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Q-Dex On-Line Content:

- Indexed Abstracts of significant Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC) Decisions 1985 to current. Abstracts are short synopses of the Courts' findings and are indexed by issues. This is explained in more detail below.
- Indexed Abstracts of all Illinois Appellate & Supreme Court WC Decisions 2004-current & select prior
- All IWCC case copies in PDF format 1999-current, prior cases 1981-1998 available via email
- All Illinois Appellate & Supreme Court WC case copies 2004-current & select prior
- Citation to Appellate and Supreme Court decisions within abstracts if case has been appealed, including Rule 23 Orders
- Easy to read Rate Sheets
- WC Act & OD Act/Word Searchable
- 3 Query/Search Options:
 - a. Field Search (patterned after the **Q-Dex**[®] book format, indexed-abstract searches)
 - b. Abstract Word Search (search a word or phrase across the breadth of our abstracts)
 - c. Case Copy Word Search (search a word or phrase across the breadth of on-line decisions)

Citation Formats:

Commission Level:	2019-0001	is	Jody Panega v. Mr. Bult's Inc., Qdex 2019-0001, 19 IWCC 0001
Appellate Court:	2019-2-01	is	Euclind Beverage v. IWCC, Qdex 2019-2-01, 2019 IL App(2d) 180090WC
Supreme Court:	2016-1-01	is	Bayer v. Panduit Corporation, Qdex 2016-1-01, 2016 IL 119553
Appellate Rule 23:	R2019-001	is	Smith v. IWCC, Qdex R2019-001, 2019 IL App(3d) 180251WC-U

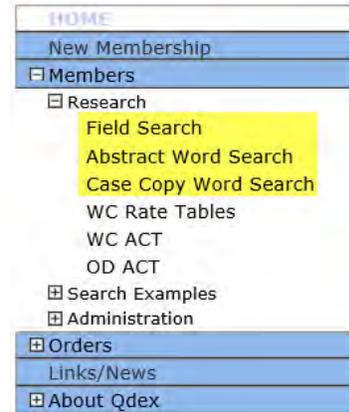


How to research:

Use the blue column on the left of the screen to navigate through the system
Click on “Members/Research”

The first 3 Entries are the search options:

1. Field Search
2. Abstract Word Search
3. Case Copy Word Search



Search Option One: FIELD SEARCH

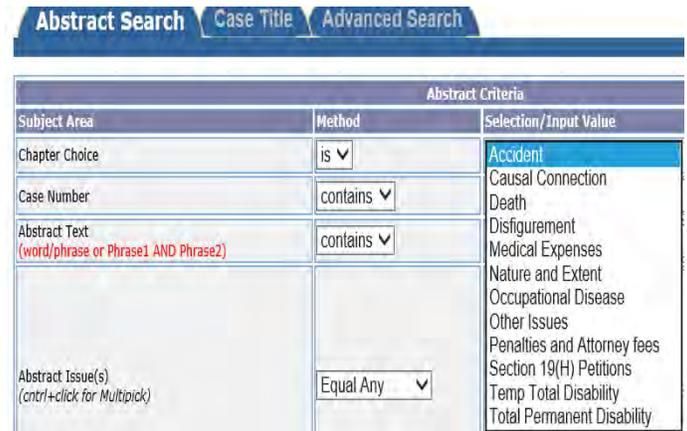
This search is structured similarly to the traditional *Q-Dex* book layout. Screen shots of completed queries/searches are below.

1. In left blue column, click on *Members/Research/Field Search*
2. Three tabs will appear on the screen
 - a. Abstract Search
 - b. Case Title
 - c. Advanced Search

FIELD SEARCH: ABSTRACT SEARCH (First Tab)

Most often used. Structured similarly to the books.

3. Following are the steps to create a search/query:
 - a. **Primary Issue: Chapter Choice** First select the primary issue. This is the first level of indexing.
 - i. Primary Issue options are:
 1. Accident
 2. Causal Connection
 3. Death
 4. Disfigurement
 5. Medical Expenses
 6. Nature & Extent (PPD awards)
 7. Occupational Disease
 8. Other Issues
 9. Penalties & Attorney’s Fees
 10. Section 19(h) Petitions
 11. Temporary Total Disability
 12. Total & Permanent Disability





b. Enter Other Parameters (See screen shot below)

i. Years to Search: Case Number

1. The default search is for all years of data (1985-current). It is not necessary to enter parameters on this line. The searches are quick, but if you wish to limit the search you may.
2. Example: Only decisions since 2000 are wanted.
 1. Case Number Line:
 - i. Choose the operator by clicking the down arrow to the right of the word “Contains”
 - ii. Operator options include “after”, “before”, “between”
 - iii. Choose the operator “after”
 - iv. In the first rectangular box enter the 4-digit year followed by a dash (2000-). No value is needed in the second box; the search defaults to current.
 - v. If using the operator “between” to request cases only from 2000, enter 2000- in the first box and 2001- in the second

ii. Abstract Text:

1. Words or phrases contained in our abstracts may be added to the search.
2. In most instances, this parameter is not necessary as we’ve already indexed the data by primary issue and key secondary issues.
3. If words or phrases are entered, simply use the operator “and”.
4. Example: typing and repetitive trauma (the system will return abstracts with the word “typing” and the phrase “repetitive trauma”)

iii. Abstract Issues:

1. Next level of indexing. This enables finding on-point research quickly.
2. Specific issues related to the primary issue
3. Each Issues table/menu is unique for each primary issue/chapter
4. You may select an issue(s) from the box, but the most efficient method is to use the “Search Issue” box positioned immediately under the issues box.
5. Type a word in that box, and every entry for that word appears in a drop-down box. Click on an issue from the list and it will appear in the search box. To select more issues for the search, type the word again and select again.

iv. Abstract Compensable:

1. Search may be limited to compensable or non-compensable holdings. Default is to search for both.

c. Submit Query Box is at the bottom left, just under the “search box”. A circular graph will appear to let you know the search/query has been submitted.

