

## **CANLII TIPS & TRICKS**

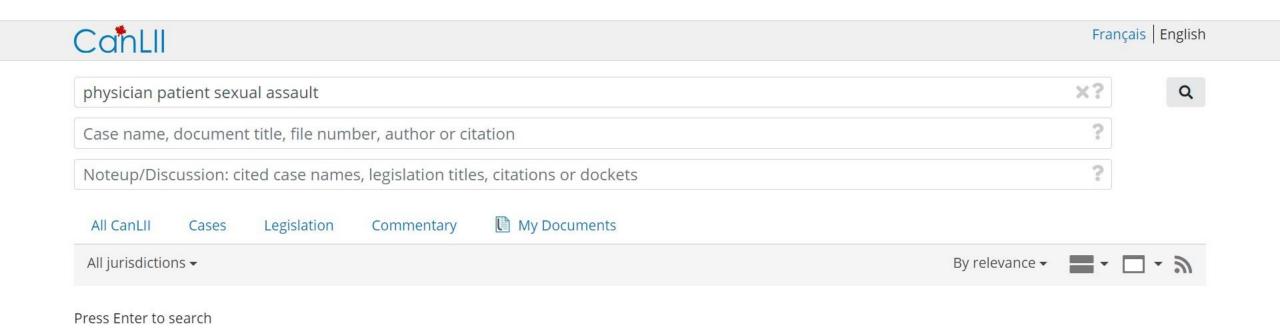
HOW TO FIND CASE LAW: METHOD 1



#### **SCENARIO**

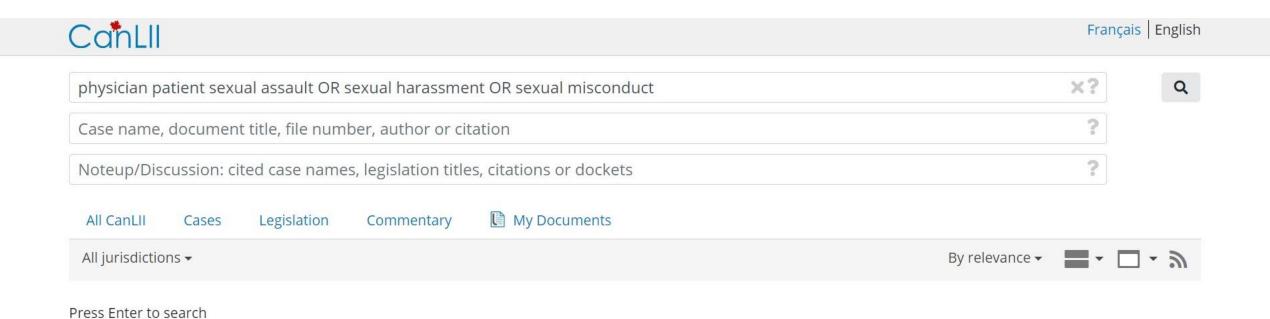
How do I find Supreme Court of British Columbia cases involving patients who were sexually assaulted by their physicians?

### Add Keywords into the Document Text Field



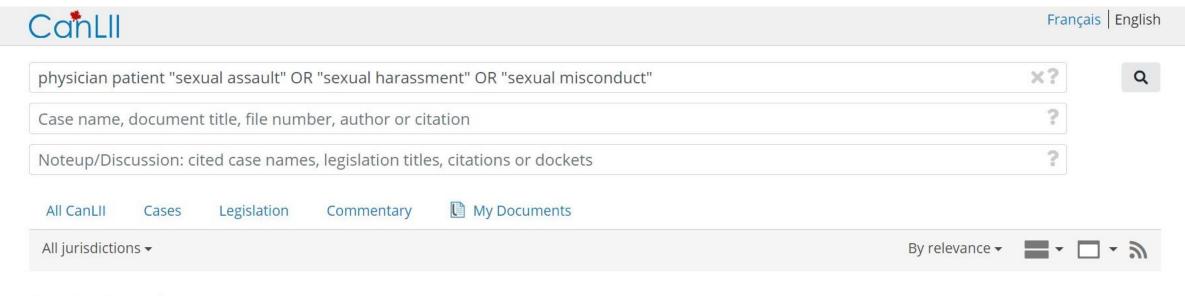
COMMENTARY: After parsing the question it is clear that physician, patient, and sexual assault are the most relevant search terms to use.

