

Research Tip – Wolters Kluwer’s Cheetah

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Cheetah is available at all [law library locations](#) and from any court computer.

I. Practice Areas

Cheetah content is grouped together by topic into 16 Practice Areas:

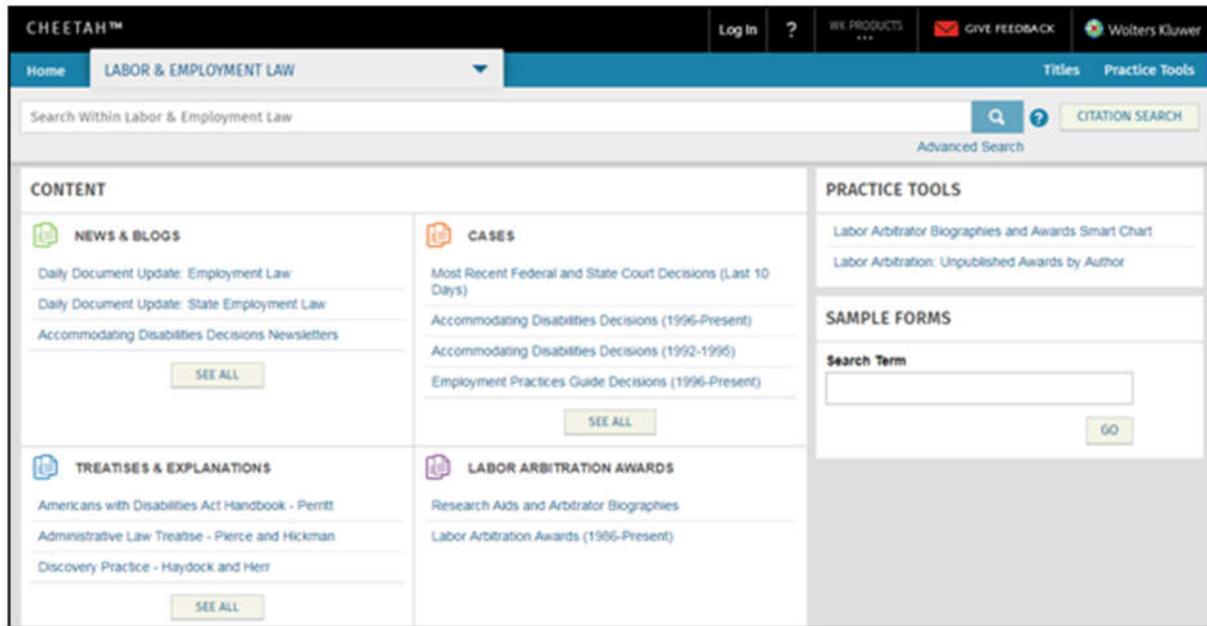
- Antitrust & Competition
- Elder & Estates Law
- Employee Benefits
- Energy & Environment
- Family Law
- Government Contracts
- Healthcare
- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment Law
- Litigation
- Pension & Employee Benefits
- Practice of Law
- Products Liability & Insurance
- Property & Construction Law
- Securities
- Transportation

To access a Practice Area, either click the appropriate link from the Homepage Dashboard, or use the dropdown menu on the navigation tab.

