

## Quick Start Card

### Practice Area Dashboard

The screenshot shows the VitalLaw Practice Area Dashboard for 'SECURITIES - FEDERAL & INTERNATIONAL'. The dashboard is divided into several sections: 'FEDERAL' (with sub-sections like 'TREATISES & EXPLANATIONS', 'ACTS & STATUTES', 'SEC & CFTC MATERIALS', and 'SEC FORMS'), 'SEARCH RBSOURCEFILINGS', and 'PRACTICE TOOLS' (including 'SMART CHARTS'). A search bar at the top contains the text 'securities based swap agreement'. A 'CITATION SEARCH' button is visible in the top right. A 'GLOBAL SEARCH' callout points to a magnifying glass icon over a search bar in the 'TREATISES & EXPLANATIONS' section. A 'SEARCH SHORTCUT' callout points to a magnifying glass icon over a 'SEE ALL' button. A 'CITATION LOOKUP' callout points to a 'CITATION LOOKUP' button in the 'PRACTICE TOOLS' section. A 'CITATION SEARCH' callout points to the 'CITATION SEARCH' button. A 'SEARCH TIPS' callout points to a question mark icon in the search bar area.

**GLOBAL SEARCH**  
Search the entire practice area including explanations, laws, tools, etc. for keywords or citations.

**SEARCH SHORTCUT**  
Hover your cursor over an item and click the magnifier to focus your search on that publication.

**CITATION SEARCH**  
Use fill-in-the-blank fields customized to match the practice area.

**SEARCH TIPS**  
Learn about using connectors and operators in your search expressions.

**CITATION LOOKUP**  
(Tax only) Enter citations directly. Click the question mark icon for a list of citation formats.

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### Search Results

**SEARCH INFO**  
View pre- and post-search selections as well as synonyms applied.

**QUICK ANSWER**  
Read a brief definition of common search expressions.

**SAVED ITEMS**  
View your saved searches, notes & highlights, and favorites.

**SAVE THIS SEARCH**  
Store the keywords, pre- and post-search selections and scope to rerun again later.

**SORT BY**  
Arrange search results by Relevance, Most Recent or Document Type.

**COLOR-CODED RESULTS**  
Find document types quickly and easily.

**FILTERS**  
Refine search results by Document type, Court, Jurisdiction and more.

The screenshot shows the VitalLaw search results page for the query "say on pay". The interface includes a navigation bar with "Home", "SECURITIES - FEDERAL & INTERNATIONAL", and various content categories like "Laws & Regulations" and "Practical Content". A search bar at the top indicates "say on pay" with 1,880 results. A "FILTER RESULTS" sidebar on the left allows filtering by topics (e.g., Governance & Compliance), document types (e.g., Treatises, Explanations and Annotations), and other criteria like Court and Jurisdiction. The main results area shows 2,335 results for "say on pay". A "QUICK ANSWER" box provides a brief definition: "Say on pay refers to an advisory vote for public company shareholders on executive compensation and golden parachutes. See 17 CFR...". A "SORT BY" dropdown menu is set to "Relevance", with options for "Most Recent on Top", "Oldest on Top", and "Document Type". The results list includes items like "Say-on-Pay Vote" (SEC Answer Book - Levy), "Raising Capital: Private Placement Forms & Techniques", and "Federal Securities Law Reporter, Reg. §240.14a-8". Each result is color-coded by document type (e.g., "SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION" in purple, "ACTS AND STATUTES" in pink, "RULINGS" in red). A "SAVE THIS SEARCH" button is visible in the top right of the results area.

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### Refining the Search

**SEARCH WITHIN**  
When viewing a document, *Search Within* limits the scope to the current database.

**APPLY THESAURUS**  
Look for terms similar to your search expression. Uncheck the box to turn off this feature.

**SEARCH SHORTCUT**  
Hover over a Contents item and click the search magnifier to focus a search on a single document, a subtitle, subsection, or sections.