Abstract Criteria		
Subject Area	Method	Selection/Input Value
Chapter Choice	is	Accident
Case Number	contains	TO:(opt)
Abstract Text <small>(word/phrase or Phrase1 AND Phrase2)</small>	contains	
Abstract Issue(s) <small>(ctrl+click for Multiple)</small>	Equal Any	Abuse/Verbal Accident Description Accident Reenactment Acid Fumes/Inhalation Acquiescence Search Issue
Abstract Compensable(Pick one)	is	N/A No Yes <small>Default includes BOTH "YES" and "NO".</small>



d. Answer Page:

- i. After the search/query has been submitted the screen will refresh, momentarily going to white. The results will then appear in the Answer Page.
- ii. This result can be resorted by any of the column headings: case year (decision number), issue or description.
- iii. Scroll down the Answer Page to review all relevant abstracts.
- iv. The full Answer Page may be printed by clicking on the “Print Page” button at the top right of the page.

e. Retrieving PDF Case Copy:

- i. To access the PDF case copy or citation information, click on the underlined chapter title to the left of the case number that you wish to see.
- ii. This “drill down” will show the citation information and provides a PDF link in the upper right corner to access the case copy. The case copy may also be printed.
- iii. To close the PDF locate, on the on upper left of your browser tool-bar, the tab entitled either “qdex.com” or the case number or the case title. Click the “x” following it. To return to the original answer page, either click on “previous page” on the drill-down screen or click on your browser back arrow

Example Search:

The employee fell off a rolling chair while at work, which they claim was defective. Is this an accident arising out of and in the course of the employment? Case law since the year 2000 is needed.

Select the search parameters, Method, Selection/Input Value. You may multipick options with Control Key and Mouse Click.

Abstract Search Case Title Advanced Search

Abstract Criteria		
Subject Area	Method	Selection/Input Value
Chapter Choice	is	Accident
Case Number	after	2000- TO(opt)
Abstract Text <i>(word/phrase or Phrase1 AND Phrase2)</i>	contains	
Abstract Issue(s) <i>(ctrl+click for Multipick)</i>	Equal Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair/Defective Chair/Elevated Chair/Pulling Chair/Rising From Chair/Rolling
Abstract Compensable(Pick one)	is	N/A No Yes <small>Default includes BOTH "YES" and "NO"</small>

Search Issue: Chair/Adjusting x Chair/Rolling x chai *

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Chapter	Case	Issue	Description
1-Accident	2017-0350	Chair/Rolling	Compensable/ Petitioner, a nurse tech, testified she was in an operating room at the control desk standing behind a clerk who was seated on a rolling chair/ As petitioner began to walk out of the area, the clerk pushed her chair back and petitioner's foot was caught under the chair's rolling wheels, causing petitioner to fall/ Risks are either: 1. directly associated with the employment; 2. personal to the employee; or, 3. neutral/ Neutral risks are compensable only if the employee is exposed to the risk to a greater degree than is the general public/ The increased risk may be qualitative (some aspect of the employment contributes to the risk) or quantitative (employee is exposed to a common risk more frequently than is the general public)/ In this case petitioner was qualitatively exposed to a greater risk of injury due to her employment/ The Arbitrator's finding that the accident did not arise out of the employment was reversed.
1-Accident	2017-0271	Chair/Rolling	Compensable/ Petitioner, who worked for a school district, was moving from child to child while seated on a rolling stool/ The stool got caught in a carpet seam, causing an abrupt stop/ She twisted her knee and felt a pull in it/ No evidence was presented showing petitioner was symptomatic before the incident/ The medical records corroborate petitioner's testimony about how the accident occurred/ Petitioner's injury arose out of and in the course of her work for respondent and is compensable.
1-Accident	2016-2-19	Fall/Chair	Not compensable/ (Noonan v. IWCC, App.Ct. 2016) Petitioner, a clerk, was sitting in a rolling chair at work when he dropped his pen/ Due to a prior work-related back surgery, he had to bend sideways to pick it up, at which time the chair slid out from under him and he landed on his hand, injuring it/ To be compensable, the risk of injury must either be peculiar to the work or a neutral risk but one to which the employee is exposed to a greater degree than is the general public [See: Orsini v. Industrial Commission, Qdex 1987-1-01, 117 Ill.2d 38]/ If the risk is one the employee would be equally exposed to outside of work or if the risk is personal to the employee, it is not compensable [See: Caterpillar Tractor Company v. Industrial Comm'n, Qdex 1989-1-01, 129 Ill.2d 52]/ Accordingly, these risks are categorized as: 1. risks distinctly associated with the work; 2. risks personal to the employee; and, 3. neutral risks with no particular employment or personal aspects [See: Metropolitan Water Reclamation Dist. v. IWCC, Qdex 2011-2-03, 407 Ill.App.3d 1010]/ Injuries due to neutral risks are compensable only if the employment exposed the employee either quantitatively (more frequently) or qualitatively (an aspect of the work contributed to the risk) to an increased risk of injury over that to which the general public is exposed [Id.]/ In this case, the act of reaching to the floor to pick up a pen was not "distinctly associated" with petitioner's employment and there was no showing of a premises-related defect that increased his risk/ Further, as his prior work injury was to his back and this one was to his hand, this injury did not involve a "progression" of the prior back injury [Compare: Interlake, Inc. v. IIC, 161 Ill.App.3d 704 (1987)] and no evidence was presented that bending to the side increased petitioner's risk of falling/ Accordingly, the risk of falling from his chair while picking up a pen was a neutral risk and petitioner failed to establish his work increased his risk of injury beyond that to which the general public is exposed. (Justice Holdridge specially concurring) (Justice Stewart dissenting).