The screenshot displays the Cheetah homepage dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'ALL CONTENT' tabs. A dropdown menu is visible under 'ALL CONTENT', highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar is a search bar labeled 'Search Within All Content' and a search icon. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is titled 'PRACTICE AREAS' and contains a list of 16 practice areas: Antitrust & Competition, Elder & Estates Law, Employee Benefits, Energy & Environment, Family Law, Government Contracts, Healthcare, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment Law, Litigation, Pension & Employee Benefits, Practice of Law, Products Liability & Insurance, Property & Construction Law, Securities - All, Securities - Corporation Law & Governance, Securities - Federal & International, and Transportation. The middle column is titled 'WHITE PAPERS & SPECIAL REPORTS' and contains a list of articles, including 'NGE IP Focus: Life Sciences', 'As Telehealth Grows, Federal Reimbursement Needs Streamlining', 'HHS Proposes Changes to Safe Harbors for Drug Discounts', '2018 year in review: IPOs', 'Skadden, Arps: U.S. Corporate Governance: Turning Up the Heat', 'Skadden Arps: Despite headwinds, Partners Optimistic about M&A 2019 levels', 'Brattle Group: benefits of active v. passive investment fund management', 'Murphy & McGonigle: Expect More Aggressive Offshore Enforcement after Scoville Decision', '2018 year in review: Labor and employment hit parade', 'Ogletree Deakins: The Practical NLRB Advisor NLRB: 2018 in review', 'Jackson Lewis: Class Action Trends Report: Are you my employee?', 'L&E Evolution Part III: Managing employees in a digital age', 'Top Tax Law Developments for July-September 2018', and 'Contract Negotiation Best Practices, Do's and Don'ts'. The right column is titled 'CHEETAH RESOURCES' and contains links to 'Cheetah Widgets', 'MARC Records and Product Titles with Links', and 'Cheetah Practice Area information'.

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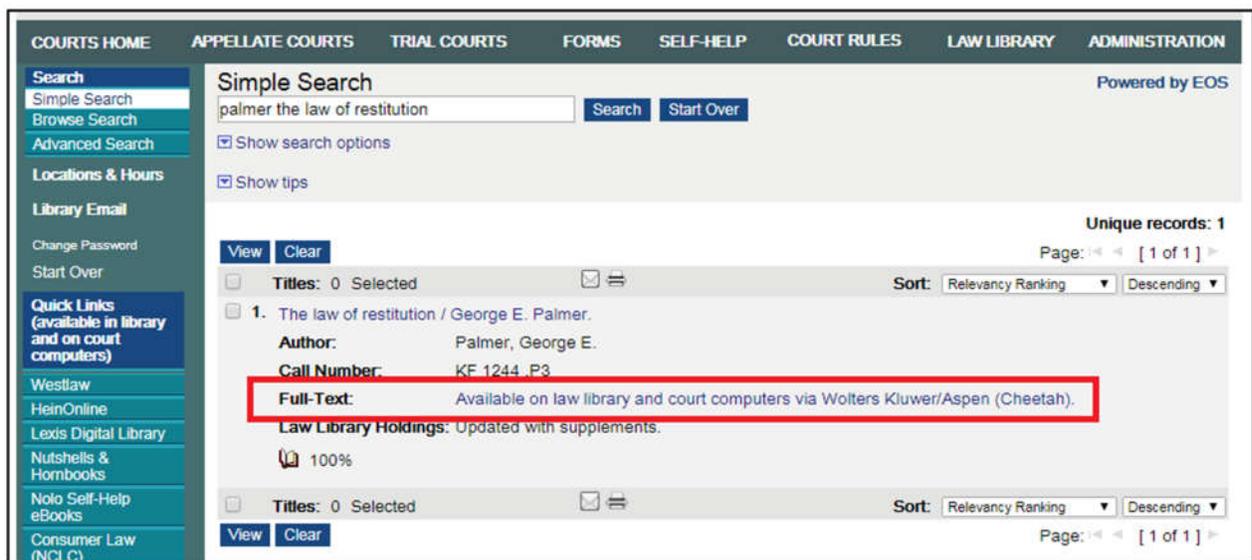
The Practice Area Dashboard shows all available content for the selected subject. Content varies by subject and can include treatises, manuals, cases, acts & statutes, administrative materials, news, summaries, and charts.



