

# VLEXJUSTIS CASE LAW

## Quick Reference Guide



vLexJustis has replaced the JustisOne database.

Coverage includes:

- Court of Appeal Judgments (Criminal Division 1963-1989, 1993 onwards; Civil Division 1951 onwards)
- Times Law Reports 1990 onwards
- Immigration Appeal Reports
- Bermuda Law Reports & Judgments
- British Virgin Islands Cases
- Jamaican Cases
- Judgments from many other Caribbean jurisdictions

## Quick search

Use the search bar at the top of the screen to search by title, citation, court, judge or keywords. Boolean search operators can be used in this bar. (See later section on search language.)

The screenshot displays the vLex website interface. On the left is a blue navigation sidebar with the vLex logo at the top. Below the logo are menu items: Home, Advanced search, Browse, Folders, and Help. At the bottom of the sidebar, it identifies the user as 'Hon. Society Of The Inner Temple' and lists 'Your plan' with details: vLex United Kingdom Core, Immigration Appeal Reports, Inquest Law Reports, The Times Law Reports, vLex Caribbean Core, Bermuda Law Reports, and Mental Health Reports. The main content area has a search bar at the top. Below it are two promotional boxes: 'Create my Account' (with a 'Create now' button) and 'Online Training Sessions' (with an 'Access' button). A 'Latest news' section follows, featuring a news item from Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP in LexBlog United Kingdom, dated 40 minutes ago, titled 'Virtual and Digital Health Digest – December 2024'. Another news item from LexBlog United Kingdom, dated 9 hours ago, is titled 'Scientists show how U...'. The bottom of the news item shows the start of the text: 'Scientists have detailed the pro...'.

# Advanced search

Select the **Advanced** search option on the left of the screen. Then click on the **Case Law** tab in the central panel. This gives more options for searching with specific fields such as Court, Judge, Date. The default is set to UK cases. To select a different jurisdiction, use the options at the top of the advanced search page.

### Advanced search

**Search**

All Countries & International  
 United Kingdom  
 UK Non-devolved  
 Northern Ireland  
 Scotland  
 England & Wales

[Select more jurisdictions ▾](#)

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**Content**

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**Words**  Translate search terms

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**Filters**

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# Filtering results

If you retrieve too many hits you can use the filters on the left of the screen. The options are to filter by Jurisdiction, Material Type (if you have searched across more than one material type) and Categories. Categories are subject headings. Add additional categories by typing in new words.

Filters

Case name

Citation

Court 

Judge

Category

Please enter at least 3 characters

Cited authorities

Date 

vLex Document ID

The Relevance tab will allow you to list your hits in different orders: Most Recent First or Oldest First; most cited; most visited.

Home - Your search

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Search in results


All Content	177
Legislation and Regulations	0
Case Law	158
Administrative Materials	0
Books and Journals	19
Blogs	0
Forms and Contracts	0
News	0
Dockets	0

All Countries & International 208

United Kingdom 158

- UK Non-devolved
- Northern Ireland

### Documents

Sort by Relevance 

- Phelps v London Borough of Hillingdon**  
House of Lords - [2000] UKHL 47, [2001] 2 AC 619, [2000] 3 WLR 77, [28/07/2000] TLR 1, + 8 other reports 27 July 2000  
Reverses [1998] EWCA Civ J1104-19  
Reverses Anderton v Clwyd CC (Disclosure of Records)  
Reverses [1999] EWCA Civ J1111-10
- Barrett v Enfield London Borough Council** 334 5 1  
House of Lords - [1999] UKHL J0617-1, [2001] 2 AC 550, [1999] 2 Fam CR 434, [18/06/1999] TLR 1, + 8 other reports 17 June 1999  
Resolves appeal against [1997] EWCA Civ J0325-4

... graphically illustrated by the decision of the Court of Appeal in Phelps v. Hillingdon London Borough Council [1999] 1 W.L.R. 500 . In that ...

# Browsing

Select the **Browse** option on the left of the screen.

From the list on the left choose from Legislation, Case Law etc.

If you select Case Law, the next column allows you to select the parameters you want to search by e.g. Category (subject), Court and Reports. You can continue to drill down by using the additional columns and their drop down menus.

The screenshot displays the vLex browsing interface, which is organized into four main columns. The first column is a vertical navigation menu with a blue-to-green gradient background, containing options like Home, Advanced search, Browse (highlighted), Folders, and Help. Below these are links for 'Hon. Society Of The Inner Temple' and 'Your plans' with a list of report types. The second column has a search bar and three filter categories: 'By Report', 'By Category', and 'By Court'. The 'By Court' filter is active, showing a list of jurisdictions: England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and UK Non-devolved. The third column also has a search bar and a list of courts, with 'Court of Appeal' selected. The fourth column has a search bar with a 'more filters' link and a list of specific court divisions: Court of Appeal, Court of Appeal (Civil Division), Court of Appeal (Criminal Division), and Court of Criminal Appeal, each with a three-line menu icon. A 'View all' link is also present at the bottom of this column.

