

The following is quick guide to the query syntax used in DRS. Please note the following:

- Searches are **NOT** case sensitive with one exception; logical operators AND, OR, and NOT must be in all caps.
- DRS is currently set up to only return documents the following document types: Report and Recommendations, Findings of Fact, Memorandum Opinion, and Memorandum Opinion and Orders.
- Entered expressions will be matched against the following information/text: embedded text of the PDF (if not scanned), docket entry text, and case title.

Query Syntax

<i>Query Type</i>	<i>Query Expression</i>	<i>Matches documents that...</i>
Text	search	contain the word 'search'
OR**	Ex 1: Search seizure Ex 2: search OR seizure	contain the word 'search' or 'seizure' or both The first example of syntax is preferred.
AND**	Ex 1: +search +seizure Ex 2: search AND seizure	contain both 'search' and 'seizure'. The first example of syntax is preferred. + means that the term directly following it is required.
NOT**	Ex 1: +Search -seizure Ex 2: search AND NOT seizure	contain 'search' but not 'seizure'.
Compound**	Ex 1: +(search seizure) +illegal Ex 2: (search OR seizure) AND illegal	contain 'illegal' but must also contain 'search' or 'seizure'
Phrase	“illegal search and seizure”	contain the exact phrase 'illegal search and seizure'
Proximity	“illegal search and seizure”~5	contain all words in phrase within 5 positions of each word's original location.
Wild card	Illegal*	contain words that start with 'illegal' like 'illegally'
Like	Search~	contain words that are close to 'search' like 'march'

**Logical OR, AND, and NOT must be capitalized. The use of the '+' and '-' instead of 'AND', 'OR', and 'NOT' is preferred. 'and', 'or', and 'not' are all considered to be common words and are discarded.

Common words **ignored** during searching include: "a", "an", "and", "are", "as", "at", "be", "but", "by", "for", "if", "in", "into", "is", "it", "no", "not", "of", "on", "or", "s", "such", "t", "that", "the", "their", "then", "there", "these", "they", "this", "to", "was", "will", "with"