II. Searching

A. From Library Catalog

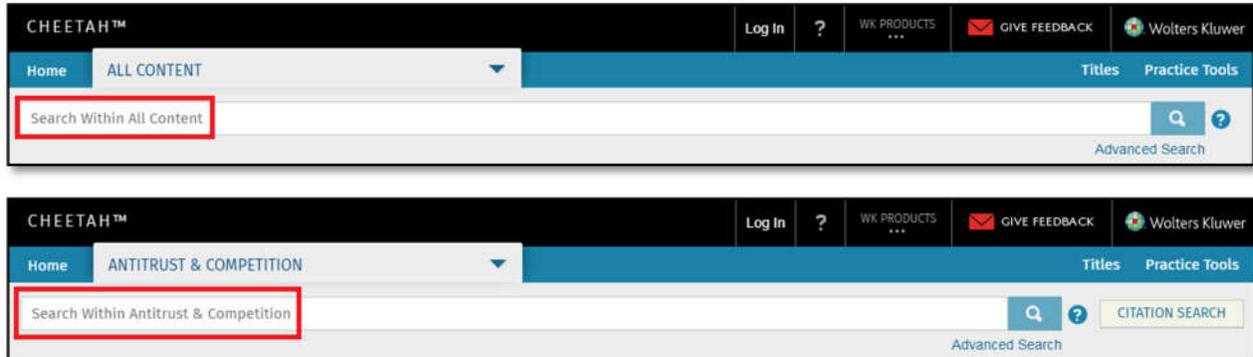
Most items available in Cheetah are linked to the [library's catalog](#). The search results will provide a direct link to that item.



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B. From Cheetah

Searching can be done from the search box at the top of every page. You can search all content from the homepage or choose a Practice Area to search only that topic.



1. Search Operators & Connectors

The following search operators and connectors can be used to improve your search results within Cheetah.

Author: – Placing the **Author:** operator before terms retrieves documents authored by person or persons. *Example: Author: "Steven Mark Levy"*

Doctype: – Placing the **Doctype:** operator before terms retrieves documents that are of a particular doc type. Examples of available document type operators are: Cases, Regulations, and Treatises. View the complete list of available document type operators available here. *Examples: Doctype: Cases and Title: (SEC v. W. J. Howey)*

State: or ST: – Placing the **State:** operator before terms retrieves documents that contain state meta data. *Examples: State: California, State: Illinois.*

Title: – Use the **Title:** operator to retrieve documents that contain the search terms in the document title only. *Example: Title: (blue sky) and hardship exemption.* Also,

use the **Title:** operator to search for Parties within case documents. *Example: Title: (Microsoft or Apple) and Doctype: cases and hardship*

AND – Placing the word **and** between terms retrieves documents that contain both of the terms. By default, the system inserts the **and** connector between terms. Therefore, entering court appeals is the same as entering court and appeals. However, Cheetah recognizes editorially curated 'terms of art', so sometimes a space between terms is ignored, and instead terms separated by a space are searched as an exact phrase. *For example, if you type FCPA enforcement as your search expression, that phrase is a recognized 'term of art' on some Cheetah dashboards so that your results will include documents that contain the exact phrase FCPA enforcement (as well as synonyms if applicable).*

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OR – Placing the word **or** between terms retrieves documents that contain either or both of the terms. This is useful when entering synonyms, terms with identical or similar meanings. *For example, if you type child or dependent as your search expression, your results will include documents that contain child or dependent individual of each other. But your results will also include documents that contain both child and dependent.*

NOT – Placing the word **not** between terms retrieves documents that contain the first term only if the second term does not appear. This connector is useful when your keyword often appears in a context that is irrelevant to your research. *For example, if you want to find documents concerning RICO litigation, the search expression RICO not Puerto excludes documents in which RICO occurs as a part of Puerto Rico.* Note: Partial matches will not work with the **NOT** boolean connector. For example, searching rico not puert will return results that include puerto rico. However, searching rico not puerto will return results that include only rico, e.g., the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Hyphen – Placing a **hyphen(-)** before a term will return search results that do not include that term. *Example: deed - revocation*

Quoted Search Terms – Place **quotes** around a search expression to return search results that include that phrase, without synonym expansion using the thesaurus. *Example: "intervening rights"*

Searching with Parentheses – Use parentheses to enforce a logical order in your search expression. *Example: Title: (director not proxy) and stock incentive*

F/n – Placing **f/n** between terms retrieves documents in which the first term follows the second term by no more than a specified number of words (where n equals the number of words within which the first term must follow the second term). *Example: If you type trust f/2 revoc as your search expression, your results will include documents containing both the words trust and revoc in which the word trust follows the word revoc by no more than two words (n = 2 in the example).*

