Quick Crib: how to find a case on Westlaw or Lexis Library

Example: Donoghue v Stevenson [1932] A.C. 562

- The party names (in format Name v Othername, or for criminal cases R v Name) are followed by a citation (in format [Year] SeriesName Number) identifying where it is reported
- Party names searches work well when there are distinctive names – e.g. Christmas v Cheeseman. Not so well for common names e.g. R v Jones. No need to type every last word in the party names field – just a few distinctive ones work better
- Citations should always take you straight to the case if they are correct.

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1. Go to Cases tab at top of screen.
2. There are separate search boxes for Party Names or Citation.
3. Enter distinctive words from names in Party Names, or the citation (without punctuation) in Citation.
4. Select Search.

LEXISLIBRARY

1. Go to Find a Title on the front page.
2. Enter distinctive words from the party names in case name or citation boxes provided and select Find.
3. Or enter the citation (no punctuation needed, so 1932 ac 562) in the first of these boxes
4. Select Find.