#### Add Boolean Operators



COMMENTARY: We will also add sexual harassment and sexual misconduct just in case there are documents that use either phrase interchangeably with sexual assault. The OR operator will help us find documents that have sexual assault, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct in them.

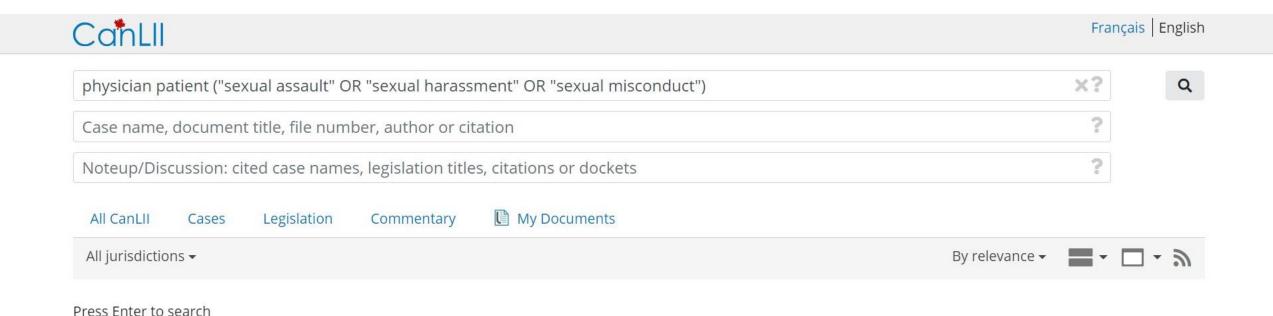
#### Add Quotation Marks



Press Enter to search

COMMENTARY: Adding quotation marks will help us find documents that have sexual assault, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct as complete phrases rather than as separate words.

#### Add Parentheses



COMMENTARY: Adding parentheses will allow us to prioritize documents that have sexual assault, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct as complete phrases.