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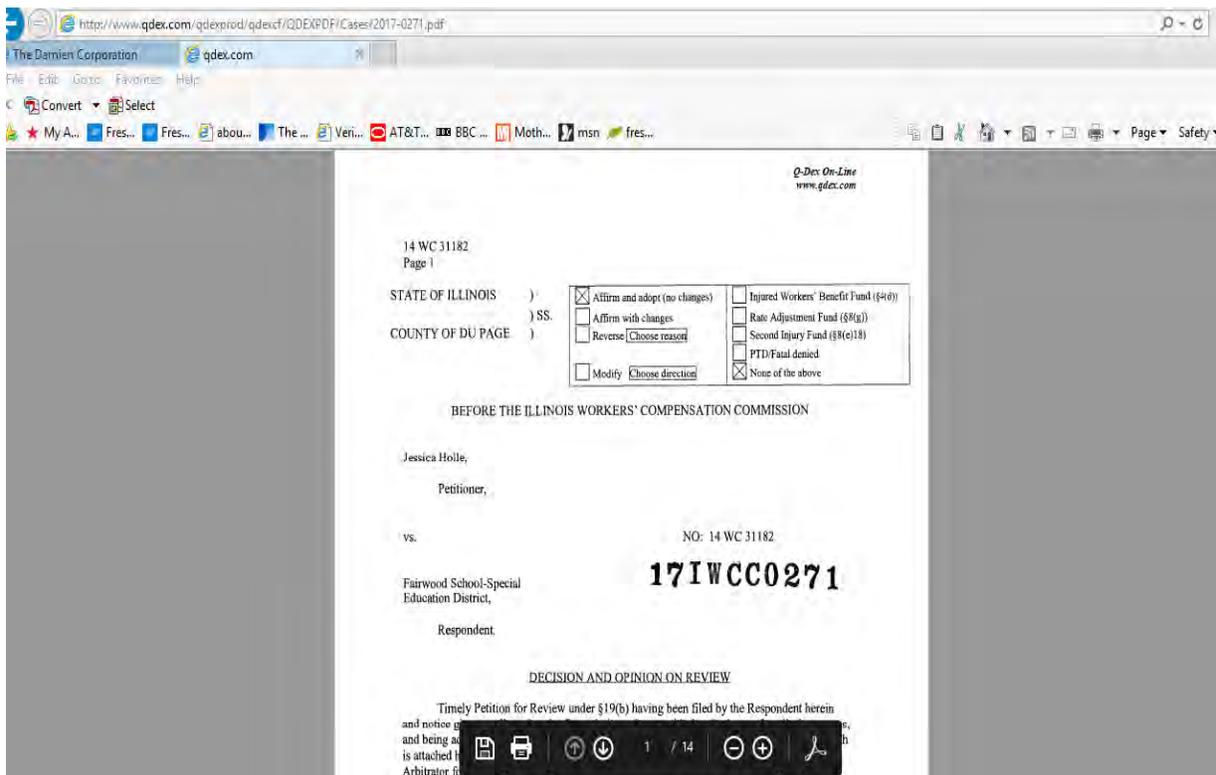
Chapter 1-Accident

Issues: Compensable:

Compensable/ Petitioner, a 44-year old office worker, testified she usually used a secretarial-type chair with regular wheels that had operated without incident on the plastic mat under her desk/ On the accident date, however, her chair was broken and she was instructed to get a different one from the Director's room/ The director-type chairs in that room, which was carpeted, had rolling balls for wheels/ While sitting at her workstation in the director-type chair, petitioner wheeled herself around to face the computer and scooted toward it as was her normal custom/ The chair moved more freely and swiftly on the plastic mat than her former chair causing the chair to slide out from under petitioner who fell to the floor/ Petitioner's injury arose out of and in the course of her employment.

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NATURE & EXTENT SEARCH/QUERY

The Nature & Extent search is a bit different from the others. The basic logic remains the same, but the Abstract Text Search option is used more extensively.

1. Select Members/Research/Field Search from the left blue bar on the Home Screen.
2. Select “Chapter” Nature & Extent. The following search/query form appears:

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Instructions:
Select the search parameters, Method, Selection/Input Value. You may multipick options with Control Key and Mouse Click.

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Abstract Criteria		
Subject Area	Method	Selection/Input Value
Chapter Choice	is	Nature and Extent
Case Number	contains	<input type="text"/> TO:(opt) <input type="text"/>
Abstract Text (word/phrase or Phrase1 AND Phrase2)	contains	<input type="text"/>
Abstract BodyPart(s)	Equal Any	Abdomen Abdomen/Groin Arm Arm/Elbow Search Issue
Abstract Occupation(s)	Equal Any	"A" Operator A Cell Operator Absentee Person Account Manager Search Issue

Submit Query

3. Enter “Case Number” parameters if desired.
4. “Abstract Text” box:
 - a. type the root form of the conditions. Using the root word will enable you to retrieve relevant data regardless of the words’ format in our database.
 - b. After each word/root word, click on the space bar, type the word “and” (no quotation marks), click space bar and enter next word or phrase.
 - c. *For example:* A lumbar herniation with surgery and work restrictions:
 - i. Enter: hern and surg and restrict
 - d. Or, if there’s an unusual term, like “seroma”, enter only that
5. Select a body part or parts from the “Abstract Body Part” table.
 - a. The search box under the body part table may be used to select one or more body parts. If selecting from the Body Part box itself, click on the desired body part. To select multiple parts, hold the control key and click on the additional body parts.



- b. For the lumbar herniation example, Select: Back/L.
 - c. If using an unusual term, try searching first without selecting a body part to get as many answers as possible
6. Occupation: An occupation may be selected to add to the search parameters. But be aware that the IL courts do not use an official guide for defining jobs and we use the term employed in the four-corners of the decision.
7. Submit the query

Structured Nature & Extent Search/Query:

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Abstract Search | Case Title | Advanced Search

Abstract Criteria		
Subject Area	Method	Selection / Input Value
Chapter Choice	is	Nature and Extent
Case Number	contains	TO:(opt)
Abstract Text <small>(word/phrase or Phrase1 AND Phrase2)</small>	contains	herniat and surg and restrict
Abstract BodyPart(s)	Equal Any	Back/C/L Back/C/T Back/C/T/L Back/L Search Issue Back/L ✖
Abstract Occupation(s)	Equal Any	"A" Operator A Cell Operator Absentee Person Account Manager Search Issue

Submit Query



Nature & Extent Answer Page:

