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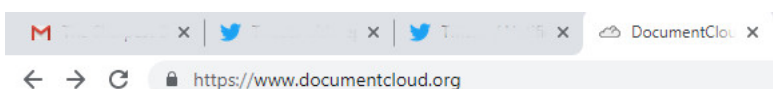
Getting Started

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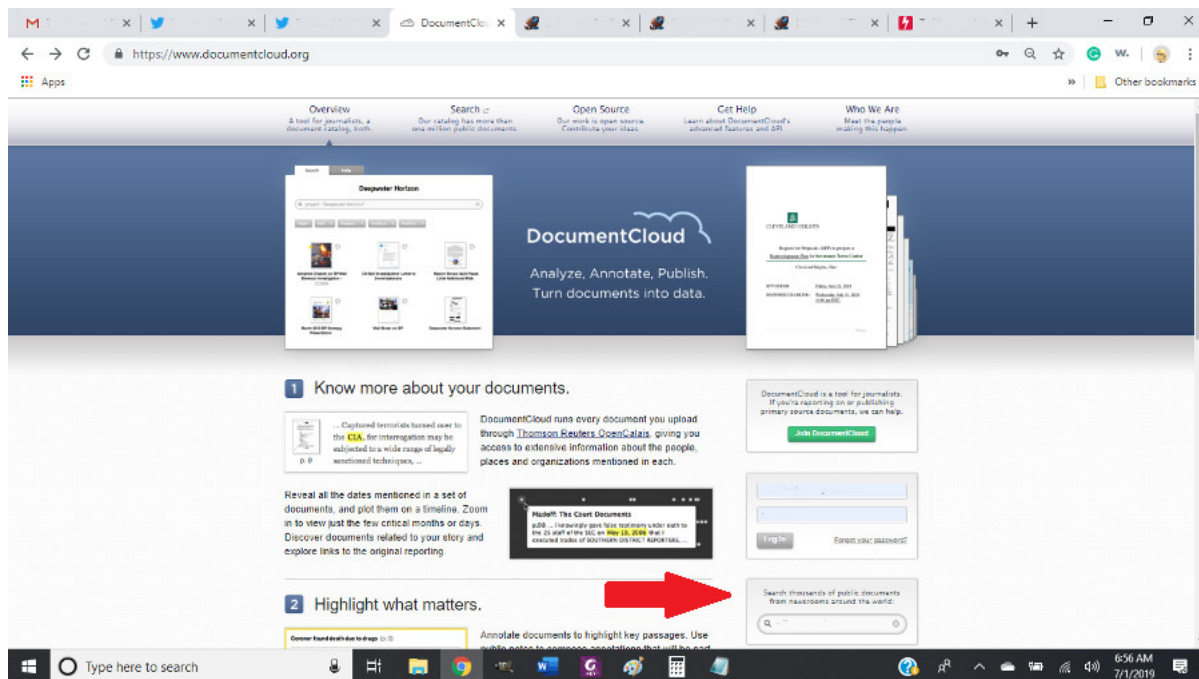
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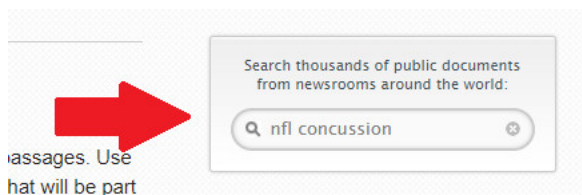
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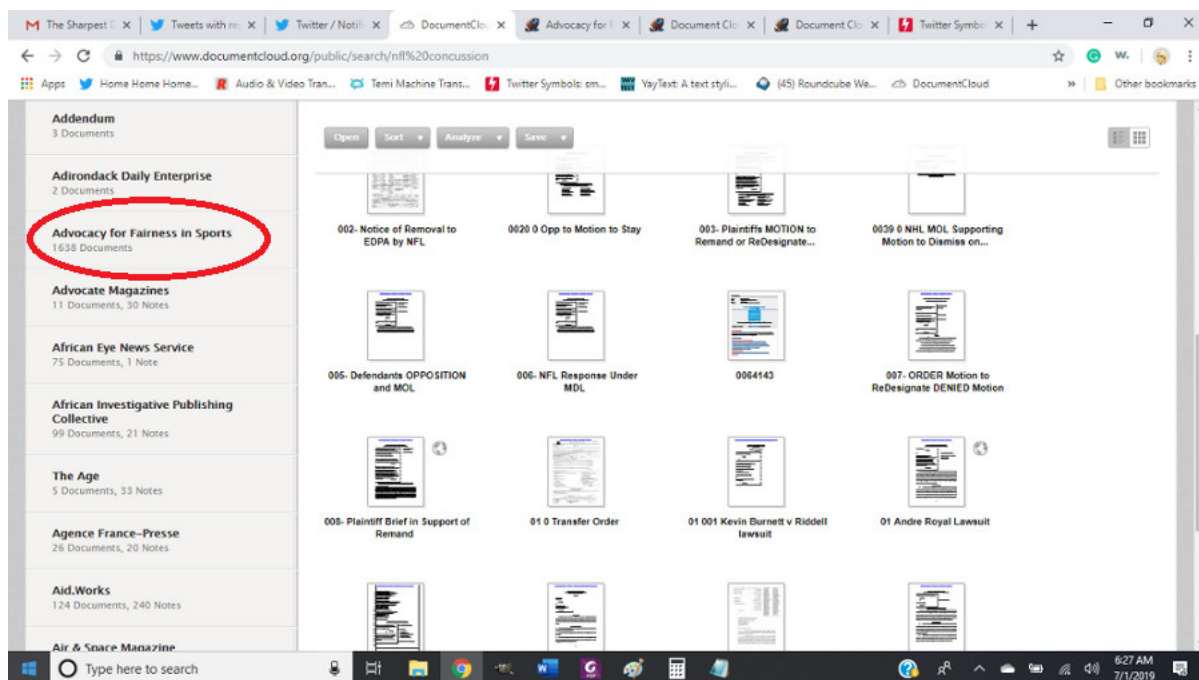
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3. Type your search term and hit "enter." I used "NFL concussion."