# Viewing your case

From the hits click on the result you want to view. The judgment will be displayed in the central panel.

Details of where the case is reported are given in tabs across the top of the judgment or in a display box.

The screenshot displays the vLexJustis interface for the case **Phelps v London Borough of Hillingdon**. The page is structured as follows:

- Header:** vLexJustis logo, navigation icons, and a search bar.
- Case Title:** Phelps v London Borough of Hillingdon.
- Navigation Tabs:** Judgment (selected), The Law..., Weekly..., Family C..., The Time..., Cited Authorities (51), Cited in (182), Preceden..., Related Vincent, Citations..., and Reader.
- Search:** A search box labeled "Search in this document".
- Metadata:**
  - Jurisdiction:** England & Wales
  - Court:** House of Lords
  - Judge:** LORD SLYNN OF HADLEY, LORD JAUNCEY OF TULLICHETTLE, LORD LLOYD OF BERWICK, LORD NICHOLLS OF BIRKENHEAD, LORD CLYDE, LORD HUTTON, LORD MILLETT
  - Judgment Date:** 27 July 2000
  - Neutral Citation:** [2000] UKHL 47
  - Date:** 27 July 2000
  - Reported In:** [2001] 2 AC 619, [2000] 3 WLR 776, [2000] 4 All ER 504, [2000] LGR 651, [2000] ELR 499, 261 NR 201, [2000] LS Law PL 3, 56 BMLR 1, [2000] 3 Fam CR 102, [28/07/2000] TLR 1, 27/07/2000 Daily Cases, [2000] UKHL J0727-4
  - Case History:** Reverses [1998] EWCA Civ J1104-19; Reverses Anderton v Clwyd CC (Disclosure of Records); Reverses [1999] EWCA Civ J1111-10
- Key Phrases:** Action for damages for breach of statutory duty, Duty of care, Claim for vicarious liability, Education authority. (Topics automatically extracted by Iceberg AI)
- Categories:** education law, negligence, duty of care, Show all
- Key Paragraphs:** A section with a "Highlight key paragraphs" checkbox and a paragraph of text starting with "This is not to open the door to claims based on poor quality of teaching...". A "Show all" link is provided.
- Similar cases:** A list of related cases including Angela May Holtom v London Borough of Barnet (1st Defendant/Appellant) St Christopher's School (2nd Defendant), R FJ v CAMBRIDGSHIRE County Council and Jane LOM, CHAIR of SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS Tribunal, Y v Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal, Joanne Wilkin v Ms Goldthorpe (Chair of The Special Educational Needs Tribunal) and Another, and The Queen (on the application of HA by his father and litigation friend, AA) v The Governing Body of Hampstead School London Borough of Camden (Interested Party).
- PDF:** A button labeled "PDF" is located at the bottom right of the main content area.
- Footer:** The citation [2000] UKHL J0727-4 is displayed at the bottom center.

If the law report is available on vLex you can click on the link or tab to see it.

If the report is not included use the Citations & Sources tab to link through to another database that has the report i.e. LexisLibrary or Westlaw.

Also included in the tabs are Cited Authorities, Cited in and a Precedent map.

Above the judgment you may see Key Paragraphs. This highlights the most frequently cited passages of a judgment. Similar to a heat map, the darker sections of text are those which have been cited more frequently. You can also navigate the key passages by clicking on the banner on the far right side.

#### Key Paragraphs

Highlight key paragraphs

"This is not to open the door to claims based on poor quality of teaching., It is one thing for the law to provide a remedy in damages when there is manifest incompetence or negligence comprising specific, identifiable mistakes., It would be an altogether different matter to countenance claims of a more general nature, to the effect that the child did not receive an adequate education at the school, or that a particular teacher failed to teach properly., Proof of under-performance by a child is not by itself evidence of negligent teaching., A child's ability to learn from what he is taught is much affected by a host of factors which are personal to him and over which a school has no control...."

[Show all](#)

PDF

[2000] UKHL Jo727-4

#### HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Slynn of Hadley Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle Lord Lloyd of Berwick Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead  
Lord Clyde Lord Hutton Lord Millett

**Phelps** (A.P.)

(Appellant)

and

Mayor Etc. of the London Borough of **Hillingdon**

(Respondent)

Anderton (A.P.)

(By her Mother and Next Friend) (Appellant)

and

## **PRINTING AND EMAILING**

There are icons to print and download on the far right of the screen.

Remember that if the items is not in full text on vLex you will need to use the Citations & Sources tab to find the item on another database.

To print, click on the Print icon and follow the instructions. Printing costs 10p per page.

To download, click on the download button.

Save the item to documents (follow the instructions by the PC) and then attach to an email if required. Remember that saved documents are removed overnight.