

WestlawNext CANADA

Federated Search Rules for ProView eLooseleaf Titles

The WestlawNext Canada Federated Search now includes results from your subscription to our eLooseleaf titles on ProView. WestlawNext Canada and ProView have similar but not identical searching rules. When viewing your eLooseleaf results in ProView the following search rules apply.

WestlawNext Canada Query Field/Connector	Translated Query in ProView
&, AND, OR, “ ” – Exact phrase	&, AND, OR, “ ” – Exact phrase
/n – within n terms of, +n – preceding within n terms of	/n – within n terms of, +n – preceding within n terms of
% - but not, () - grouping	% - but not, () - grouping
adv.:, advanced:	Removed from user's query
/s	/15
+s	+15
/p	/75
+p	+75
!, #	Symbol removed from query
*	Word with * removed from query
[space] – or	[space] – and
Plain language multiple word search	/200 between each word
“ ” (quotes) around query	“ ” (quotes) around query
can, against, a, is, have (has) – stop words	can, against, a, is, have (has) will be removed from user's query in ProView, unless the user puts quotes around these words
Advanced search template field DA in global/source search	DA, the brackets, and the original search inside the brackets will be removed from a user's query
CI, CITE, CITATION in global/source search	Remove CI, CITE, CITATION and brackets; add +3 between each remaining word
Advanced search template field AU, TI and PR in Text & Annotations	AU, TI (author or title) and PR (table of contents heading) will be removed from a user's query (along with brackets) but original information/query within brackets will kept in query
Case names with v, v.	v. and v replaced by /2 in ProView

The following rules apply to connectors that are shared between ProView and WestlawNext Canada but behave differently:

1. **[space]** – (which acts as an AND in ProView and OR in WestlawNext Canada) will stay as space in ProView and will continue to function as AND.

WestlawNext Canada provides more relevant results using the OR function (space). For example, *void or contract* provides ‘*void contract*’ in proximity to each other on WestlawNext Canada. In ProView, *void or contract* can provide results where *void* is in chapter 1 of the title and *contract* is in chapter 10. Using the AND function (space) in ProView, we can provide results where *void* and *contract* are within the same chapter/section. This provides more relevant results to the user.

2. “ “ (quotes) are automatically added to multiple word searches in ProView.

Rule: If a user enters a natural language multiple word search in WestlawNext Canada, this will be translated into ProView by adding & (ampersands) between each word to stop quotes from being automatically added in ProView.

Rule: If a user enters “ “ (quotes) around his/her search in WestlawNext Canada, the quotes will not be dropped (and no ampersands will be added) going from WestlawNext Canada to ProView (i.e. the user will search that exact phrase in ProView as in WestlawNext Canada).

Stop Words

ProView stop words behave similarly to WestlawNext Canada (i.e. ProView does not search the same stop words WestlawNext Canada does not search). There are exceptions with the words: *can*, *against*, *a*, *is*, *have* (*has*).

Note: These words are searched in ProView but not on WestlawNext Canada when using natural language. The words *against*, and *can* can be searched on WestlawNext Canada when put in quotes. WestlawNext Canada can also force to search all stop words (for example, #of).

Rule: The words *can*, *against*, *a*, *is*, and *have* (*has*) will be removed from user’s query going from WestlawNext Canada to ProView, unless the user puts quotes around those words.

Note: There is no way to force ProView to search stop words as there is in WestlawNext Canada (for example, #of). Such words are left out in ProView and replaced by any other word (for example, “criminal of code” would search criminal **word** code).

Order of Processing

ProView and WestlawNext Canada have similar orders of processing, with some exceptions.

ProView: or, +n, /n, &, %, space (and) **WestlawNext Canada:** “ “, space (or), +n, /n, +s, /s, +p, /p, & (and), %

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