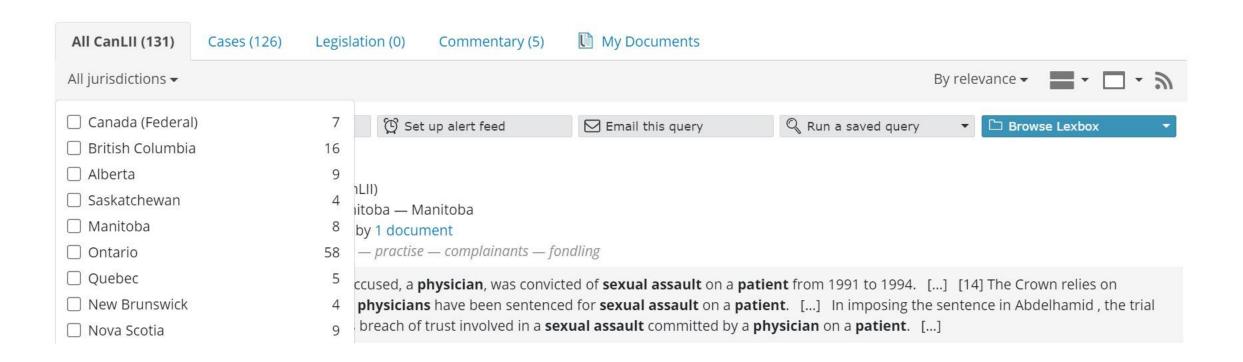
#### **Add Proximity Operators**



Press Enter to search

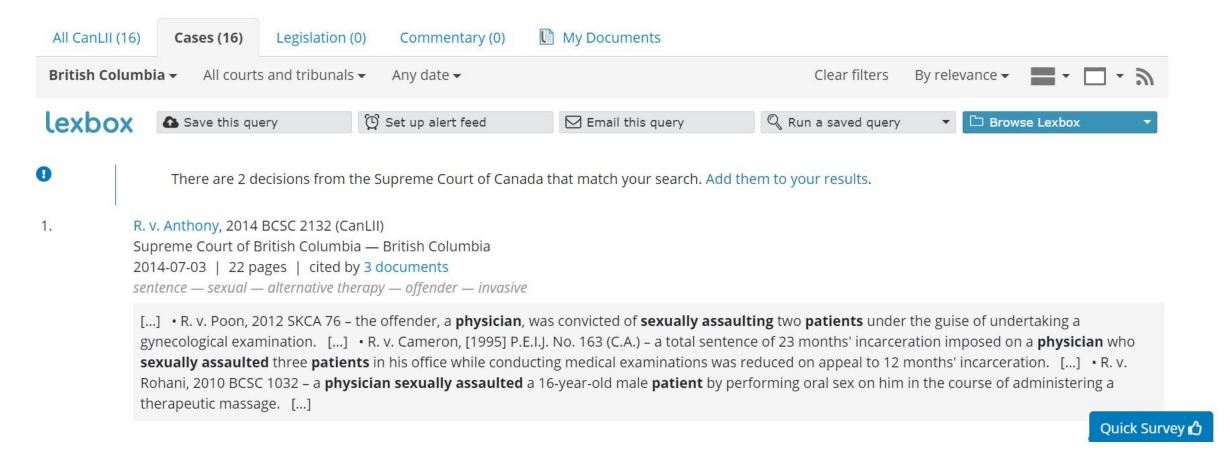
COMMENTARY: Using the proximity operator /s will allow us to search for keywords or phrases that are in the same sentence. At this point we can press ENTER and search for documents.

## Filter by Jurisdiction



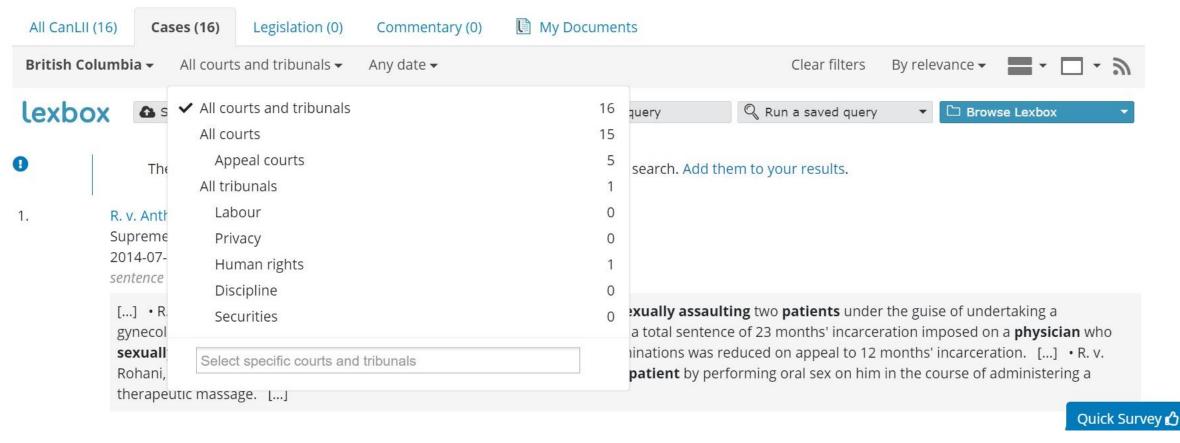
COMMENTARY: We are only interested in seeing British Columbia court decisions in our search results. To that end we will click on All Jurisdictions and select British Columbia.

