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§109
 The primary remedy for a tortious wrong is damages. If an act considered a tort is committed but no resultant damages have occurred, a party is still entitled to bring an action to obtain nominal damages or a declaration of right.^[FN1] Nominal damages may also be awarded if the plaintiff establishes a cause of action and entitlement to damages, but fails to adduce satisfactory evidence of the damages.^[FN2]

^[FN1] See Damages.
^[FN2] *Hudson's Bay Oil & Gas Co. v. Dynamic Petroleum Ltd.* (1958), 26 W.W.R. 504 (Alta. T.D.), varied (1959), 28 W.W.R. 480 (note) (Alta. C.A.) (plaintiff failing to establish value of land); *Rusche v. Insurance Corp. of British Columbia* (1992), 4 C.P.C. (3d) 12 (B.C. S.C.) (standard award of \$1 for nominal damages facilitating settlement of actions by paying standard amount into court where defendant admitting infringement of plaintiff's right but denying that plaintiff suffering loss; contemptuous damages differing from nominal damages in amount and by expressing court's strong disapproval of plaintiff; contemptuous damages awarded in lowest current coin, which in Canada would be 1 cent).

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2 Once you locate your topic, link to a case cited in the CED footnote.

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- 3 From the full text decision, click the Abridgment Digests link located on the **Related Info** tab to retrieve all digest for the case. Digests are organized by Abridgment subject and classification.

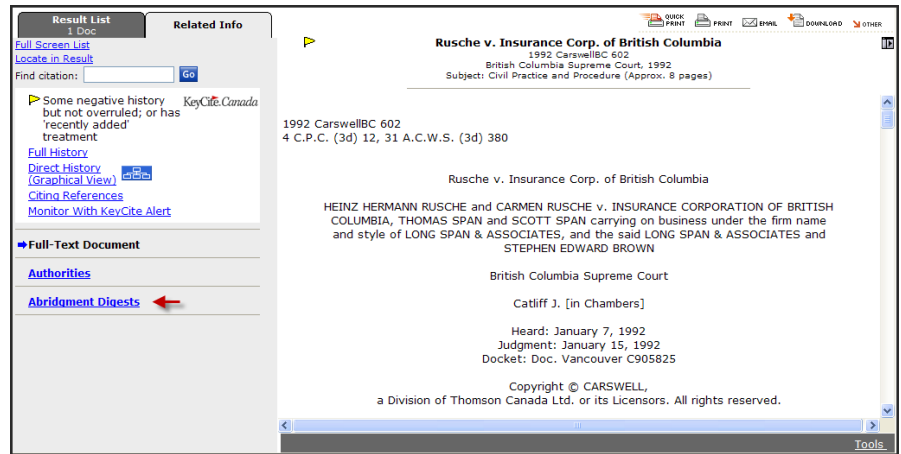


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- 4 Scroll through the list of digests to find the subject/classification in which you are interested. Click the Classification Number link to retrieve digests of all cases dealing with that legal issue.

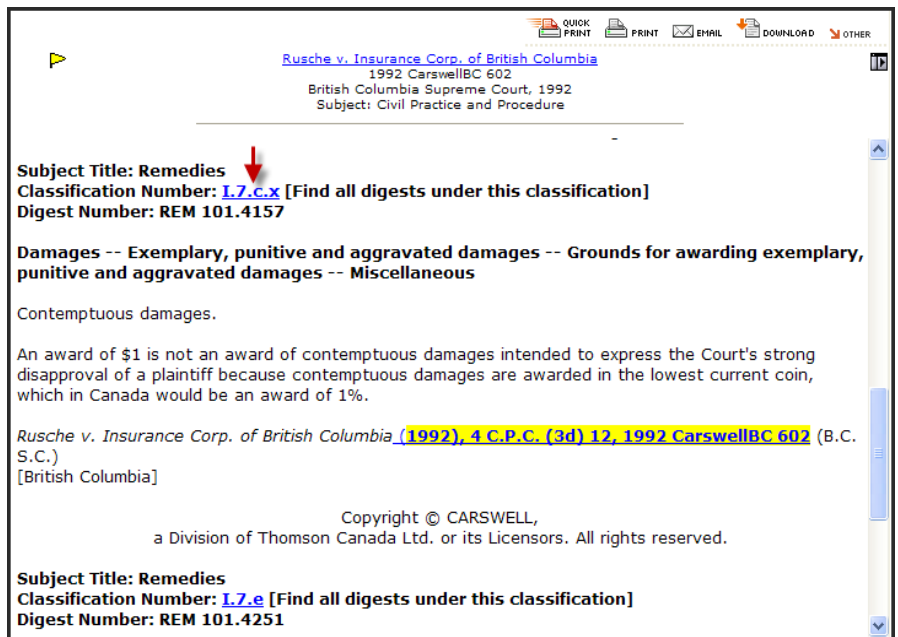


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All the digests for the selected classification appear in the right frame.

- 5 Click a case citation to view the full text of that case.

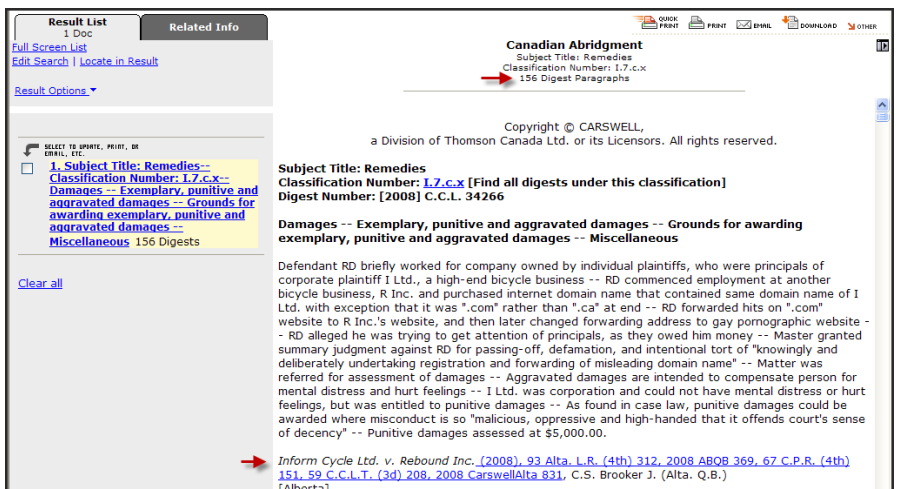


Figure 4

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