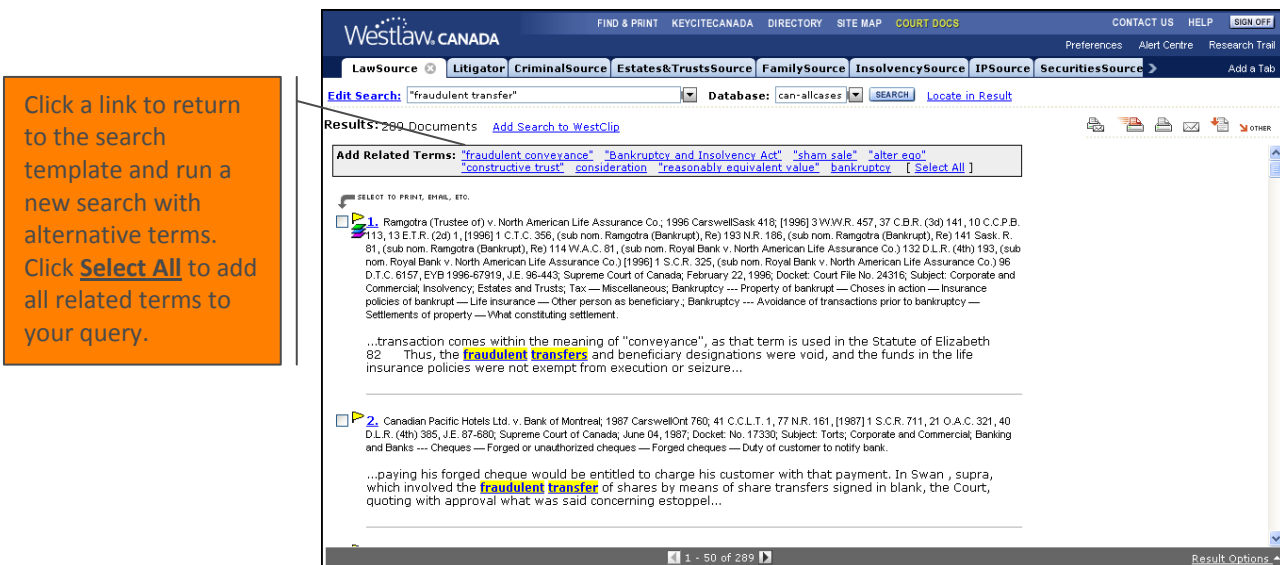


Figure 3: Add Related Terms search example

Alternatively, you can click **Edit Search** located in the upper right corner of the **Result List** tab to return immediately to the search template and add the related terms from there.

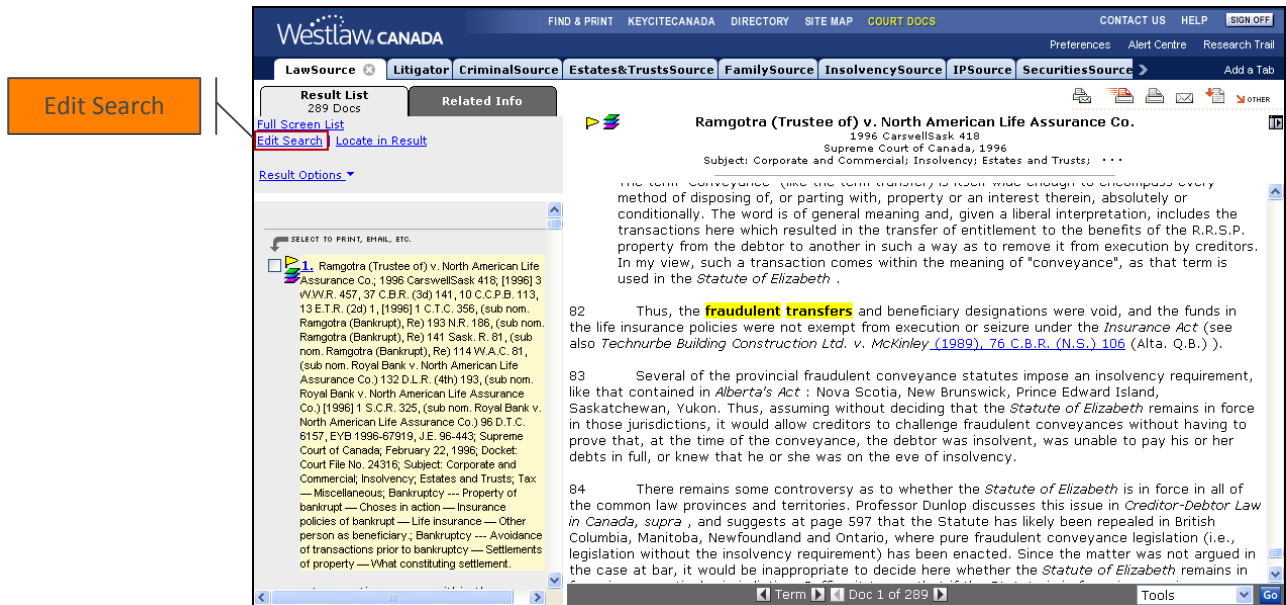


Figure 4

The search template is retrieved with your original search intact along with the list of related terms.