The screenshot displays the VitalLaw interface with the following elements:

- Navigation Bar:** Home, SECURITIES - FEDERAL & INTERNATIONAL, Laws & Regulations, Practical Content, Titles, Favorites, History, Folders, Saved Items, News.
- Document Title:** Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
- Table of Contents:**
  - Subtitle A—Increasing Investor Protection
  - Subtitle B—Increasing Regulatory Enforcement and Remedies
  - Subtitle C—Improvements to the Regulation of Credit Rating Agencies
  - Subtitle D—Improvements to the Asset-Backed Securitization Process
  - Subtitle E—Accountability and Executive Compensation
  - Subtitle F—Improvements to the Management of the Securities and Exchange Commission
  - Subtitle G—Strengthening Corporate Governance
  - Subtitle H—Municipal Securities
- Document Content:** 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 951, SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES. [15 USC 78n-1]
- Search Within:** A search bar is present above the document content.
- Search Results Window:**
  - Search Within ...
  - Apply Thesaurus (checked)
  - 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 951, SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES. [15 USC 78n-1] (checked)
  - 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 952, COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INDEPENDENCE. [15 USC 78j-3]
  - 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 953, EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES. [15 USC 78n]
  - 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 954, RECOVERY OF ERRONEOUSLY AWARDED COMPENSATION. [15 USC 78j-4]
  - 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 955, DISCLOSURE REGARDING EMPLOYEE AND DIRECTOR HEDGING. [15 USC 78n]
  - 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 956, ENHANCED COMPENSATION STRUCTURE REPORTING. [12 USC 5641]
  - 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 957, VOTING BY BROKERS. [15 USC 78f]

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### Connectors and Operators

Singular and plural word forms, as well as synonyms, are automatically included in a search. VitalLaw recognizes most typos and searches for the correct word.

Connectors	
<b>Space</b>	A space between terms is automatically interpreted as 'and' connector.
<b>And &amp;</b>	Retrieves both search terms. <b>Example:</b> <i>whistleblower and anti-retaliation</i>
<b>Or  </b>	Retrieves either or both search terms. <b>Example:</b> <i>child or dependent</i> finds documents containing 'child' or 'dependent' or both. <b>Example:</b> <i>false   misleading</i>
<b>Not -</b>	Used to retrieve documents that contain the first term only if the second term does not appear. <b>Example:</b> <i>RICO not Puerto</i> - finds RICO documents that do not include 'Puerto Rico.' <b>Example:</b> <i>deed not revocation</i> <b>Example:</b> <i>Title: (loss seligman - fundamentals)</i> finds the <i>Securities Regulation</i> treatise but not the <i>Fundamentals of Securities Regulation</i> treatise, both by Loss, Seligman and Paredes.
<b>w/#</b>	Specifies the proximity of search terms. <b>Example:</b> <i>spoofing w/5 futures</i> - finds 'spoofing' within 5 words of 'futures' regardless of which word occurs first.
<b>p/#</b>	Specifies the order of search terms. <b>Example:</b> <i>spoofing p/5 futures</i> - finds 'spoofing' where it precedes 'futures' by up to 5 words.
Universal Characters	
<b>"..."</b>	Finds the exact phrase. <b>Example:</b> <i>"intervening rights"</i> <b>Example:</b> <i>"search and seizure"</i> finds documents including the phrase but does not use 'and' as a connector.
<b>*</b>	Use * to take the place of multiple characters. <b>Example:</b> <i>a*ment</i> finds amendment, agreement, assignment, argument, etc.
<b>?</b>	Substitute ? for a single character. Note: Using ? prevents synonyms from being included in your search. <b>Example:</b> <i>advise?r</i> finds either advisor or adviser.
Search Operators	
<b>Author:</b>	Finds documents authored by specific person(s). <b>Example:</b> <i>Author: (Hamilton or Romanek) and say on pay</i>
<b>Doctype:</b>	Finds cases, regulations, and other document types by source. <b>Example:</b> <i>Doctype: Cases and Title: Young Reves</i>
<b>State:</b>	Identifies documents from a specific state. Note: Use full state name, not abbreviations. <b>Example:</b> <i>State: California &amp; partnership.</i>
<b>Title:</b>	Restricts search terms to the title of a document only. <b>Example:</b> <i>Title: Halliburton</i> <b>Example:</b> <i>Title: Federal Securities Law Reporter and crowdfunding</i>
Date Restrictions	
<b>On</b>	<b>Example:</b> <i>proxy on June 2010</i> finds documents with date in month of June 2010
<b>Before</b>	<b>Example:</b> <i>proxy before March 31, 2015</i> finds documents with date up to March 30, 2015
<b>After</b>	<b>Example:</b> <i>proxy after 12/31/2013</i> finds documents with date from 1/1/2014 on.
<b>From ...To</b>	<b>Example:</b> <i>proxy from July 1, 2010 to October 31, 2013</i> finds documents within a specific date range.