

Lexis® Web (Beta version) User Reference Guide

You are likely aware of many sources for legal information on the Web. As part of the LexisNexis® services, we license the best legal content and make it available to you at www.lexis.com. Now, we're providing you with a site designed for today's broadening resources. The beta version of Lexis Web at www.lexisweb.com helps you determine which other legal-oriented Web sites are trustworthy, authoritative and valuable to use in conjunction with the LexisNexis services.

Guide to Using Lexis Web

Lexis Web provides powerful navigation tools to help you search for legal resources on the Web and on [lexis.com](http://www.lexis.com)®—and achieve a more productive legal research session. With access to Lexis Web, you can vastly expand the number of information sources included in your search. And since the sites are organized by LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology™, you can find information more quickly and easily than before.

What is Available through Lexis Web?

The Lexis Web product includes important, legal-oriented Web content selected and validated by the LexisNexis editorial staff. You can trust that all content has met LexisNexis criteria for being authoritative and accurate. The current beta version combines content from thousands of Web sites and millions of Web pages, with more being added each day:

- Governmental agency information (federal, state, local)
- Informal commentary on legal issues (e.g., blogs specifically for lawyers and legal professionals)
- General Web information about legal topics

The Lexis Web product also categorizes results automatically and allows you to zero in on an industry, subject, company and person with a click of the mouse.

All search results from Lexis Web will contain value-added features unique to LexisNexis:

- Navigation based on our Search by Topic or Headnote legal classification system
- Navigation based on our LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology
- Navigation based on legal citations
- Recommended list of sources to search in LexisNexis

How Does Pricing Work?

During the beta offer, we encourage you to use Lexis Web when you're conducting a search for information, and all search activities will be available to you free of charge.

How do I Search Using Lexis Web?

Since Lexis Web is still a beta, access to the site is separate from the production version of [lexis.com](http://www.lexis.com).

Just enter the address <http://www.lexisweb.com> in your Web browser.

Running a Search

Running a search on Lexis Web is as simple as running a search on any Web search engine: enter your key terms (e.g., universal health care coverage) and click the **Search** button.



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Search Results

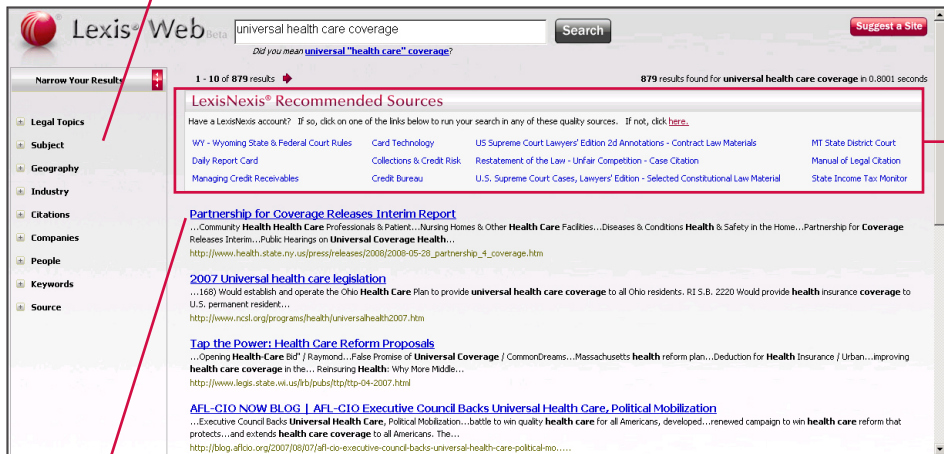
Viewing your Results

Your search results will return:

- **LexisNexis Recommended Sources available through *lexis.com*** (in the box at the top of the screen). To view, click one of the suggested sources. Your search results will automatically bring you to the results page on *lexis.com*.
- **LexisNexis Selected Sources available on the Web.** These selected sources are handpicked by LexisNexis editorial staff and meet our criteria for valid, authoritative legal content. To view, click any of the selected Web sources and you'll be redirected.

You view all Web pages within the Internet browser window directly from the source Web site. After viewing, return to the search results by simply clicking the CLOSE link.

Filtering and navigating results.



Expand a navigator to see the distribution of the search results across the subcategories.

View LexisNexis Recommended Sources on *lexis.com* based on your search or filtering criteria.

Improving your Results

With most search engines, it can be difficult and time-consuming to find answers in a large search result set. LexisNexis provides several ways to improve your results:

1. Refining your search
2. Clustering, filtering and navigating large numbers of answers
3. Augmenting results with *lexis.com* content



Refining a Search

1. You can refine search results by adding more keywords in the search box at the top of the search results screen.
2. The Lexis Web product checks each search for spelling errors, automatically suggesting corrections with a "Did you mean" link.
3. Phrase detection techniques are applied to each search string, automatically suggesting the refined search with a "Did you mean" link.

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Clustering, Filtering and Navigating Large Numbers of Answers

Filtering large search results using more than one navigator can be an effective way to find more relevant answers on the Web.

1. Click the **+** next to Legal Topics to expand the display of topics that are drawn from the LexisNexis legal classification system and associated with your search results.
2. Click one of the other navigators, such as **Subject** or **Geography**, to display topics drawn from LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology.
3. The red bar beneath each topic indicates the degree of association between the results and the topic.

The screenshot shows the Lexis Web search interface. The search query is "universal health care coverage" and it has returned 879 results. The main content area displays "LexisNexis® Recommended Sources" and a list of search results. Two navigation panels are overlaid on the page:

- Left Panel (Narrow Your Results):** Shows a list of "Legal Topics" with red bars indicating the degree of association. The topics listed are: Governments, Education Law, Criminal Law & Procedure, Tax Law, Computer & Internet Law, Public Health & Welfare Law, Civil Procedure, Evidence, Healthcare Law, Insurance, Business Administration & Organization, Treatment, Antitrust Actions, Actions Against Facilities, Managed Healthcare, and Insurance Law. A "Subject" panel is also visible at the bottom.
- Right Panel (Narrow Your Results):** Shows a list of "Subject" and "Geography" categories. The "Subject" category includes: John McCain, Barack Obama, Hillary Rodham Clinton, George W Bush, Bill Richardson, Dennis Kucinich, John Edwards, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Huckabee, and Christopher Dodd. A "Keywords" panel is also visible at the bottom.

Annotations with red arrows point from the text below to the navigation panels:

- "Applies LexisNexis legal classification system to organize selected Web sites." points to the Legal Topics panel.
- "To filter results, you can find references based on geographical, industry, citation, company or people references. LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology tags Web pages and displays using our legal classification system to help you fine-tune your answer set." points to the Subject and Geography panels.

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Augmenting Results with *lexis.com* Content

Every time you refine a search or filter your results, LexisNexis recommends a new set of *lexis.com* sources that may be relevant to you, based on the terms in your current LexisNexis search results.

LexisNexis® Recommended Sources

Have a LexisNexis account? If so, click on one of the links below to run your search in any of these quality sources. If not, click [here](#).

Health Care Financing Review	Health Care Law Monthly	Medical Design	Mental Health Law Weekly
BNA Health Care Daily	Medical Meetings	The New York Times - