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## SEARCHING

**State Attorney General Reports and Opinions** features full-text searching, as well as the ability to search by opinion number. Users can also browse and search the metadata of the opinions. For example, to search for the case *Ginsberg v. New York*, select the Advanced Search option hyperlinked in blue under the main search bar. In the "Text" field, enter the citation number for the case—390 U.S. 629. Refine the search further by limiting the date range from 1968 to 1974. Select the most relevant entry within the results.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Text field:** Contains "390 U.S. 629".
- Opinion field:** Empty.
- Description field:** Empty.
- Select Document Type:** A dropdown menu with "All Document Types", "State Attorney General Opinions", and "U.S. Attorney General Opinions".
- Select Titles:** A dropdown menu with "Choose By Citation...".
- Date Range:** "Date: (YYYY) 1968 To: (YYYY) 1974".
- Sort by:** "Relevance".
- Search button:** Labeled "Search".
- Search Results:** A preview of a document titled "110 REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL". The document is dated "July 30, 1973" and is by "DAVID L. NORVELL, Attorney General". The text discusses penalties for dumping of refuse and provides for county park and recreation commissions.

Use the same Advanced Search option to search by opinion number. To find the same case as above, *Ginsberg v. New York*, type the opinion number in the "Opinion" field (73-55), limiting the date range as before. Select the one result that appears to a fully-searchable version of the case.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Text field:** Empty.
- Opinion field:** Contains "73-55".
- Description field:** Empty.
- Select Document Type:** A dropdown menu with "All Document Types", "State Attorney General Opinions", and "U.S. Attorney General Opinions".
- Select Titles:** A dropdown menu with "Choose By Citation...".
- Date Range:** "Date: (YYYY) 1968 To: (YYYY) 1974".
- Sort by:** "Relevance".
- Search button:** Labeled "Search".
- Search Results:** A preview of a document titled "OFFICE OF The Attorney General". The document is dated "March 5, 1973" and is from "Jim Guy Tucker, ATTORNEY GENERAL". The document is addressed to "Mr. V. M. Butler, Cross County Assessor, Wynne, Arkansas 72396". The text is a response to a letter from February 22, 1973, regarding a tax procedure for 100% disabled veterans.

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