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How to check the status of a case using KeyCite

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There are several ways to access KeyCite information:

• While viewing a case with a KeyCite flag, click the flag.
• While viewing any case, click one of the following tabs at the top of the page: Negative Treatment, History, or Citing References.
• From the Westlaw Edge home page, type `kc` or `keycite`, followed by a citation, e.g., `kc 93 sct 1817` or `keycite 93 sct 1817`, in the Search bar and click Search or hit Enter to go directly to a case’s KeyCite information.

KeyCite Status Flags for Cases

- A red flag warns that the case is no longer good law for at least one of the points of law it contains.
- A yellow flag warns that the case has some negative history, but has not been reversed or overruled.
- A blue-striped flag warns that the case has been appealed to the US Court of Appeals or the US Supreme Court (excluding appeals originating from agencies).
- An Overruling Risk warning indicates that a case or administrative decision may no longer be good for at least one point of law based on its reliance on an overruled or otherwise invalid prior decision.

If a case has a red or yellow flag, the most negative treatment is displayed next to the flag at the top of the case. Most negative treatment consists of phrases such as Overruled by, Abrogated by, or Distinguished by and includes a link to the underlying document, if available.

If a case has a blue-striped flag, it warns that the case has been appealed to the US Court of Appeals or the US Supreme Court. A blue-striped flag is considered neutral and language such as Petition for Certiorari Docketed by or Appeal Filed by is displayed next to the flag at the top of the case.

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**Viewing Negative Direct History, Negative Citing References, and Overruling Risks**

Click the Negative Treatment tab to view negative direct history, negative citing references, and overruling risks for a case. Negative citing references are listed in a table format.

The depth of treatment bars in the Depth column indicate the extent to which the citing case discusses the cited case, and the headnote numbers in the Headnote(s) column indicate which headnotes in the cited case contain the points of law discussed by the citing cases.

Any overruling risks will also appear in the Negative Treatment tab. Overruling Risk helps you identify cases that may have been implicitly overruled or abrogated.

Overruling Risks are outlined in a table near the bottom of the Negative Treatment tab. Click a case name link to view the overruled or abrogated case as well as the overruling or abrogating case.
Viewing History

Click the History tab to view the direct history of a case and related references. The cases included in the direct history and related references are listed in the left column. Direct history includes all history, both cases with and without KeyCite treatment. Direct history is also displayed in graphical view in the right column. You can restrict direct history by choosing an option from the View drop-down list.

Viewing Citing References

Click the Citing References tab to view a list of cases, administrative materials, secondary sources, briefs, and other court documents that cite your case. To change the order in which the citing references are displayed, select an option from the Sort By drop-down list on the toolbar.

To narrow the list of citing references, you can:

- Enter the terms in the Search within results field in the left column.
- Click a document type in the left column, e.g., Cases. Further narrow this list by selecting a filter e.g., Jurisdiction.

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