P/n – Placing **p/n** between terms retrieves documents in which the first term precedes the second term by no more than a specified number of words (where n equals the number of words within which the first term must precede the second term). *Example: If you type revoc p/2 trust as your search expression, your results will include documents containing both the words revoc and trust in which the word revoc precedes the word trust by no more than two words (n = 2 in the example).*

W/n – Placing **w/n** between your search expression terms retrieves documents in which the first term appears within the specified number of words as the second term (where n equals the number of words between terms). *Example: If you type revoc w/25 trust as your search expression, your results will include documents that contain the words revoc and trust only when they appear within 25 words of each other.* Note: The value of n cannot exceed 127 words.

W/sen – Placing **w/sen** between your search terms is equal to entering w/20 and retrieves documents in which the first term appears within 20 words of the second term. Note: Sentence boundaries will not be considered.

W/par – Placing **w/par** between your search terms is equal to entering w/80 and retrieves

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documents in which the first term appears within 80 words of the second term. Note: Paragraph boundaries will not be considered.

After a Date – Placing **after** followed by a specific date will return search results with materials dated after the specified date. *Example: after 1/25/2007*

Before a Date – Placing **before** followed by a specific date will return search results that include materials dated before the specified date. *Example: before January 25, 2008*

From Date to Date – Using **From** date and **To** date as part of your search expression will return search results that include materials within a range of those dates. *Example: "rule 144" from 1/25/2007 to 1/24/2008*

On a Date – Placing **on** followed by a specific date will return search results that include materials on a specific date. *Example: Doctype: no action letters on Dec 10 2012.* You may also search within a specific month. *Example: Doctype: no action letters on Dec 2012*

2. Filtering

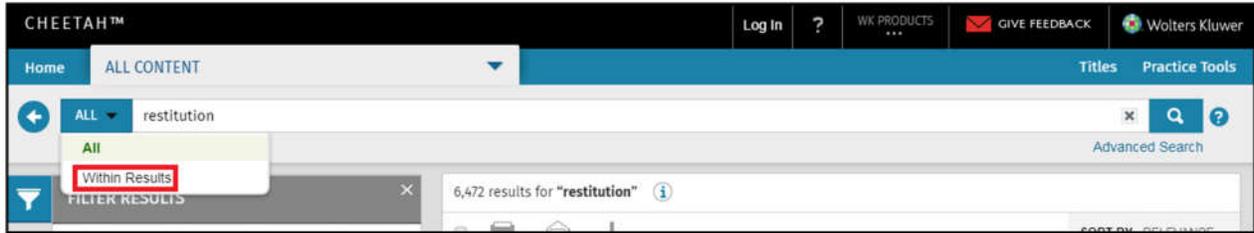
After running a search, you can further filter the results. The search results page includes filters for Practice Areas, Document Type, Court, and Jurisdiction from the menu on the left side of the page.

The screenshot shows the Cheetah search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'ALL CONTENT', and 'Titles Practice Tools'. Below that, a search bar contains 'restitution' and shows '6,472 results for "restitution"'. A 'FILTER RESULTS' sidebar is open on the left, with a red box highlighting the filter options: '+ PRACTICE AREAS', '+ DOCUMENT TYPE', '+ COURT', and '+ JURISDICTION'. The main content area displays definitions for 'RESTITUTION (LITIGATION)' and 'RESTITUTION (BOUVIER LAW DICTIONARY)'. Below the definitions, there are three search results listed as 'TREATISES':