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Home	6-Nature and Extent	0784	Back/L	45.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Chemonucleolysis/ Restricted Work/ Not Working
New Membership	6-Nature and Extent	1997-0525	Back/L	50.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Discectomy/ Hemilaminectomy/ Restricted Work/ Job Change/ Wage Loss/ Lifestyle Change
Members	6-Nature and Extent	2011-0652	Back/L	45.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Fixation/ Restricted Work/ Job Change [Rule 23, Commission Affirmed; Sunrise Assisted Living v. IWCC, Qdex R2013-008, Ill.App.No. 2-12-0424WC]
Research	6-Nature and Extent	1991-2466	Back/L	25.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Foraminotomy/ Positive Straight Leg Raise/ Impaired Motion/ Restricted Work
Abstract Word Search	6-Nature and Extent	2003-0106	Back/L	45.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Fusion With Bone Graft & Fixation/ Medication Induced Gastric Ulcer, Esophageal Ulcer & Hiatal Hernia/ Surgery/ On-Going Medication For Ulcers/ Atrophy/ Left Thigh/ Impaired Sleep, Motion & Sensation/ Restricted Work/ Lifestyle Change
Case Copy Word Search	6-Nature and Extent	1996-0753	Back/L	40.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Impaired Motion/ Restricted Work/ Job Change
WC Rate Tables	6-Nature and Extent	2008-0961	Back/L	45.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Impaired Motion/ Restricted Work/ Job Change/ Wage Loss
WC ACT	6-Nature and Extent	1995-0018	Back/L	50.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Laminectomy & Foraminotomy/ Nerve Root Impingement/ Muscle Spasms/ TENS Unit/ Brace/ Impaired Motion & Sensation/ Restricted Work/ Job Change/ No Return To Work
OD ACT	6-Nature and Extent	1999-0503	Back/L	32.50	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Positive Patrick's Test/ Impaired Strength/ Hip Flexor/ Restricted Work/ Lifestyle Change
Search Examples	6-Nature and Extent	2008-0999	Back/L	22.50	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ RACZ Procedure(2)/ Restricted Lifting
Administration	6-Nature and Extent	2001-0306	Back/L	70.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Radiculopathy/ Facet Arthropathy/ Neural Foramina Compression/ Spondylolisthesis-Grade I/ Stenosis/ Scar Formation/ Weather Sensitivity/ Restricted Work/ Not Working (Commissioner Stevenson Dissenting)
Orders	6-Nature and Extent	2005-0566	Back/L	45.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Radiculopathy/ Medication/ Restricted Work/ Lifestyle Change (Commissioner Ulrich Dissenting)
Links/News	6-Nature and Extent	2008-0069	Back/L	45.00	-	Disc/ Herniated(2)/ Surgery(2)/ Restricted Work
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- 600 entries matched the search criteria. The Answer Page was returned in less than 1 minute.
- Answer Page can be sorted by decision year, body part, Man as a Whole (MAW) §8(d)2 award, Loss of Use (LOU) §8(e) award or description.
- In Nature & Extent, sorting on the “Description” column is very helpful. We try to be consistent in how we enter injury descriptions so that similar conditions fall together.
- If an AMA rating has been submitted in the case, even if it was 0%, it will be included at the end of the abstract

CHAPTERS WITH MORE THAN ONE SEARCH BOX:

- Some chapters have more than one search box.
 - For example
 - “Other Issues” has both an Issue and Sub-Issue search box
 - “Total & Permanent” has both a Condition and Cause search box.
- In these chapters we recommend you search with one box at a time to allow for the most successful searches.

Example: Other Issues Search/Query:

How do the courts analyze AMA Guides rating evidence? (screen shots follow)



Other Issues Search/Query Structure Example:

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Instructions:
Select the search parameters, Method, Selection/Input Value. You may multipick options with Control Key and Mouse Click.

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Abstract Criteria		
Subject Area	Method	Selection/Input Value
Chapter Choice	is ▼	Other Issues ▼
Case Number	contains ▼	TO:(cpt)
Abstract Text (word/phrase or Phrase1 AND Phrase2)	contains ▼	
Abstract Issue(s) (ctrl+click for Multipick)	Equal Any ▼	Aliens/Death Benefits Alternative Findings AMA Guides AMA Rating Amended Application Search Issue <input type="text" value="AMA Guides ✕"/>
Abstract SubIssue(s)	Equal Any ▼	45 Day Rule 48 Hour Rule 100% MAW Award 2nd Injury Fund/Effect Search Issue <input type="text"/>



Answer Page:

Chapter	Case	Issue	Sub Issue	Description
8-Other Issues	2018-0655	AMA Guides	Section 8.1b	Petitioner injured his right shoulder at work, sought treatment, and was released with permanent restrictions/ The Arbitrator considered the factors of Section 8.1(b) as follows: Regarding (i), there was a 9% UEI rating, which translated to a 5% WPI impairment rating/ The MD's "quick-dash" score of 65.9 was submitted but the report was not provided, nor did the MD include loss of range of motion or any other measurements to establish the nature and extent of the impairment/ The Arbitrator gave this factor little weight/ Regarding (ii), occupation, petitioner was initially employed as a press operator had permanent restrictions from this accident which were accommodated/ The Arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ Considering (iii), petitioner was 58 years of age at the time of the accident, and as he may feel the effects of his shoulder injury to a greater degree than a younger worker, and as he may be nearing the end of his work-life expectancy, the Arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ Regarding (iv), petitioner's future earning capacity, at the time of hearing petitioner was earning the same as he was at the time of accident, and no evidence showed any loss of future earnings/ The Arbitrator gave this factor no weight/ Regarding (v), The Arbitrator noted that the MD's final notes showed petitioner's symptoms and clinical findings persisted, as did limitations during his orthopedic examination/ The MD opined petitioner may need a future surgery/ The Arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ The Arbitrator awarded petitioner 15% MAW.
8-Other Issues	2018-0655	AMA Guides	Disability Determination	Petitioner injured his right shoulder at work, sought treatment, and was released with permanent restrictions/ The Arbitrator considered the factors of Section 8.1(b) as follows: Regarding (i), there was a 9% UEI rating, which translated to a 5% WPI impairment rating/ The MD's "quick-dash" score of 65.9 was submitted but the report was not provided, nor did the MD include loss of range of motion or any other measurements to establish the nature and extent of the impairment/ The Arbitrator gave this factor little weight/ Regarding (ii), occupation, petitioner was initially employed as a press operator had permanent restrictions from this accident which were accommodated/ The Arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ Considering (iii), petitioner was 58 years of age at the time of the accident, and as he may feel the effects of his shoulder injury to a greater degree than a younger worker, and as he may be nearing the end of his work-life expectancy, the Arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ Regarding (iv), petitioner's future earning capacity, at the time of hearing petitioner was earning the same as he was at the time of accident, and no evidence showed any loss of future earnings/ The Arbitrator gave this factor no weight/ Regarding (v), The Arbitrator noted that the MD's final notes showed petitioner's symptoms and clinical findings persisted, as did limitations during his orthopedic examination/ The MD opined petitioner may need a future surgery/ The Arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ The Arbitrator awarded petitioner 15% MAW.
8-Other Issues	2018-0512	AMA Guides	Section 8.1b	Petitioner suffered a fractured arm at work that left her with a shortened arm, CRPS, impaired strength and impaired motion/ The Arbitrator considered the factors of Section 8.1b as follows/ The AMA impairment rating of 5% of the upper extremity was the maximum available for the elbow fracture, and greater weight was given this factor/ Petitioner occupation as creative director was not heavy or physical but does require extensive use of the right arm and hand/ Petitioner testified that she has difficulty performing her regular duty tasks/ The arbitrator gave this factor some weight/ Petitioner was 50 years of age at the time of accident and would not be considered either a younger or older worker, but would be expected to remain in the workforce for an extended period/ Some weight was given this factor/ Petitioner remained in her regular duty position with respondent, and had not received any complaints about her work, and has received pay raises/ Given this, the arbitrator gave no weight to the factor dealing with earning capacity/ Evidence of petitioner's disability was corroborated by treating medical records, and those same records document continued loss of range of motion and strength/ Petitioner has ongoing pain complaints/ Because of these facts, the arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ The Arbitrator awarded petitioner 25% LOU of the arm/ The Commission modified the award to 30% LOU of the arm.
8-Other Issues	2018-0512	AMA Guides	Disability Determination	Petitioner suffered a fractured arm at work that left her with a shortened arm, CRPS, impaired strength and impaired motion/ The Arbitrator considered the factors of Section 8.1b as follows/ The AMA impairment rating of 5% of the upper extremity was the maximum available for the elbow fracture, and greater weight was given this factor/ Petitioner occupation as creative director was not heavy or physical but does require extensive use of the right arm and hand/ Petitioner testified that she has difficulty performing her regular duty tasks/ The arbitrator gave this factor some weight/ Petitioner was 50 years of age at the time of accident and would not be considered either a younger or older worker, but would be expected to remain in the workforce for an extended period/ Some weight was given this factor/ Petitioner remained in her regular duty position with respondent, and had not received any complaints about her work, and has received pay raises/ Given this, the arbitrator gave no weight to the factor dealing with earning capacity/ Evidence of petitioner's disability was corroborated by treating medical records, and those same records document continued loss of range of motion and strength/ Petitioner has ongoing pain complaints/ Because of these facts, the arbitrator gave this factor greater weight/ The Arbitrator awarded petitioner 25% LOU of the arm/ The Commission modified the award to 30% LOU of the arm.
8-Other Issues	2018-0413	AMA Guides	Section 8.1b	Petitioner fell from a ladder and suffered an acute, mild compression fracture at T9-12 and an acute burst fracture at T11-12/ A pelvis CT showed an acute, left inferior sacral and iliac fractures/ He testified to continued low back stiffness with bending and a limited range of hip motion/ An AMA Impairment Rating (IR) of 3% WPI for the back injury and 1% LEI for the hip were provided, however that rating does not take into account the

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1. Allows for quick retrieval of a case copy. Use one or combination of the below criteria to search.

Example: Need case copy for 19 IWCC 0200

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Case Criteria						
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Cases Ruling Court(s)	Equal Any	Appellate Court IWCC/IIC Court Supreme Court				
Cases CaseName	contains					
Cases Arbitrator(s)	Equal Any	Akemann, Peter Anderson Andros, George Barasa, Bernard L.				
Cases Plaintiff(s)	Equal Any	Aberholden & Traunfeld Acevedo, Roberto Law Office Acever & Perez PC Aceves, Luis A. & Assoc PC				
Cases Defense(s)	Equal Any	Abderholden & Traunfeld Accident Fund Group Accident Fund Holdings Accident Holdings, Inc.				
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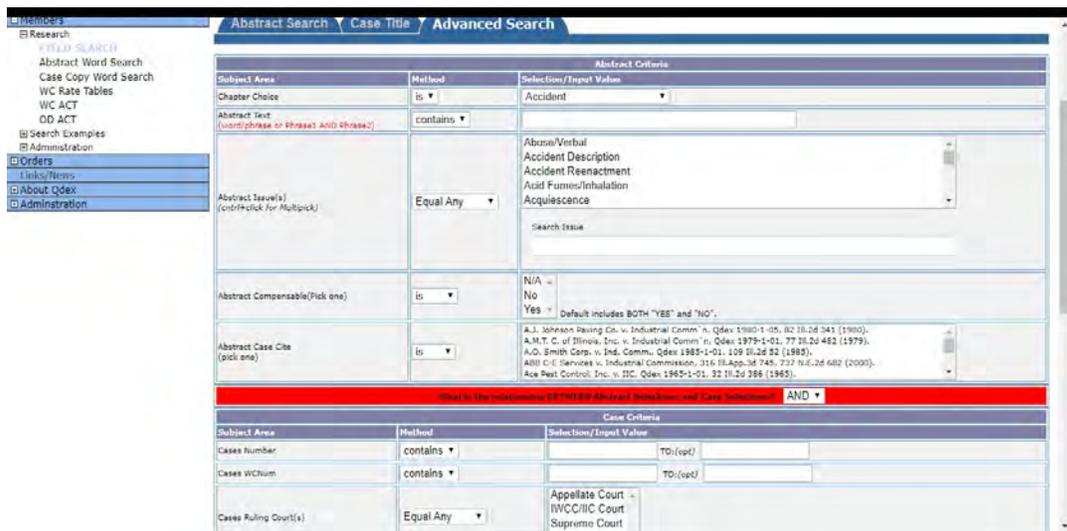
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CasesNum	WCNum	Case Name		Abstract
2019-0200	12-31334	Denise Wakefield v. Peoria Public School District 150, Qdex: 2019-0200		
Arbitrator-Gallagher, William		Plaintiff-Strong Law Office	Defense-Kelly, Stephen P.	View Scanned PDF of Case
Commission Panel: Coppoletti, L. Elizabeth (ER) Mathis, Stephen (Public) McCarthy, Douglas (EE)				



