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Practice Area Dashboard

The screenshot shows the VitalLaw Practice Area Dashboard for 'SECURITIES - FEDERAL & INTERNATIONAL'. The dashboard is divided into several sections: 'FEDERAL', 'SEARCH RBSOURCEFILINGS', and 'PRACTICE TOOLS'. The 'FEDERAL' section contains sub-sections like 'TREATISES & EXPLANATIONS', 'ACTS & STATUTES', 'SEC & CFTC MATERIALS', and 'SEC FORMS'. The 'SEARCH RBSOURCEFILINGS' section includes filters for Scope, Company, Form Type, Search Term, and Date. The 'PRACTICE TOOLS' section includes 'SMART CHARTS'. A search bar at the top right contains the text 'securities based swap agreement' and a 'CITATION SEARCH' button. 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 search bar in the 'REGULATION - LOSS, SELIGMAN AND PAREDE' section. A 'CITATION SEARCH' callout points to the 'CITATION SEARCH' button in the top right. A 'SEARCH TIPS' callout points to a question mark icon in the top right. A 'CITATION LOOKUP' callout points to a 'CITATION LOOKUP' button in the bottom right, which has a 'Search Citation' input field and a 'GO' button.

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 interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'SECURITIES - FEDERAL & INTERNATIONAL', and various menu items like 'Laws & Regulations', 'Practical Content', 'Titles', 'Favorites', 'History', 'Folders', 'Saved Items', and 'News'. A search bar contains 'say on pay' with a note 'Search here within the 1,880 results for "say on pay"'. Below the search bar, there are buttons for 'SHARE THIS SEARCH' and 'SAVE THIS SEARCH'. A 'FILTER RESULTS' sidebar is open on the left, showing categories like 'TOPICS' (Governance & Compliance, Litigation & Enforcement Issues, Transactions & Activities) and 'DOCUMENT TYPE' (Treatises, Explanations and Annotations, News and Blogs). The main content area shows '2,335 results for "say on pay"'. A 'QUICK ANSWER' box at the top explains that 'say on pay' refers to an advisory vote for public company shareholders. Below this, a list of search results is displayed, with document types color-coded: 'Regulation of Securities: SEC Answer Book - Levy' (blue), 'Raising Capital: Private Placement Forms & Techniques - Brown and Max, FORM 1.130, BYLAW REQUIRING ANNUAL APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION (SAY ON PAY)' (yellow), 'Federal Securities Law Reporter, Reg. §240.14a-8. Shareholder proposals. Securities and Exchange Commission' (green), 'Federal Securities Law Reporter, 2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 951, SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES. [15 USC 78n-1]' (purple), and 'SEC Tracker Archive 2005 through 2010, 2010-198 Oct. 18, 2010 SEC Proposes Rules on "Say on Pay" and Proxy Vote Reporting, (Oct. 19, 2010)' (red). A 'SORT BY' dropdown menu is open, showing options for 'Relevance', 'Most Recent on Top', 'Oldest on Top', and 'Document Type'. A 'FILTERS' sidebar on the left allows refining results by document type, court, jurisdiction, and more.

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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.
- Breadcrumbs:** Securities - Federal & International > Federal > Acts & Statutes > Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
- Search Within Dialog:** Located at the top right of the document view, with a search input field and a magnifying glass icon.
- Contents Sidebar:** Lists various sections of the document, including Subtitle A through H. A search magnifier icon is shown over one of the items.
- Document View:** Displays the text of '2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 951, SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES'. A 'RELATED TERMS' section is visible below the main text.
- SEARCH Dialog:** A modal window showing search results for 'DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT'. It includes a search input field, a checked 'Apply Thesaurus' option, and a list of search results with checkboxes. The selected result is '2010 Dodd-Frank Act Sec. 951, SHAREHOLDER VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES. [15 USC 78n-1]'. Buttons for 'CANCEL', 'CLEAR ALL', and 'GO' are at the bottom.

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