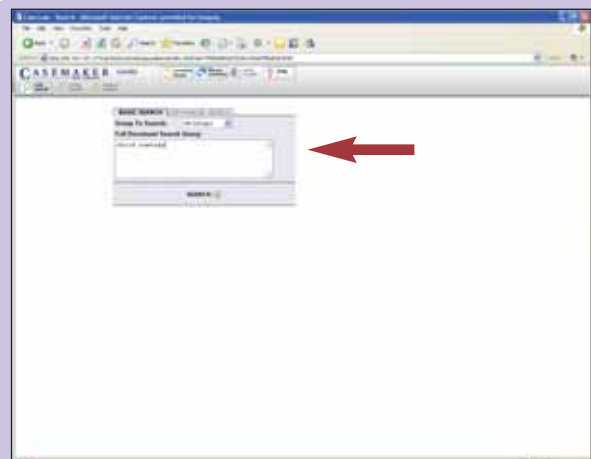
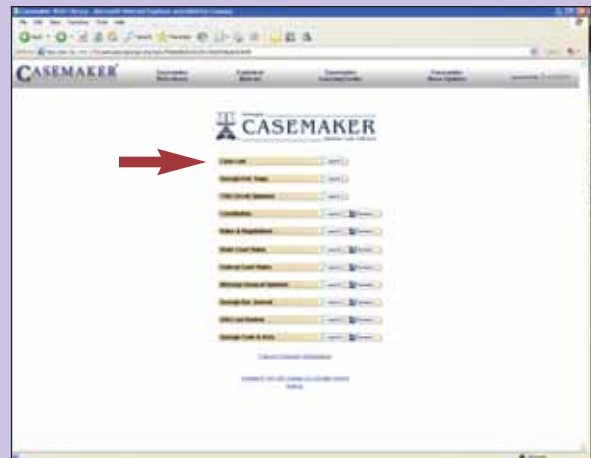


# Getting the Most Out of Casemaker: CaseCheck

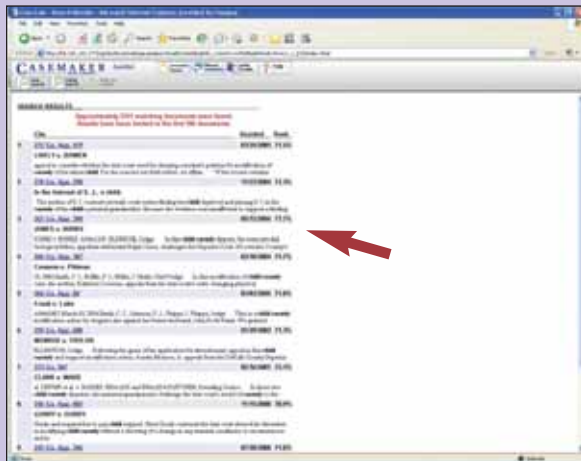
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Many State Bar members have begun turning to Casemaker for the majority of their legal research instead of commercial vendors. One of the most important features Casemaker offers is CaseCheck. CaseCheck alerts users if a specific Georgia case they are researching has been cited in other Georgia cases. Following are the steps you should take to utilize this exciting feature.

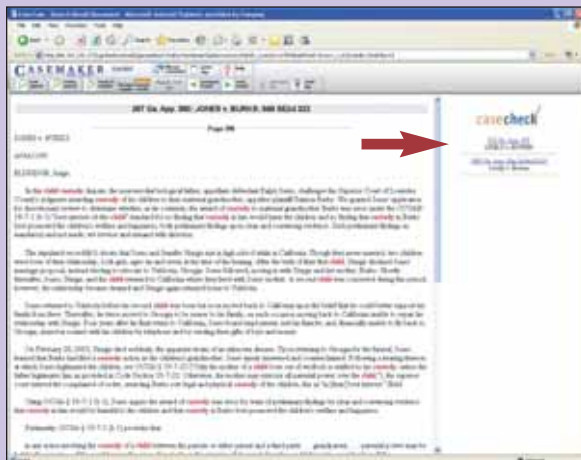
The following example shows how to conduct a search through the Georgia Case Law Database. In order to enter this database, users access the Georgia Casemaker Library, then choose **Case Law**.



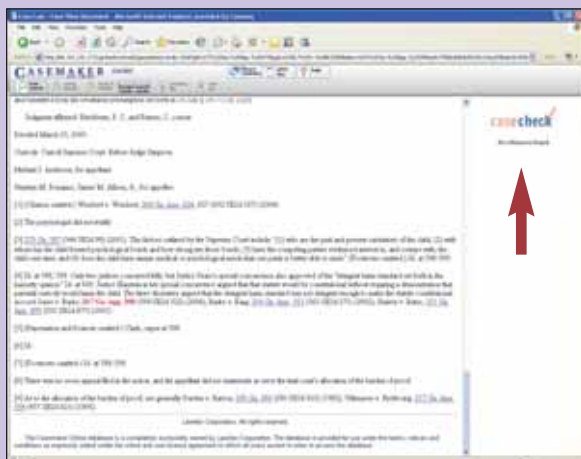
You will then be taken to a basic search screen. Here you can search the case law for words or phrases related to your search. In this example use "child custody." Once you have entered the phrase, click on the search button.



In this instance, Casemaker identified 3,311 cases that have the words child and custody in them. Casemaker allows users to access the first 100 cases – take a look at the third case in the list: *Jones v. Burks*. (Note: Narrow your search results by putting the phrase in quotation marks. A search for “child custody” would only find matches of cases that had the exact phrase child custody in them.)



Open the *Jones v. Burks* case by clicking on the case cite number, which is highlighted in blue and underlined. You are now able to see the content of the case. The CaseCheck field on the right-hand side displays the subsequent cases that have referred to the *Jones v. Burks* case. In this instance, there are two matches.



Open the first case, *Lively v. Bowen*. Notice that CaseCheck opens the case to the exact place where the *Jones v. Burks* case is referenced in the *Lively v. Bowen* case. You will notice that the CaseCheck field now states “No References Found” indicating that the *Lively v. Bowen* case has not been referenced in any subsequent cases in the database.

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