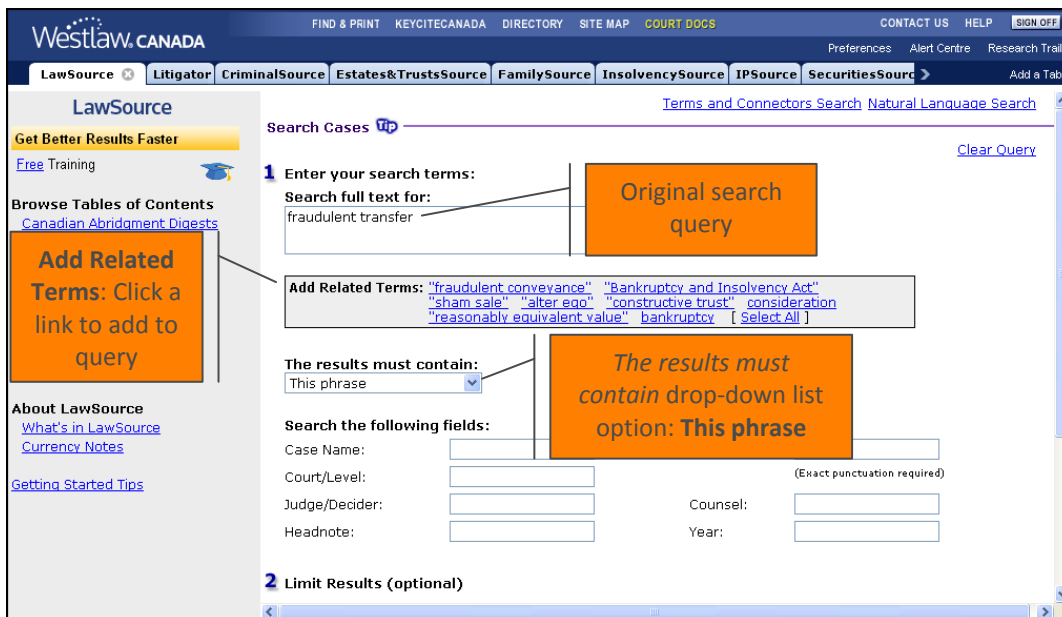


Figure 5: Original search

You may need to modify your search further by changing *The results must contain* drop-down list option and/or by adding a Boolean connector to your original search.

In the example below, we added two new related phrases *fraudulent conveyance* and *constructive trust* to the original search *fraudulent transfer*. We also added the Boolean phrase connector – quotation marks - to the original search terms and changed *The results must contain* drop-down list option from **This Phrase** to **Any of these terms**.

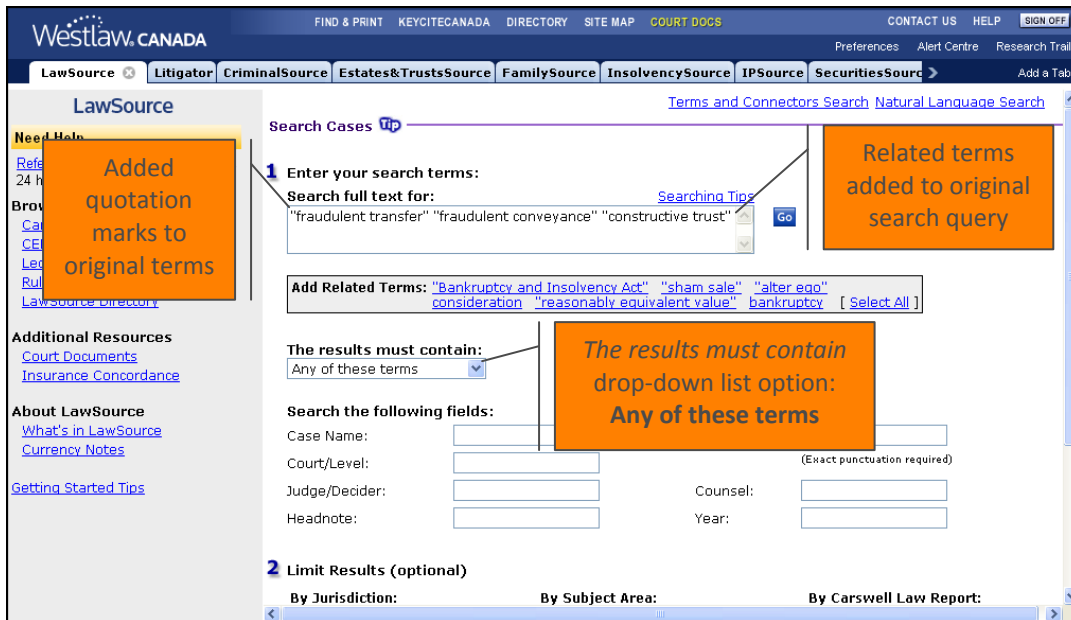


Figure 6: Edited search with related terms added

This query will now search for cases containing one more of these phrases: *fraudulent transfer* or *fraudulent conveyance* or *constructive trust*.