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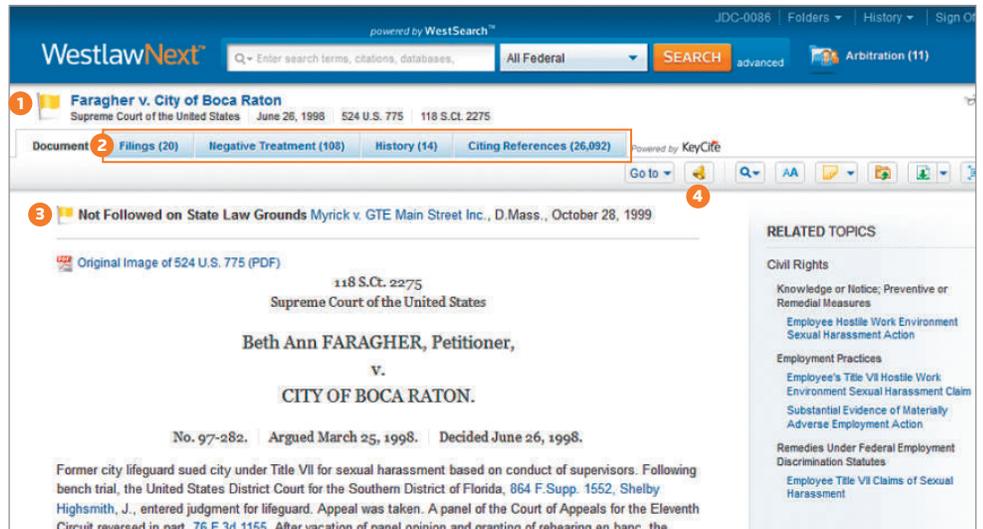
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 A **red flag** warns that the document is no longer good law for at least one of the points of law it contains.

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**1 KeyCite Flags** at the top of the document let you see at a glance the status of a case, statute, regulation, or administrative decision.

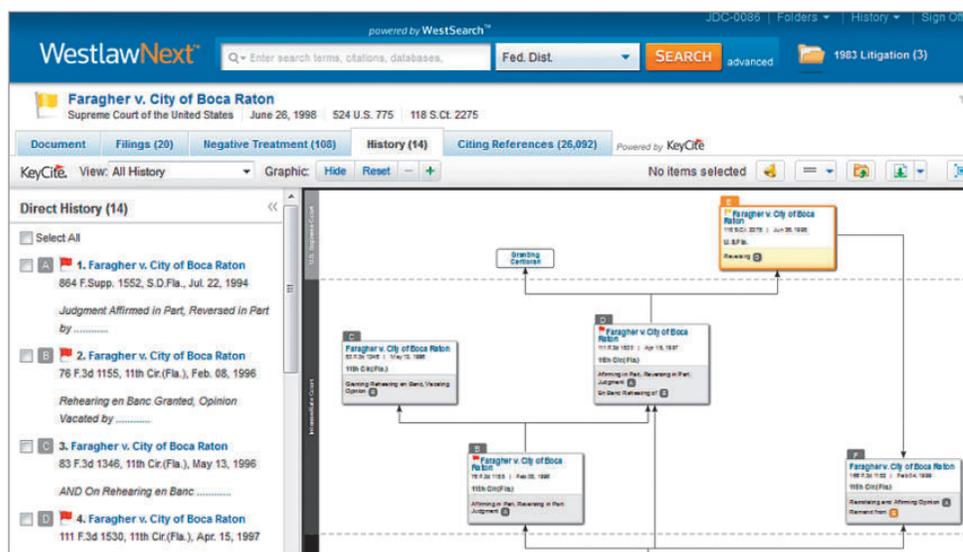
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**4 KeyCite Alert** monitors the status of your document and automatically sends you updates at the frequency you specify when KeyCite information changes.

## History Tab

The History Tab shows the history of a case, statute, regulation, or administrative decision.



