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In this tutorial we will show you how to:

- Search by citation
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COMMENTARY: In summary, even if you do not have a citation, you can still use LawCite to find a case. In the next scenario, we will show you how to use the Advanced Search, which is a helpful tool for finding a specific case when you are missing information about it.

ADVANCED SEARCH

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I am trying to find a New Zealand Court of Appeal Reports decision about removal of trustees that I found previously. Unfortunately, I forgot to download a copy. I think the year of the decision was 1867 or 1868. I can't remember the party names and I don't have a citation, but I know it was about removal of trustees. Is there a way I can find it?

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Click on the Drop-Down Arrow and Choose “All of These Words”

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- New Zealand: All Cases

Note: You can search **multiple databases** at once by holding down the **Ctrl** key on your keyboard and then click the database name for each database you want to include in your search.).

COMMENTARY: There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to using the Advanced Search. In this example, we've chosen All of These Words because we want to search for cases that have both **remove** and **trustee** as keywords.

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COMMENTARY: In this example, we are going to use **remove** and **trustee** as our primary keywords.

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