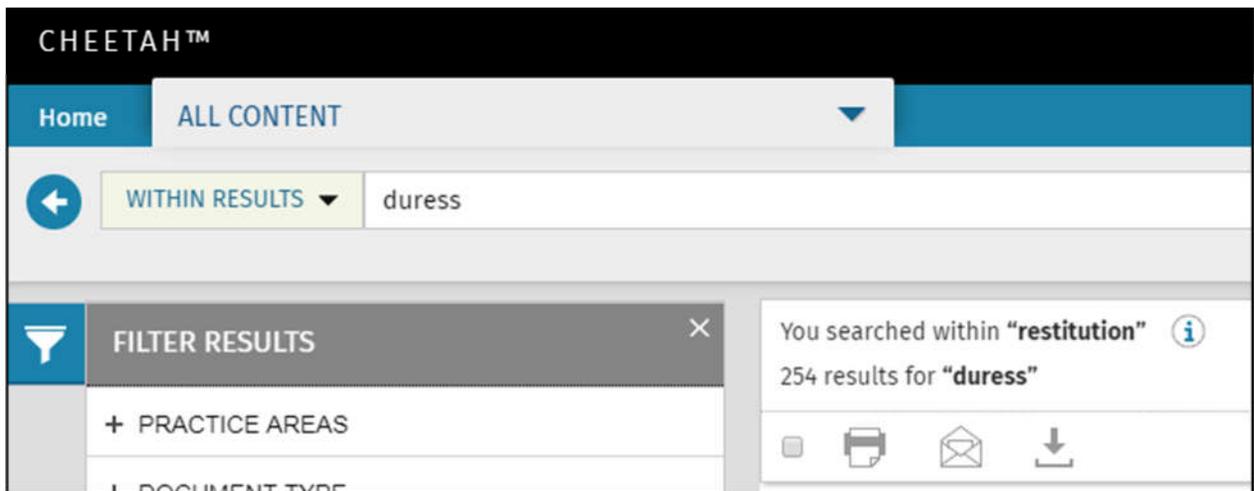
1. Law of Restitution - Palmer
2. CHAPTER 5 RESTITUTION TO A PARTY IN DEFAULT ON A CONTRACT Law of Restitution - Palmer
3. CHAPTER 9 RESTITUTION OF BENEFITS OBTAINED BY DURESS Law of Restitution - Palmer

You can also search within your search results by selecting Within Results from the search bar’s dropdown menu.

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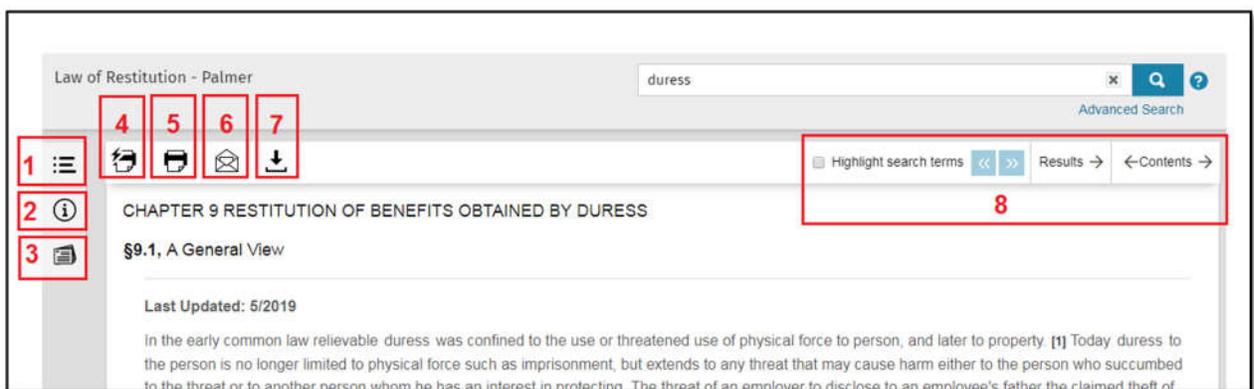


Enter your second search terms to search within the original search.



III. Navigating Content

There are several options available once you have selected content to view.



1.  Opens table of contents.

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2. General information including title, author, edition, currency, and scope of coverage.



3. Opens list of footnotes.



4. Print current section.



5. Select sections to print.



6. Email.



7. Select sections to download.



8. Navigation options.

IV. Further Information

For more information, see the [Cheetah Help page](#) or contact Ashley Stewart at astewart@akcourts.us or (907) 264-0583.