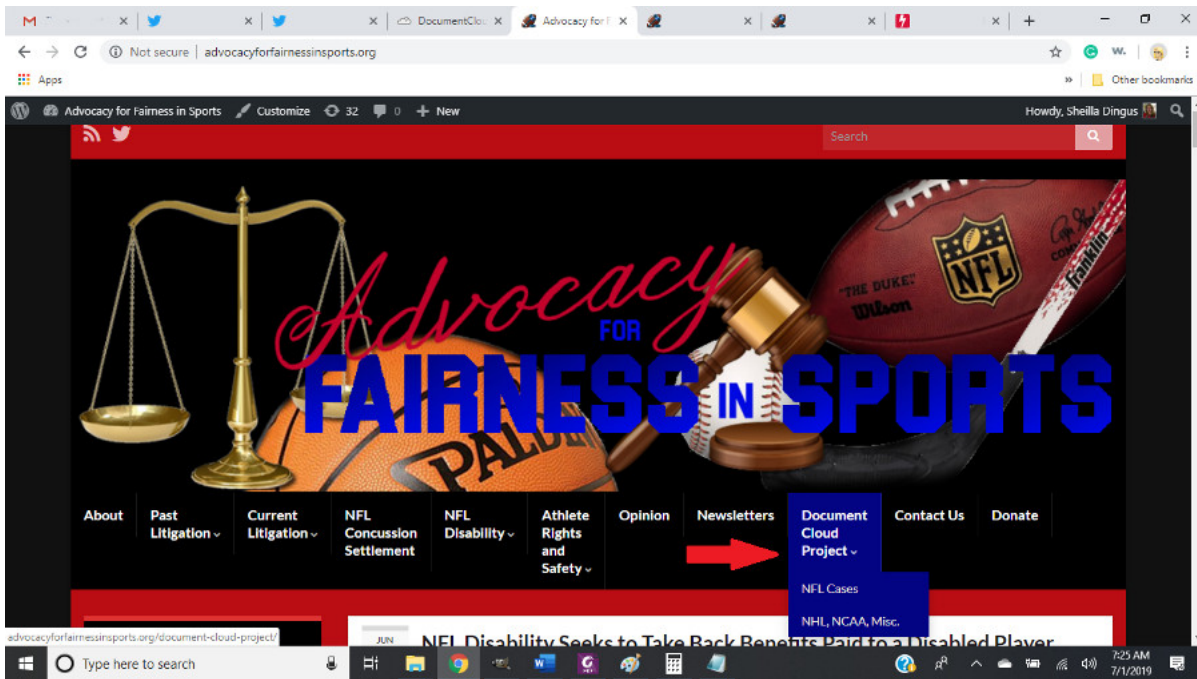
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Among the millions of documents in Document Cloud's repository, 2,159 documents were returned in the search. The column on the left shows the news organization that has contributed the documents. Advocacy for Fairness in Sports has contributed 1,638 of them. (Note: The news are listed with a few promoted organizations at the top of the list, and after that, the listing is alphabetical.)

