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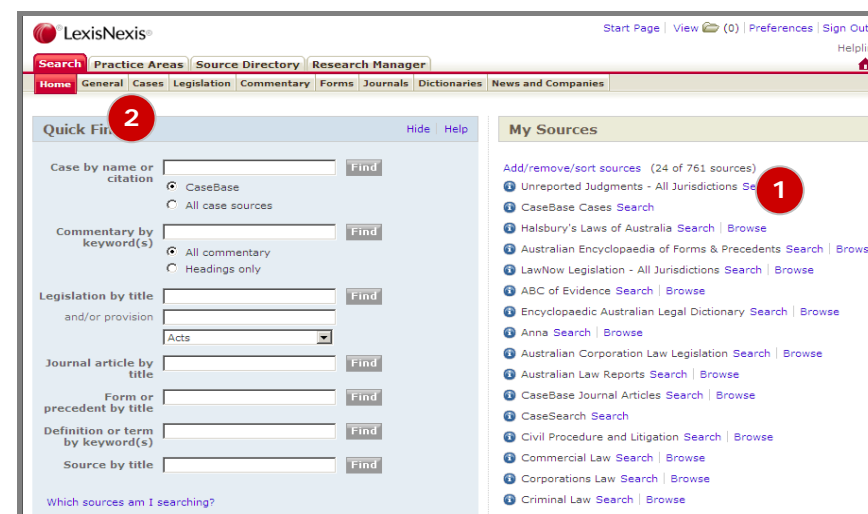
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1   **Search Terms:** Use this field to search for terms within your selected source. LNAU will search across the full text of a case source. This option is useful if you want to find cases that contain certain key words

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5   **Catchwords/Summary:** Search for words, or terms, which appear in the Catchwords or Summary that appear at the top of the primary case.

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