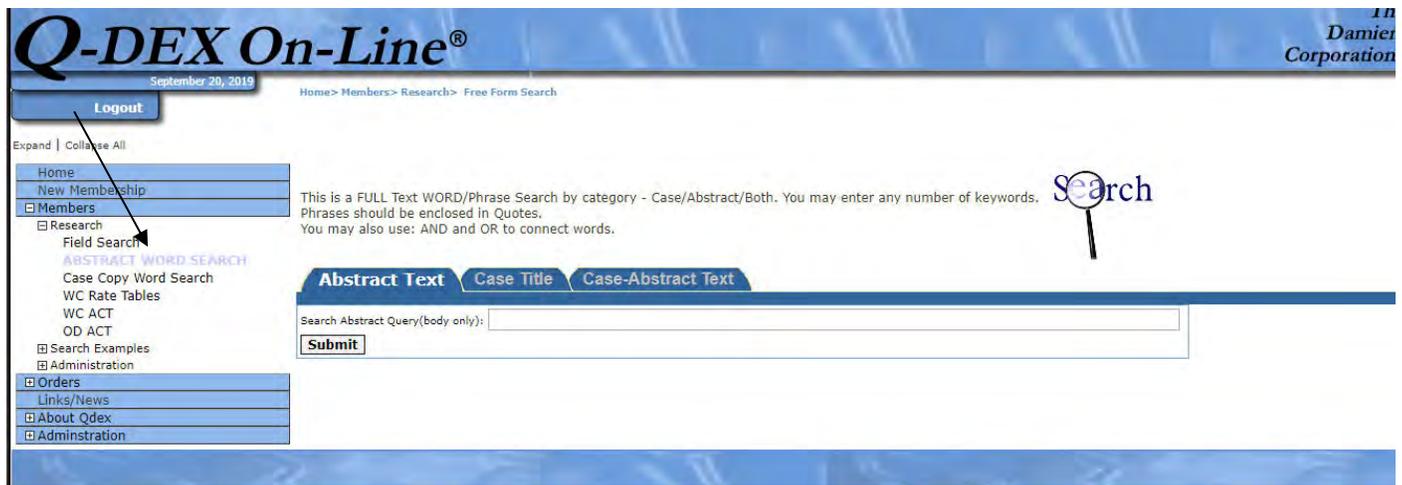
FIELD SEARCH: ADVANCED SEARCH (Third Tab)

1. Allows a combination of the first two queries. For example, it allows a joining of the Nature & Extent lumbar herniation search with any of the above listed Case Title parameters such as an Arbitrator's name. Caution: the Arbitrator's decisions found in the search will only be those appealed to and decided by the Commission level.



Search Option Two: ABSTRACT WORD SEARCH

1. This is the second search/query option in the left blue column:





Abstract Word Search: Global search for a word or phrase used in abstracts/synopses

1. **Abstract Text** (first tab):

- a. returns an answer page with the start of every abstract in which the word or phrase is found
- b. best for unusual terms, for instance “seroma” or “strangulation”
- c. To demonstrate the different answer pages between Abstract Text and Case-Abstract Text, the search term for this example will be “interstate scaffolding”

Search/Query:

This is a FULL Text WORD/Phrase Search by category - Case/Abstract/Both. You may enter any number of keywords. Phrases should be enclosed in Quotes. You may also use: AND and OR to connect words.

Abstract Text Case Title Case-Abstract Text

Search Abstract Query(body only):

Answer Page

- d. Contains the first line of every abstract in which the term “interstate scaffolding” appears. To read the full abstract, click on the underlined text.

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Search Result(s)

Score	Title
1.467948	Petitioner was a bakery worker who was injured on the job/ She was treated and released with work re Denied/ Petitioner was allegedly fired for cause, although the Arbitrator was not certain that was t
1.4531943	Denied/ Petitioner, a 65-year-old surgical nurse, had informed respondent prior to this accident the
1.27128	Denied/ Petitioner, a 65-year-old surgical nurse, had informed respondent prior to this accident the
1.27128	Allowed/ Petitioner, a CNA, was injured at work while transferring a patient/ While still recovering
1.245595	Allowed/ Petitioner was injured at work and was undergoing treatment for that injury/ Respondent sto
1.245595	Allowed/ Petitioner was injured at work and was undergoing treatment for that injury/ Respondent sto
1.245595	Allowed/ Petitioner was a bakery worker who was injured on the job/ She was treated and released wit
1.245595	Allowed/ Petitioner, an LPN, was injured at work, sought treatment for the aggravation of her ore-ax
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1.0379959	(Interstate Scaffolding v. IWCC, S.Ct. 2010). Prior to reaching maximum medical improvement (MMI), an
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1.0379959	Allowed/ Respondent terminated petitioner for cause after her return to work but before she had reac
1.0379959	Allowed/ Petitioner was injured at work, received treatment and returned to full duty work/ His pain

2. **Case-Abstract Text** (third tab):

- a. Searches both abstracts and case title information for the word or phrase
- b. Answer page provides case title information and a list of every abstract entered for the case across all chapters
- c. Best use is to get an overview of the issues we determined to be of most value in the case.



