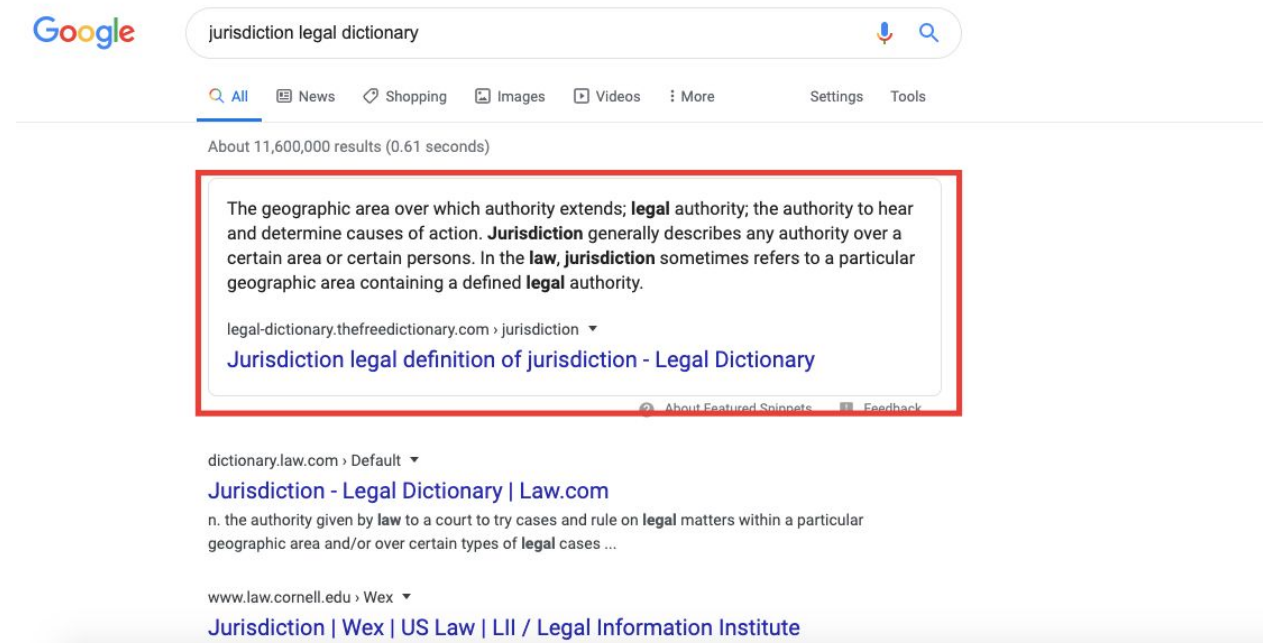# Legal Terms and Online Dictionaries

If you come across a legal term that you do not understand while reading something for your case, it is essential that you look the term up in a legal dictionary. When you are in court, it is essential that you are understood by the judge, and using legal vocabulary is a big part of that. Looking up the legal definition of a term is simple. To do so follow the steps below:

Let's say you come across the word "jurisdiction" and want to know what it means.

Step 1: Copy the word into your search engine (such as google) along with the the term legal dictionary. Then hit enter.

Step 2: Click a link that looks promising. Sometimes Google will even give you a definition from a website it thinks is good. It's that easy!