### Filter by Document Type



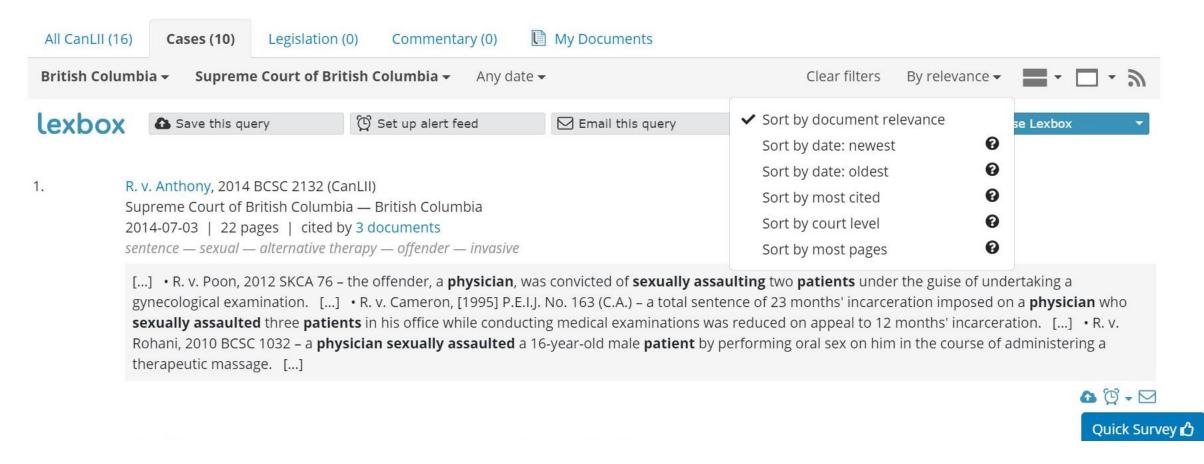
COMMENTARY: Clicking on the Cases tab will limit our search results to include BC court cases only.

# Filter by Court Level



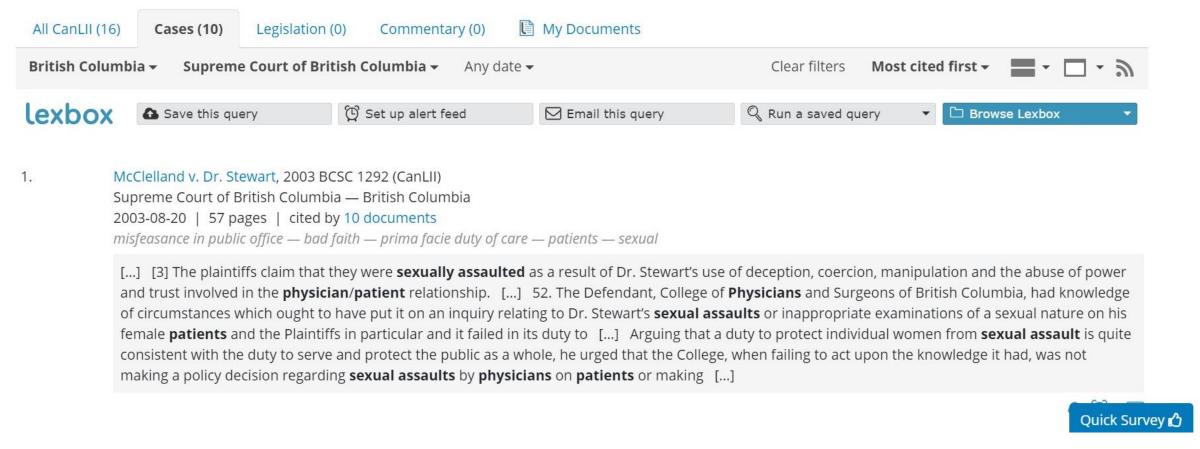
COMMENTARY: Clicking on the All Courts and Tribunals tab will allow us to filter our search results by a specific court or tribunal. For our purposes we will click on Select Specific Courts and Tribunals in order to find the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

## Filter by Relevance



COMMENTARY: There are many sorting options. In this example we will choose Sort by Most Cited.

### Mission Accomplished!



COMMENTARY: If you are interested in learning more about how to search in CanLII effectively we recommend visiting <a href="https://www.canlii.org/en/info/search.html">https://www.canlii.org/en/info/search.html</a> for more tips and tricks!