- d. Example, again the term “interstate scaffolding” is used.
- e. Answer Page is a list of case titles. Click on the case title to drill down.

Search/Query:

Answer Page:

1. Lists all case titles in which the term “interstate scaffolding” appears in either the case title or the abstract.
2. Click on the case title to drill down for more information. *[For Interstate Scaffolding: Appellate Court decision is listed 9 lines down with the notation that it was appealed. Supreme Court seminal Supreme Court decision is on the 18th line]*



1. Drill Down: Contains case title information and every abstract entered for the case across all chapters providing an overview

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CasesNum	WCNum			
2010-1-01	03-45987			Interstate Scaffolding, v. IWCC, Qdex 2010-1-01, 236 Ill.2d 132 (2010).
Arbitrator-Hennessy, Leo	Judge-Burke, Anne M. S.Ct. 1st Dist. 2007	Plaintiff-Horwitz, Horwitz & Associates	Defense-Cook, William J. & Associates	View Scanned PDF of Case
Commission Panel: Basurto, Mario (ER) Gore, David L. (EE) Rink, Paul W. (Public)				

**Abstract List for CasesNum 2010-1-01
Interstate Scaffolding, v. IWCC, Qdex 2010-1-01, 236 Ill.2d 132 (2010).**

Previous Result List				
Chapter	Issue	Subissue	Bodypart	Description
8-Other Issues	Temporary Total Benefits	Failure to Co-operate		{Interstate Scaffolding v. IWCC, S.Ct. 2010} Prior to reaching maximum medical improvement (MMI), an...
8-Other Issues	W.C. Act	Purpose		{Interstate Scaffolding v. IWCC, S.Ct. 2010} The fundamental purpose of the IL WC Act is to provide ...

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Score	Title
2.0351667	Lonnie Bacon v. Interstate Scaffolding, Inc.
1.6281335	Arthur Hrvatin, Jr. v. Interstate Scaffolding
1.4390802	Jamie Hatten v. Wal-Mart Associates, Qdex 2011-0888
1.4246168	Douglas Watts v. Ingalls Memorial Hospital
1.2462802	Leona Moody v. St. Bernard Hospital
1.2211001	Deborah Waddell v. Memorial Medical Center
1.2211001	Dawn Tutt v. First Group America
1.2211001	Linda Humphrey v. Sharon Elms Nursing Home
1.1512642	Interstate Scaffolding, v. IWCC, Qdex 2008-2-15, IL App.Ct. 3-07-0801WC (Appeal Allowed)
1.0175834	Patricia Helmick v. Royse & Brinkmeyer Apartments
1.0175834	Jay Cruz v. Crate & Barrel
1.0175834	Juan A. Acevedo v. Bloomington-Normal Seating Company.
1.0073562	1988-0449
1.0073562	1991-0693
1.0073562	1990-1201
1.0073562	1994-1289
0.99702406	Walber Matuszczak v. Wal-Mart (appealed)
0.99702406	Interstate Scaffolding, v. IWCC, Qdex 2010-1-01, 236 Ill.2d 132 (2010).



of the case's issues. To read full abstract, click on underlined, primary issue/chapter in the left column.

Search Option Three: CASE COPY WORD SEARCH

1. Word/Phrase search of the actual cases.
2. Select third option in left blue column.

Query: Enter a word and/or phrase in the first line using the operator *and* if multiple words or phrases are being searched.

*Words and phrases are separated by using the operative and. No quotation marks are needed.

**Default is to search all years. It is optional to put limit the year(s) searched. Q-Dex uses the full four digits for the year; i.e. 15 IWCC 0603 would be 2015-0603. To search the year of 2015, enter 2015-0000 in first box and 2016-0000 in second (To) box.

***Up to 5 specific case numbers may be searched for the words/phrases using the Q-Dex citation method with commas separating the case numbers. For instance, if you want to search Commission cases 14 IWCC 0150 and 12 IWCC 1008 you would enter 2014-0150, 2012-1008

Example: Request all searches for the word “seroma”



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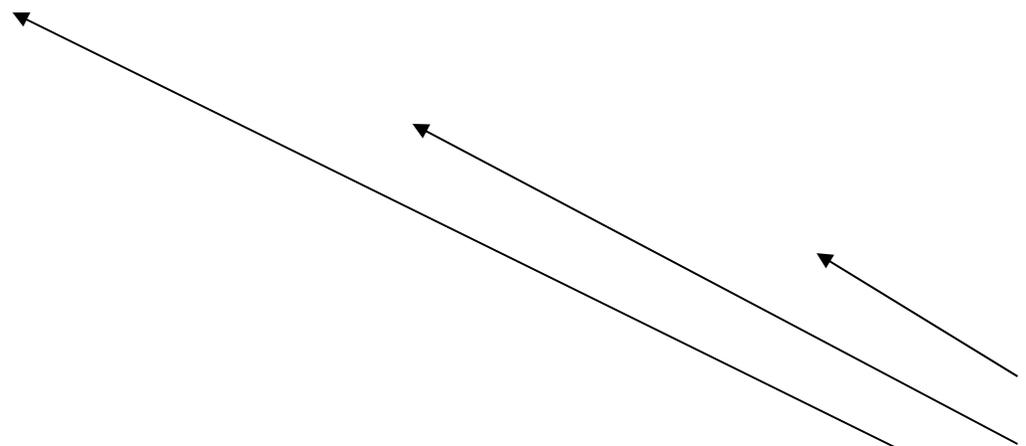
Score	Case Num- Abstracts	WCNum	CaseName	CasePDF	First 3 instances
0.12863056	2019-0013		2019-0013	View PDF Case	istal phalanx of the right long finger and the right little finger with bone loss ; 5) severe avulsion lacerations of the nailbed of the right long finger ; 6) multiple deep avulsion lacerations of the seroma and sterile matrix of the right little finger with significant nailbed loss ; and 7) multiple lacerations of the right long and little fingers . (PXI) . Petitioner required three surgeries on his rin
0.080394104	2018-0705		2018-0705	View PDF Case	release and left elbow lateral epicondylitis release with extensor tendon repair . Pxl ; 3 . During this time she was off of work . Postoperatively , she underwent physical therapy and aspiration of seroma over the left elbow . Petitioner began physical therapy for the left hand , left forearm and left elbow with Mid - America Hand to Shoulder Clinic on 6 / 13 / 13 and would continue with such therapie
0.080394104	2018-0476		2018-0476	View PDF Case	ad been suffering pain in her right lower abdomen , nausea , and vomiting over the preceding 1 or 2 days . (RX # 16) Blood work was unremarkable and a CT scan of the abdomen and pelvis showed small seroma in the right groin without evidence of abscess formation . (RX # 16) The Petitioner was given medication for pain and discharged . (RX # 16) The Petitioner's next surgical follow - up visit was o
0.11369443	2016-0808	10-33758	Przemyslaw Rudzki v. American Cleaning & Restoration, Inc.	View PDF Case	ors noted that there were no objective findings for the Petitioner's subjective pain complaints and the Petitioner was eventually discharged on September 27 , 2011 . An MRI did show a post - surgical seroma that had reduced in size from the MRI that was completed on August 28 , 2011 . The medical records from Stroger do indicate that on October 3 , 2011 the Petitioner was instructed to avoid heavy physi ors noted that there were no objective findings for the Petitioner's subjective pain complaints and the Petitioner was eventually discharged on September 27 , 2011 . An MRI did show a post - surgical seroma that had reduced in size from the MRI that was completed on August 28 , 2011 . The medical records from Stroger do indicate that on October 3 , 2011 the Petitioner was instructed to avoid heavy physi

