

# Researching Statutes on the LexisNexis® services



Researching statutes can be challenging. LexisNexis® provides several tools to make the process quick and easy. Below are some of the more common statutory research tasks and how to perform them on the LexisNexis services.

## Get a Statute by Citation

- Sign on with your **ID & Password** at [www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool)
- Click the **Research** link on the right to access LexisNexis.
- Click the **Get a Document** tab at the top of the page.
- Type **18 U.S.C. 3109** in the Get by Citation form and click the red **Get** button.

Use the blue **Citation Formats** link when you are unsure of the proper format to retrieve a citation.

## Get a Statute by Popular Name

- Click the **Search** tab at the top of the page.
- Click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
- Click **Federal Legal—U.S. > United States Code Service (USCS) Materials > USCS Popular Names Table**.
- Type **Cyber Security Enhancement Act of 2002** as a terms and connectors search.
- Bullet **Table of Contents** and click the red **Search** button.

Retrieve the Public Law, **P.L. 107-296**, to see the Act as enacted and where it is codified within the United States Code.

## Search Statutes through Table of Contents Headings

- Click the **Search** tab at the top of the page.
  - Click **by Source** in the red bar beneath.
  - Click **States Legal—U.S. > Ohio > Find Statutes, Regulations, Administrative Materials & Court Rules > OH – Pages’ Ohio Revised Code Annotated**.
  - Type **Burglary** as a terms and connectors search.
  - Bullet **Table of Contents** and click the red **Search** button
- If you want to search a specific title of a code then scroll down and check the box next to the desired title before clicking the search button.

## Use the Practitioner’s Toolbox

- Retrieve **18 U.S.C. 3109** through the Get a Document tab.
- The **Practitioner’s Toolbox** is located to the right of the statute’s heading.
  1. **History**—provides a link to the statute’s direct history.
  2. **Interpretive Notes and Decisions**—provides a link to a topical table of contents for the cases citing the statute (also called annotations).
  3. **History; Ancillary Laws and Directives**—provides a link to the statute’s indirect history.
  4. **Related Statutes & Rules**—provides links to related statutes and rules.
  5. **Research Guide**—provides links to related secondary sources.

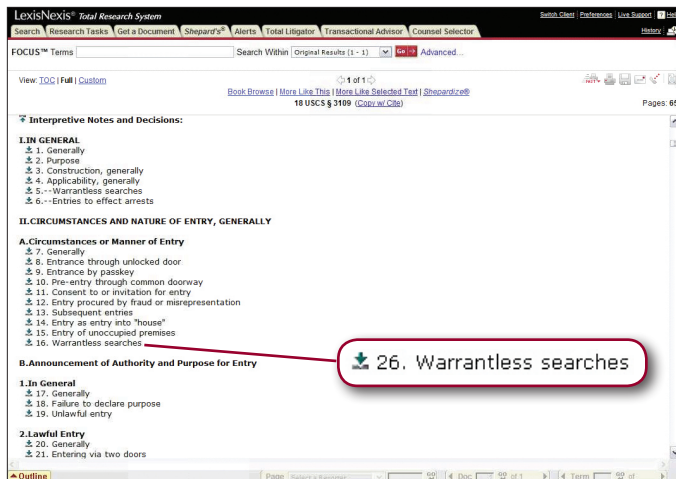
Use the **Practitioner’s Toolbox** to quickly and easily locate related cases, statutes and secondary sources.

The screenshot displays a LexisNexis page for 18 USC § 3109. The main content area shows the text of the statute, including the title 'TITLE 18. CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE' and 'CHAPTER 205. SEARCHES AND SEIZURES'. A link 'Go to Code Archive Directory for this Jurisdiction' is visible. The sidebar on the right, titled 'Practitioner's Toolbox', contains several links: 'History', 'Interpretive Notes and Decisions', and 'History; Ancillary Laws and Directives'. Below these links is a section for 'Resources & Practice Tools' which includes 'Related Statutes & Rules' and 'Research Guide'.

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## Find Statutory Interpretation through Annotations

- Retrieve **18 U.S.C. 3109** through the Get a Document tab.
  - Click **Interpretive Notes and Decisions** in the Practitioner's Toolbox.
  - Click the green down arrow for **Warrantless searches**.
- You can also use the **FOCUS™ Terms** bar at the top to search through the annotations for a specific issue.



## Browse through Statutes

- Retrieve **Cal Bus & Prof Code 23007** through the Get a Document tab.
  - Click the blue **Book Browse** link at the top middle of the page.
  - Click the **NEXT** arrow to view the next section of the California code.
  - Click the **PREV** arrow to view the preceding section of the California code.
- Through **Book Browse** you can browse through an entire code if necessary.

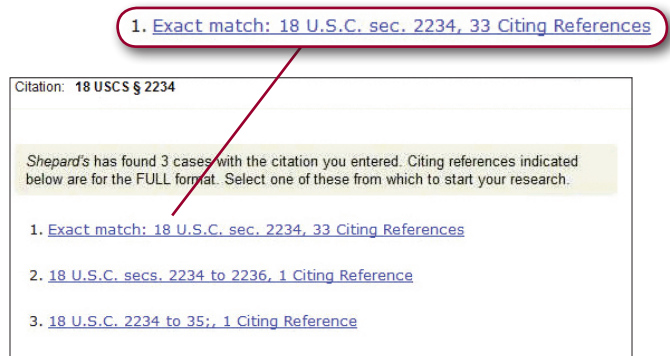


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## Shepardizing™ Statutes

- Click the **Shepard's®** tab at the top of the page.
  - Type **18 U.S.C. 2234** in the Enter the Citation to be Checked form and click the red **Check** button.
  - Select the link for **Exact match** from the report list.
- The **Exact match** provides the *Shepard's* report for the entered citation. *Shepard's* also provides the complete list of *Shepard's* reports for each subsection of your statute below the exact match.



## Printing Statutes Only

- Retrieve **42 U.S.C. 2000e** through the Get a Document tab.
  - Click the **Print** icon at the top right of the statute.
  - Select **Custom** in the drop-down menu under Document View.
  - Click the **Edit** button.
  - Click the **Clear All** button and select the **Text** segment.
  - Click the **OK** button then the red **Print** button.
- Using the **Text** segment reduces the number of pages printed from over 200 to 3 by printing only the text of the statute without editorial enhancements.