Searching – Advocacy for Fairness in Sports

1. To access documents belonging to Advocacy for Fairness in Sports, go to our website advocacyforfairnessinsports.org (<http://advocacyforfairnessinsports.org>) and click on Document Cloud Project.



You can find Document Cloud Project on the navigation menu. Currently, we have two pages for access—one for NFL cases and one for other cases, but this is likely to expand as we continue to add documents and projects.

As you can see, our documents are organized by project, which is usually (but not always) a case name.

| Project | Case Status |
|---|---------------------|
| Aaron Hernandez (daughter) v NFL | closed/dismissed |
| Adrian Robinson Sr. v NFL | active |
| Andre Royal v NFL, NFLPA, Bert Bell-Pete Rozelle Retirement Plan | active |
| Art DeCarlo Jr. v NFL | closed/settled |
| Darren Mickell v. Bert Bell-Pete Roselle NFL Retirement Plan | on appeal |
| Etopia Evans v Arizona Cardinals et al (painkiller lawsuit) Northern District of California | closed |
| Etopia Evans v Arizona Cardinals et al (painkiller lawsuit) Ninth Circuit | closed |
| Kevin Burnett v Riddell | active |
| Lane Johnson v NFL, NFLPA (Northern District of Ohio) | transferred to SDNY |
| Lane Johnson v NFL, NFLPA (Southern District of New York) | active |
| NFL (Bert Bell-Pete Rozelle) Benefits Plan Documents | n/a |

Our website directory gives the case/project name and the status of the case.

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| NFL Disability Plan Documents | n/a |
| NFL Concussion Litigation MDL 2323 (2012-2014) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Litigation MDL 2323 (2015-2016) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Settlement MDL 2323 (2017) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Settlement MDL 2323 (2018) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Settlement MDL 2323 (2019) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Settlement Eastern District of Pennsylvania MDL 2323 (Ancillary Matters) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Settlement Eastern District of Pennsylvania MDL 2323 (Miscellaneous Documents) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Settlement Eastern District of Pennsylvania MDL 2323 (Off Docket Filings) | settlement |
| NFL Concussion Settlement Eastern District of Pennsylvania MDL 2323 (Opt-Out documents) | 3 cases active |
| NFL Insurers (Alterra) Litigation | active |

Scrolling down, you'll note a non-lawsuit project at the top of the list for NFL Disability Plan documents. Afterward, you'll note that the NFL Concussion Litigation/Settlement is split into several sections due to the tremendous number of document files associated. The first five are grouped according to the year filed. Other sections include Ancillary Matters, Miscellaneous Documents, Off-Docket Filings obtained by Advocacy for Fairness in Sports, and documents specific to Opt-Out cases.

You'll also notice in some cases, as illustrated for *Richard Dent v NFL*, that if filings have appeared in two or more courts, they are organized accordingly.

