

KeyCite® Direct History in Graphical View

When you use KeyCite, West’s citation research service, you can display the direct history of a case, which traces the case through the appellate process, in an easy-to-read graphical view. The graphical view of direct history places every reversal, rehearing, reconsideration, denial of certiorari, or other action in a case in context. As a result, the graphical view can be a huge time-saver when you need to know the history of a case.

Displaying the Graphical View

While viewing a case or its KeyCite history result in text view, click **Direct History (Graphical View)** on the Links tab (Figure 1). The complete direct history result is displayed (Figure 2). The case you are checking in KeyCite is clearly marked, and arrows clarify the route of the case through the courts. Both prior and subsequent history of the case is displayed, with each court decision referenced in a box at the appropriate trial or appellate level.

Depending on the complexity of the direct history, the display may be reduced in size to give you an overview of the complete direct history. You can enlarge the display by clicking the plus (+) symbol in the upper-left corner or by typing a percentage in the text box and clicking **Go**.

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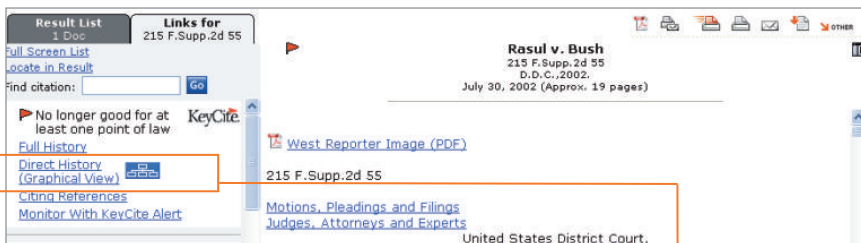


Figure 1. Direct History (Graphical View) link in a displayed case

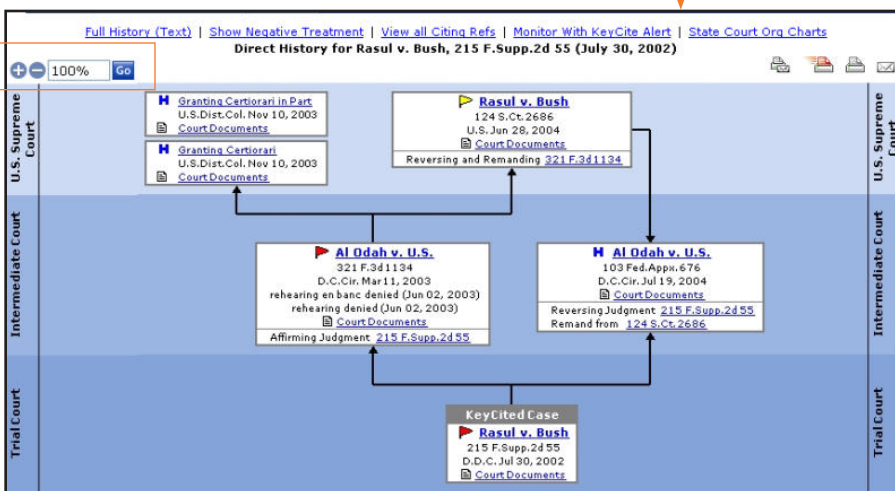


Figure 2. KeyCite direct history in graphical view

