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SEARCH JUDGMENTS OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. Introduction

As an introduction, I would like to tell you that with this information note you will acquire the necessary digital skills to be able to search for judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

I will use as an example the Judgment of the Court of Justice of 26/02/2013, Stefano Melloni v. Public Prosecutor's Office, Case C-399/11.

It should be borne in mind that a case reference always begins with a capital letter, which may be 'C' (for the Court of Justice), 'T' (for the General Court) or 'F' (for the now defunct Special Civil Service Tribunal). We then write an indent, followed by the registration number of the entry in the relevant Court, a slash and the last two numbers of the year in which it was entered in the relevant register.



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2. Go to the Website "Advanced Search - EUROPE".

The first step is to type "Eurlex advanced search" into the Google search engine on your computer and then select the "search with Google" icon. In the new window that opens on your computer, choose the option "Advanced search - EUROPE".

3. Search for the intended Judgment

In the new window that opens, the second step is that, in the left-hand column, look for the "Reference" section. Select "EU Court" and enter the year (four digits) and the case number. Then click on the "search" icon.

4. The hyperlink of the sought Judgment

In the new window that opens, please note that the title of each Judgment or other document that appears is a direct link to the full text of the Judgment.

We can consult the text of the Judgment we are looking for, in English version, either in pdf or HTML format.

Out of curiosity and as a third step, they will select the title of the Judgment we are looking for, to see what happens.

5. Language versions of the Judgments

In the new window that opens, at the bottom we can read the full text in English of the Judgment we are looking for.

In addition, at the top, we are offered the possibility of consulting the full text in the twenty-four official languages of the European Union. As a fourth and final step, I invite you to consult the text in English, which can be found under the column headed "EN", in two different formats. I prefer to use the "pdf" format.

6. Final summary

Summarising the steps we have followed, remember that:

1st) In the Google browser, type "Eurlex advanced search". Choose the option: "Advanced search - EUROPE".

2nd) In the "Reference" section, choose "EU Court Case" and enter the year (four digits) and the case number.

3rd) We can consult the text of the Judgment in Spanish, in pdf or HTML format. Out of curiosity, we choose the title of the Judgment we are looking for. Let's see what happens...

4th) We can choose between the 24 official languages of the European Union. In the English column (headed by "EN"), choose the pdf format.



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