**Graphical KeyCite®** offers a pictorial view of your case's history. It's the fastest way to see how a case has moved through the court system.

Similarly, **Graphical KeyCite for statutes** displays an interactive timeline that identifies when a statute changed and the documents that affected that change.

## Citing References Tab

The Citing References Tab shows how other authorities have interpreted that document. With KeyCite, you can quickly see the depth of the discussion and the topics discussed in the citing case. KeyCite supplies all the information you need to determine how a court treated a case.

### 1 Depth-of-Treatment Bars

show the extent to which the citing document discusses the cited case.

**EXAMINED** – Extended discussion of the cited case or administrative decision; usually more than a printed page of text.

**DISCUSSED** – Substantial discussion of the cited case or administrative decision; usually more than a paragraph but less than a printed page.

**CITED** – Some discussion of the cited case or administrative decision; usually less than a paragraph.

**MENTIONED** – Brief reference to the cited case or administrative decision; usually in a string citation.

### 2 Quotation Marks ””

indicate that the citing document directly quotes the cited case or administrative decision.

**3 Headnotes** indicate which point of law the citing document discusses.

## Inline KeyCite and Table of Authorities

Our exclusive inline KeyCite feature allows you to check all of the authority cited in a case or brief with one click. Then with Table of Authorities, you can quickly determine whether the underlying authority the case relies on is still good law.

**1 Show KeyCite Flags** populates cases or briefs with inline KeyCite in one click.

**2** The most negative treatment appears when you hover over a flag.

**3** Deliver inline KeyCite flags when you print, email, or download the document.

**4 Table of Authorities** displays the authorities the case relies on and KeyCite flags, allowing you to evaluate the underlying quality of the case.

## Direct and Indirect History Phrases

KeyCite editors use the language of the court to describe the history of the case. Below are definitions of some common phrases used in KeyCite history:

- **Affirmed:** Endorsed, approved, or otherwise upheld by the affirming court.
- **Affirmed on other grounds:** The outcome of the case is approved but the affirming court reaches the result for other reasons.
- **Affirmed but criticized:** The outcome of the case is approved, but the affirming court negatively comments on the reasoning of the affirmed court.
- **Affirmed in part:** Affirming court endorses, approves, or otherwise upholds part of the outcome and/or the reasoning of the affirmed court without acting on the remaining issue, result, or reasoning, as per language of the court.
- **Affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded:** Affirming court endorses, approves, or otherwise upholds part of the outcome and/or reasoning of the affirmed-in-part court, specifically acts in a negative way on part of the outcome and/or reasoning of the affirmed-in-part court, and sends the decision back for specific action by the affirmed-in-part court.
- **Reversed:** Reversing court acts in a negative way on the outcome and/or reasoning of the reversed court.
- **Appeal granted, cert. granted, review granted, appeal allowed:** Higher court agrees to review a lower court's decision; further action is expected from the higher court.
- **Abrogated:** The rule of law in the cited case is no longer good law, but the court does not expressly use the term "overruled".
- **Distinguished:** There is a difference in facts, procedural posture, or law between the two cases that compels the citing court to reach a different result than the cited case.

## KeyCite Exclusives



**Federal Notice of Appeal KeyCite flag:** KeyCite's new blue-striped flag indicates when a case has an appeal pending in federal court. The flag is designed to provide you the most up-to-date information about a case before you cite it in a brief or before a judge. KeyCite is the only citator service that provides federal appeals notification.

This new flag is fully integrated with dockets. A link to the docket appears at the top of the case to give you an opportunity to further investigate. You also have the option to set up a KeyCite alert to receive alerts and monitor the case.

The new blue-striped flag:

- Warns that the case has been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court
- Appears in the results list and at the top of a case
- Is neutral and will not appear in the Negative treatment tab
- Appears in the History tab and Graphical KeyCite
- Is removed when a decision is reached by the reviewing court

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