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| Richard Dent v NFL (painkiller lawsuit) Northern District of California | on appeal |
| Richard Dent v NFL (painkiller lawsuit) Ninth Circuit – First Appeal | closed |
| Richard Dent v NFL (painkiller lawsuit) Ninth Circuit – Second Appeal | active |

Just click on the case you want to browse in order to access the associated documents. I selected Lane Johnson's case in the Southern District of New York.

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068 0 ORDER Transferring Case to SDNY

075 0 Kessler Letter to Sullivan

085 0 Joint Letter to Court

087 0 Kessler Letter Motion

103 0 NFL Affirmative Defenses

107 0 Johnson Mot to Vacate and Req for Oral Arg

109 0 NFLPA Memo of Law Supporting Mot to Dismiss

110 0 Johnson Memo of Law Supporting Mot to Vacate

112 0 Johnson MOL in Opposition to NFLPA Motion...

117 0 Johnson Reply to NFL Opposition to Motion...

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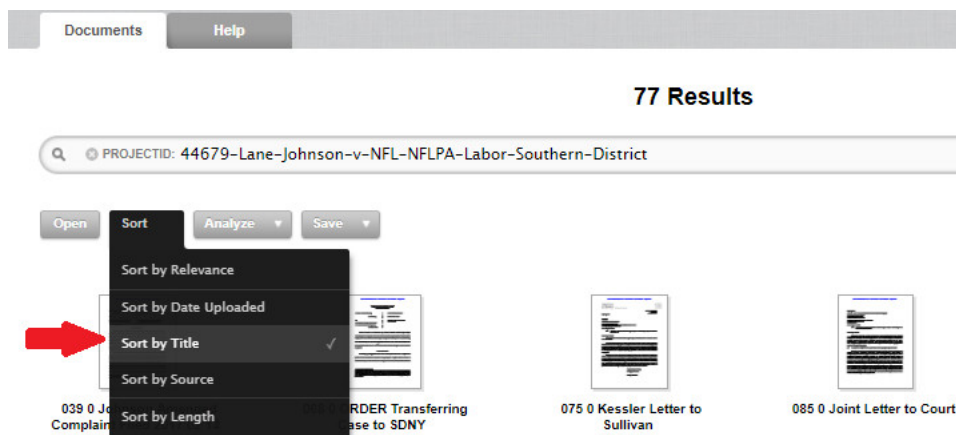
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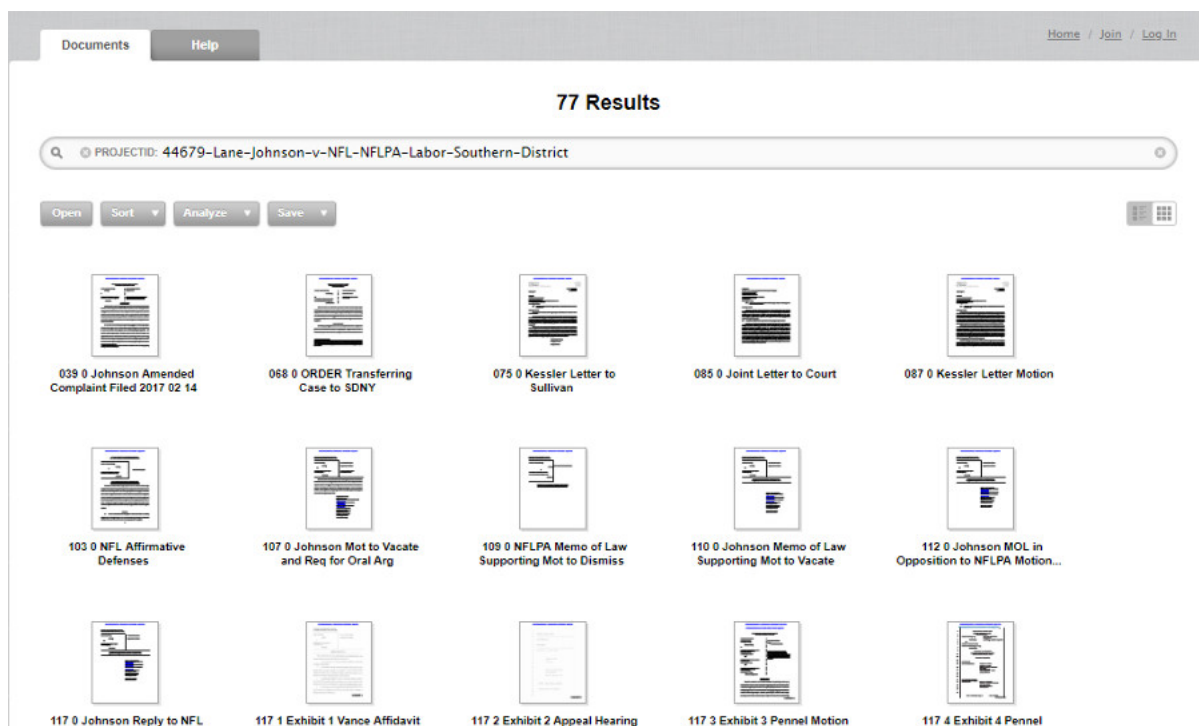
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Sorting

