

This section presents an overview of the sources of case-law and their content, together with cross-references to corresponding databases.

Available websites

The [JURIDAT Internet site](#) makes it possible to search Belgian case-law.

Presentation of decisions, summaries

In general, decisions are introduced by a list of keywords or 'abstract', followed by a summary of the most important points of law and references to the law or to earlier judgments.

Example:

List of keywords or 'abstract': Sporting competitions – Football matches - Safety - Offence – Administrative penalty – Action before the police court – Rights of the defence – Failure to observe - Objection – Rejection of the application – Reopening of the proceedings – Role of the judge

Summary: The judge must order reopening of the proceedings before dismissing, in full or in part, an application based on an objection that the parties did not raise before him or her, such as failure to observe the rights of the defence in proceedings to impose an administrative penalty under the Law of 21 December 1998 on safety at football matches (1) (2). (1) See Cass., 26 December 1986, RG 5176, Pas., 1987, No 258; Cass., 3 April 1998, RG C.97.0087. F, Pas., 1998, No 191 and Cass., 17 May 2002, RG C.01.0330.F, Pas., 2002, No 303. (2) Article 26(1) and (2) of the Act of 21 December 1998, as in force before its amendment by the Act of 25 April 2007.

Courts whose case-law is covered

Supreme Court

Ordinary courts

Specialised courts

Monitoring of ongoing proceedings

	Supreme Court	Other courts
Is information provided on:		
The existence of an action?	Yes	Yes
The fact that the case is still pending	Yes	No
The outcome of an action	Yes	No
The irrevocable and final nature of a judgment	No	No
The fact that proceedings may take place before	Yes	Yes/No
Another court (e.g. Constitutional Court)?	Yes	Yes/No
The European Court of Justice?	Yes/No	Yes/No
The European Court of Human Rights?		

Publication rules

	At national level?	For judgments of some courts?
Are there mandatory rules concerning publication of court judgments?	No	No

There are non-binding rules of conduct.

	Supreme Court	Other courts
Is the full text published or selected parts?	Selected parts	Selected parts
If selected parts are published, what are the criteria?	Societal and legal interest	Societal and legal interest

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