Answer Page: Every on-line case in which the word “seroma” is found:

First 3 instances of the search term in the case

Link to case copy

Drill down to every abstract entered for this case across all chapters





Drill down:

Miscellaneous Notes:

1. No PDF icon for a case copy link is present. Instead a message stating “Contact Damien” appears. This will happen with IWCC cases prior to 1999. However, we have all cases back to 1981. Send us an email and we will email the case back to you.

2. In some instances, you may see a message that no abstracts are available.
 - a. If this is in a response to a Field Search query, it is likely there is an error in the way the query was structured. Click on the browser back arrow to check the query.
 - i. Common errors are:
 1. selecting the incorrect operator for Case Number when limiting years (for example, instead of choosing *after*, *between* was selected).
 2. Data entered in the Abstract Text field

 - b. All case copies are on-line, however no abstracts have been entered for some IWCC decisions. This occurs an editorial choice has been made that a case is not of significant value.

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CasesNum	WCNum			
2018-0705	13-13776, 14-07495			Czeslaw Kula v. A.E.R.O. Special Education Cooperative, Qdex 2018-0705
Arbitrator -Bocanegra, Maria		Plaintiff -Belcher Law Office	Defense -Power & Cronin, Ltd.	View Scanned PDF of Case
Commission Panel: Brennan, Michael (Public) ▾ Lamborn, Kevin (ER) Tyrrell, Thomas (EE) ▾				

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Czeslaw Kula v. A.E.R.O. Special Education Cooperative, Qdex 2018-0705

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Chapter	Issue	Subissue	Bodypart	Description
5-Nature and Extent			Hand/Wrist	Syndrome: Carpal Tunnel/ Surgery...
12-Total Permanent Disability				Proven/ Petitioner was injured at work, sought treatment, and was ultimately issued permanent work r...

- i. For example, a decision about whether an accident occurred was based solely on the credibility



of the petitioner or the failure of the respondent to enter any evidence.

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Select Members/Research/Field Search

Select second tab on center of screen: Case Title

Choose operative "is" and enter the IWCC case number using the 4-digit year and a dash

Example: 19 IWCC 0500 should be entered as 2019-0500

A party name may be searched as well using "Cases CaseName"

Click "Submit" just below the query box

The screenshot shows the Q-Dex On-Line search interface. The browser address bar displays "qdex.com/qdexprod/html/Members/Research/Index_FieldSearch.cfm". The search form is titled "Case Title" and contains the following criteria:

Subject Area	Method	Selection / Input Value
Cases Number	is	2016-317
Cases WCNum	contains	
Cases Ruling Court(s)	Equal Any	Appellate Court IWCC/IIC Court Supreme Court
Cases CaseName	contains	
Cases Arbitrator(s)	Equal Any	Akemann, Peter Anderson Andros, George Barasa, Bernard L.
Cases Plaintiff(s)	Equal Any	Aberholen & Traunfeld Acevedo, Roberto Law Office Acever & Pérez PC Aceves, Luis A. & Assoc PC
Cases Defense(s)	Equal Any	Aberholen & Traunfeld Accident Fund Group Accident Fund Holdings Accident Holdings, Inc.
Cases IIC RefCase	contains	
Cases CourtCite	contains	
Commission Panel Member	Equal Any	Akemann, David R. Basurto, Mario (ER) Brennan, Michael (Public) Brown, Norman L.

At the bottom of the search form, there is a "Submit" button.

Submit Key



Answer Page 1:

Click on underlined case number:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL qdex.com/qdexprod/html/Members/Research/Index_FieldSearch.cfm. The page title is "Q-DEX On-Line®" and the date is "November 25, 2019". The navigation menu includes "Home", "New Membership", "Members", "Research", "Orders", "Links/News", "About Qdex", and "Administration". The "Research" section is expanded, showing "FIELD SEARCH" options: "Abstract Word Search", "Case Copy Word Search", "WC Rate Tables", "WC ACT", and "OD ACT". The "Abstract Word Search" option is selected, and the search results are displayed in a table. A blue arrow points to the underlined case number "2016-0317" in the "CasesNum" column.

CasesNum	WCNum	CaseName	Abstract(cont)
<u>2016-0317</u>	14-27722	Susan Qualls v. Glisten-Mary Lee Corp. Qdex: 2016-0317	[Case Only]

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