1. You'll need to sort the documents to make them useful and easy to navigate. Document Cloud offers several sort criteria, but the one most useful to you for our purposes is to sort by title.



You'll now see that the documents are arranged by docket number, beginning with earliest filed, and progressing chronologically.



2. The default view in Document Cloud is a grid, but you can change the view to list very easily by clicking the icon near the top right of the screen.




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
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087 0 Kessler Letter Motion

If you take a moment to glance at the bottom of the page, you'll note the number of documents in the file (in this case, 77) and the number of pages in the project (in this case 7.)



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Opening and Using Documents

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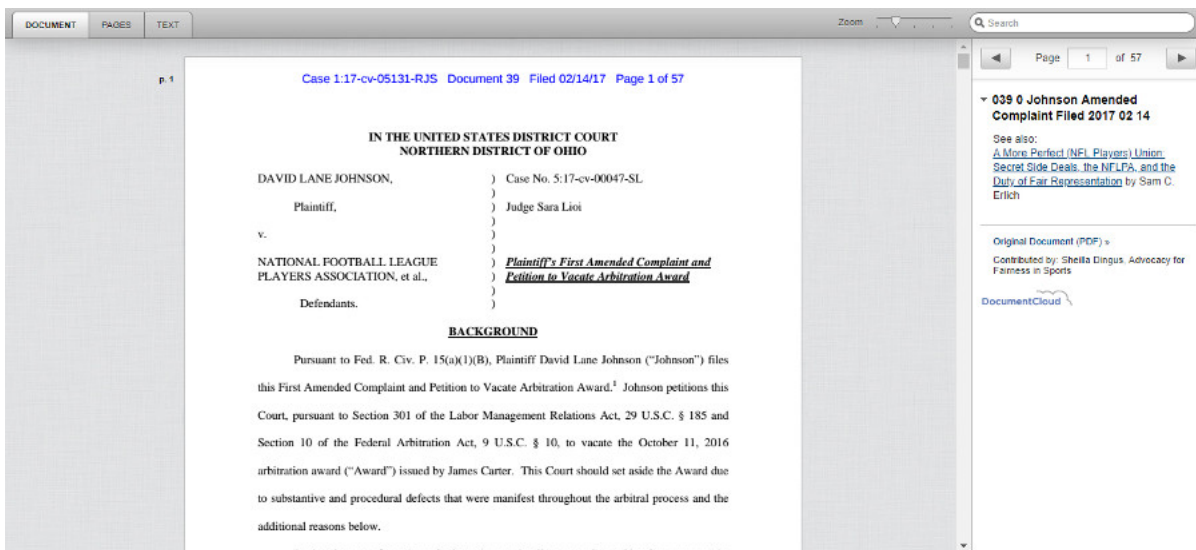
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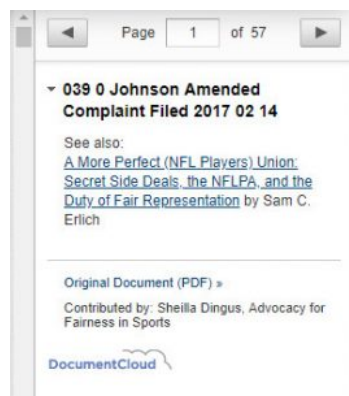


