

Casemaker - The Colorado Bar Association's Legal Research Tool
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The Colorado Bar Association (CBA) launched Casemaker in 2004 as a free legal research tool for CBA members. In February 2009, Casemaker 2.1 was released, offering additional features and enhanced usability to researchers. In late 2009 the CBA released Casemaker 2.2. This added a few more enhancements. The CBA regularly posts enhancements to Casemaker at <http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/1749/DPMEM/Casemaker/>

Important Information for Law School Students

The Colorado Bar Association offers a free student membership to any law school student enrolled in any ABA accredited law school. To join the CBA as a student member follow these instructions.

- Go to the CBA home page at www.cobar.org



- Select "Join the CBA" on the home page:
- Select the "Student Member Application" link at the bottom of the page.
- Complete the application.
- Notice under the heading Association Membership that student membership has already been selected and that it is free.
- You can also join one of the eight different local bar associations for free.
- Students are also encouraged to join CBA Sections. There is a fee to join a section.

Student members have full access to all membership areas including Casemaker. Student members cannot hold office or vote. Student members do not get a printed copy of the **Colorado Lawyer** or the **Docket**. The full-text of articles from the **Colorado Lawyer** is available on Casemaker.

The Casemaker legal research tool was developed in 1999 by the Lawriter Corporation, in conjunction with the Ohio Bar Association. Each state bar association determines what resources to offer their membership.

When you use Casemaker, online or per-search charges are not incurred. Casemaker allows you the flexibility to edit your search or to begin a new search if you are not finding results that are on point.

The Colorado Casemaker Library

Session Laws

Session Laws of Colorado, Current through Chapter 430, Second Regular Session 2010

Code of Regulations

External Link: <http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/Welcome.do>

Attorney General Opinions

From 1984; Currency: March 24, 2011

The Colorado Lawyer

From 1971; Current through May 2011 (Vol. 40, No.3)

Case Law

Colorado Case - Current Opinions

Colorado Case - 1 Colo. (1864) to 6 Colo. (1883), 1 P. (1883) to 247 P.3d (2011),

Slip: Current

Constitution

Colorado Constitution - Current through November 2010

Federal Rules

10th Circuit Rules includes all amendments through 01/01/2009

District Court Rules includes all amendments through 12/01/2008

State Court Rules

Colorado Rules - Included all amendments through 07/01/2010

Statutes

Colorado Revised Statutes 2010, current through Chapter 368, Second Regular Session

Workers' Compensation Decisions

1998 to current release Currency: May 3, 2011

Features that practicing Colorado attorneys like about Casemaker are:

- Full text access to all Colorado Supreme Court opinions and all Colorado Court of Appeals opinions.
- The statutes include source information, editor notes, cross references, and annotations.
- Casemaker includes Thomson West pagination and it is clearly identified. A bold black line separates one page from another, and the page number is shown in bold black lettering. This allows for easy citing in a brief, memorandum, or article.
- MultiBook Search, the ability to search across all Colorado resources.
- The CaseCheck feature informs you of other Colorado cases as well as other jurisdictions that cite the original viewed case.
- CaseCheck+ fee based – Casemaker's citator.
- Casemakerdigest
- Navigation bar – "bread-crumbs trail" so you visually always know where you are
- Access to the **Colorado Lawyer** back to 1971

- The Advanced Search screen has expanded search capabilities
- Search results can be displayed in date descending order, date ascending order, and rank
- Access to a wide variety of Federal materials
- Access to case law, statutes, and state constitutions for all 50 states.
- Search tips are displayed on every page

Search Tips		
Search Type	To find documents that type into the text area:
And	include 'contract' AND 'binding'	contract binding
	include alimony OR support OR both	(alimony, support)
Or	include 'property' but NOT 'commercial'	property -commercial
	includes the exact phrase "right of way"	"right of way"
Not	include 'parole' AND/OR any synonyms for 'parole'	~parole
Phrase	include the root word 'run' plus all variations (runs, runner, etc.)	run*
Thesaurus	includes any of the terms -- effectively an OR search	support alimony divorce @0
		support alimony divorce @1
Suffix	includes all of the terms -- effectively an AND search	support alimony divorce @2
Intersection	MUST include the word 'lien' -- effectively an AND search, of primary use with inclusion searches. see Advanced section.	+lien
	includes terms within a specified number of words	w/6 tax property
Inclusion	includes terms within the same paragraph as each other.	w/para tax property
	includes terms within the same sentence as each other (sentence is defined as ending punctuation).	w/sent tax property
	include 'divorce' AND either 'alimony' OR 'support'	divorce (alimony, support)
Proximity	include any synonym for 'knife', but NOT 'point'	~knife -point
	MUST include 'lien' AND one of the following: 'mortgage' or 'property' or a synonym of 'property'	+lien Mortgage ~property @1
	MUST include 'lien' AND two of the following: 'mortgage', 'property' or a synonym of 'property', 'contract' or a suffix expansion of 'contract'.	+lien Mortgage ~property contract* @2
	MUST include 'lien' AND one of the following: 'mortgage' or 'property'; but NOT contract.	+lien mortgage property -contract @1
Advanced (combinations of the above)		

Resources

- Contact the Colorado Bar Association at www.cobar.org or call the CBA at (303) 860-1115 or (800) 332-6736; ask for Reba Nance, or the “Casemaker Hotline.” Alternatively, you can e-mail questions to casemaker@cobar.org .
- Casemaker 2.2 FAQ and User Guide
- “Casemaker Revisited-A New Look” – *The Colorado Lawyer*, (May 2009) Vol. 38, No. 5 [Page 91]
- “Casemaker Upgrades and New Products Improve Functionality” *The Colorado Lawyer*, (February 2011) Vol. 40, No. 2 [Page 53]