

Researching Secondary Sources on the LexisNexis® services



What Secondary Sources are Available?

LexisNexis provides a wide variety of secondary sources beyond standard Law Reviews, A.L.R. & Jurisprudences. Below is a partial list of the secondary sources available with many **only available on LexisNexis®**.

- Matthew Bender® Treatises
- Law Reviews & Journals
- Martindale-Hubbell® Law Digests
- Restatements of the Law
- Legal Dictionaries
- Legal News Publications

Area of Law Treatises

Matthew Bender is a leading provider of analytical legal research information and is available **only on LexisNexis**. You can find fully annotated narrative descriptions of every major practice area authored by top experts in their respective legal fields.

Accessing Matthew Bender Treatises

- Sign on with your **ID & Password** at www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool
- Click the **Research** link on the right to access LexisNexis.
- From the Search tab click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
- Click **Labor & Employment** under the blue Area of Law – By Topic link.
- Click **Labor and Employment Law** under the blue Search Analysis, Law Reviews & Journals link.
- 🔗 LexisNexis surfaces the most authoritative **Matthew Bender Treatise** for each area of law under the Search Analysis, Law Reviews & Journals link.

Searching Matthew Bender Treatises

- From the Search tab click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
- Click the blue **Area of Law – By Topic** link.
- Click **Bankruptcy** or your own area of law.
- Click **Collier on Bankruptcy 15th Edition Revised** under the blue Search Analysis, Law Reviews & Journals link.
- Type **Chapter 11 Reorganization** or your own terms.
- Bullet **Table of Contents** and click the red **Search** button.
- 🔗 Bulleted **Table of Contents** allows you search in the table of contents headings only rather than the text and annotations of each section.

Law Digests & Summaries

These Law Digests contain summaries of state statutory laws and selected federal laws organized by legal topic, and are available **only on LexisNexis**.

- From the Search tab click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
- Click **Reference > Martindale Hubbell > Law Digests**.
- Click **OH - Martindale-Hubbell Law Digest** as your source.
- Select **CATEGORY** from the Select a Segment drop-down menu.
- Type **Employment** or your own topic in the box to the right.
- Click the **Add** button then click the red **Search** button.
- 🔗 For more analysis search Martindale Hubbell Legal Articles found under the Legal tab > Reference > Martindale-Hubbell - Legal Articles.

Legal Dictionaries

There are a number of different legal dictionaries available on LexisNexis. These dictionaries provide definitions, abbreviations and usage advice for legal terms of art.

Finding Legal Dictionaries: Under the Search tab (by Source) > Reference > Law

Ballentine's Law Dictionary, 3rd Edition: over 40,000 legal definitions based on the actual court construction.

Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations: provides the precise meaning of abbreviations, acronyms and symbols found in legal documents.

A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage: style and usage guide for legal writing in the form of a legal dictionary.

The Law Dictionary: reflects and explains legal phrases, maxims and concepts currently used in the legal profession.

Modern Dictionary of the Legal Profession: over 8,000 modern terms and concepts from dozens of professions beyond the law.

- 🔗 Use the **Search Legal Dictionary Form** on www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool to quickly search Ballentine's Law Dictionary.

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Searching Law Reviews & Journals by Title

Searching by title finds the most relevant articles for an issue because if your issue appears in the title then the entire article is dedicated to that issue.

- From the Search tab click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
 - Click **Law Reviews & Journals** under the blue Secondary Legal link.
 - Select **U.S. & Canadian Law Reviews, Combined** as your source.
 - Select **TITLE** from the Select a Segment drop-down menu.
 - Type **Cyberlaw** or your own terms in the box to the right.
 - Click the **Add** button then click the red **Search** button.
-  You can use the gray **FOCUS Terms** bar to narrow your search results to a more specific issue.

Searching Restatements of the Law

Restatements identify common law principles and restate them in easy-to-understand Black Letter Law for thousands of legal issues.

- Under the Search tab click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
 - Click **Restatements of the Law** under the blue Secondary Legal link.
 - Click **Contracts** then **Restatement 2d, Contracts – Rule Sections**.
 - Type **consideration** or your own terms.
 - Bullet **Table of Contents** and click the red **Search** button.
-  Rule Sections display the **Black Letter Law** for each topic with a blue Case Citations link at the top to access relevant cases for each topic.

Searching Legal News

LexisNexis carries a variety of legal news publications to keep you up-to-date on current developments in the legal profession.

- From the Search tab click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
 - Click the **News & Business** tab under Look for a Source.
 - Click **Legal News Publications** under the blue Combined Sources link.
 - Type **cybersquatting** or your own terms.
 - Click the red **Search** button.
-  News articles appear **Most Recent First** so you will always see the most current article on your topic first.

Searching Secondary Sources by Topic

You can retrieve the most relevant sections of the most prominent secondary sources without running a term search. Simply select your topic and LexisNexis provides you with a list of the most prominent secondary sources related to that topic.

- From the Search tab click **by Topic or Headnote** in the red bar beneath.
 - Select your Topic using :
 - Option 1: Find a Legal Topic**
Find a Topic through a terms search (e.g., type minimum contacts and click the red **Find** button to get all the topics related to minimum contacts).
 - Option 2: Explore Legal Topics**
Find a Topic by browsing through topical categories (e.g., Civil Procedure > Jurisdiction > Personal Jurisdiction & In Rem Actions > In Personam Actions > Minimum Contacts).
 - Select your **Topic** then your **Jurisdiction** in the search form.
 - The **Most Prominent Secondary Sources** are displayed under Sources.
-  After selecting the relevant secondary sources you can simply click the **Search** button and retrieve the most relevant sections with a term search.

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