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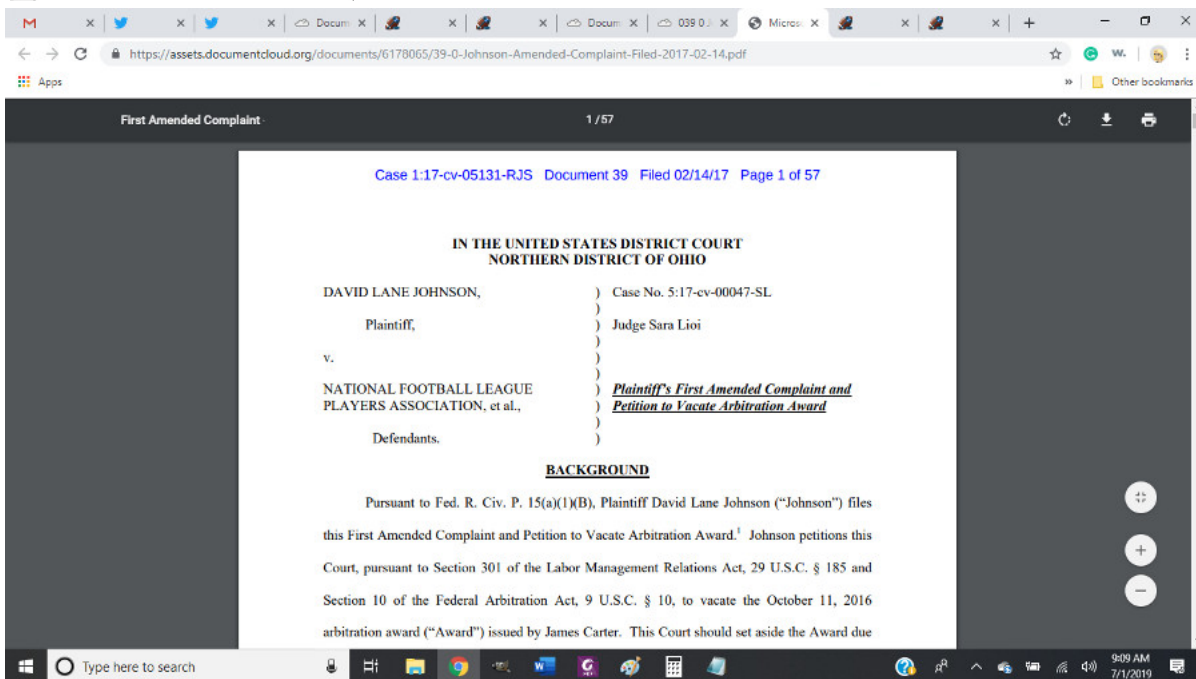


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We've also referenced a Law Review article by Sam C. Erlich that sheds light on the legal issues of Johnson's lawsuit.

You'll also see a link for the Original Document PDF. If you click this, the document will open in a new page for reading, and/or downloading.

The PDF view is the standard web interface as pictured below.



Let's take a look at another document to better illustrate some of the information we try to provide in the document details pane from the previous view.

Here I've opened Lane Johnson's Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Summary Judgment.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

David Lane Johnson,
Plaintiff,
-v-
National Football League Players
Association, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 1:17-cv-05131 (RJS)
Judge Richard J. Sullivan

*Plaintiff David Lane Johnson's Memorandum of Law
in Opposition to Defendant NFLPA's Motion for Summary Judgment*

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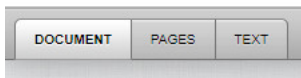
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Tab Views

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The pages view of the summary judgment document is shown below.

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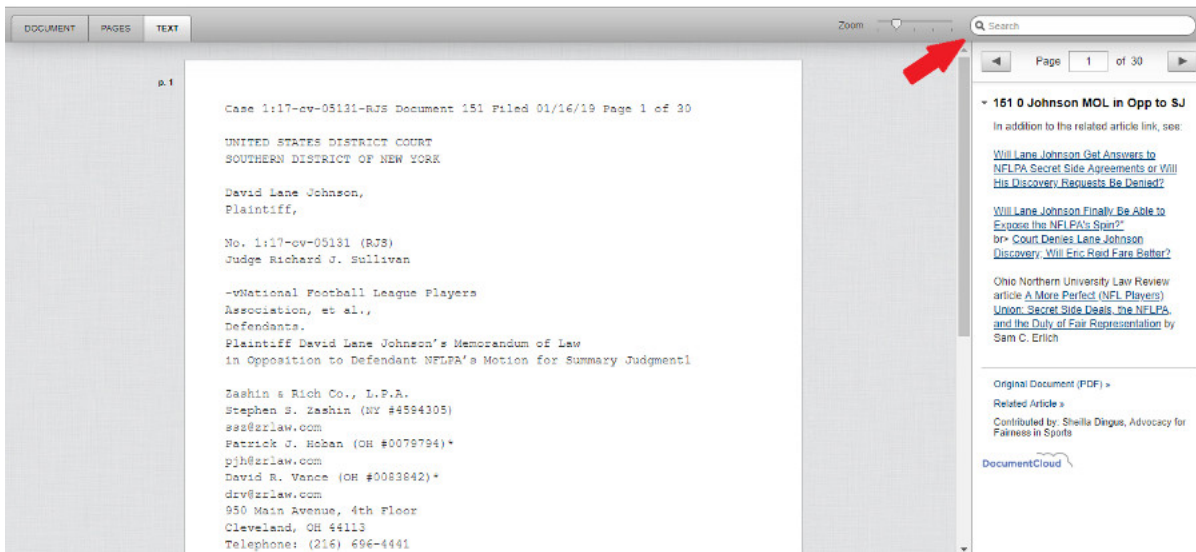
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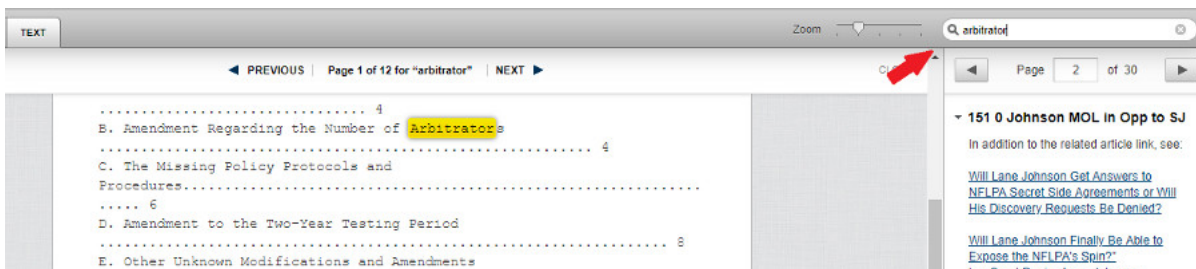
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The third tab, Text, is very useful. Clicking on it produces the searchable view below.



Notice the search box. You can type any word here and search for instances of that word in the document. Here, I searched for the word, “arbitrator.”



As you can see, the first page with the word, “arbitrator” is displayed with the word highlighted. The title bar above the document notes that “arbitrator” was found on 12 pages. You can use the previous and next arrows to navigate to each instance.

We hope you’ll find this project to be useful. It is our goal to add as many sports law cases as possible in order for you to have the convenience of finding them, along with their significant documents and other resources to accompany them. If you have documents you’d like to contribute to the project, just **contact us** (<http://advocacyforfairnessinsports.org/contact-us/>) and let us know. (There’s a spot to credit contributors.) If you’re searching for documents not shown, you can also **contact us** (<http://advocacyforfairnessinsports.org/contact-us/>) with your request, and we’ll be happy to get it up in short order if we have it. Or just drop us a line and let us know how you like the feature or if you have ideas for ways that we can improve it.

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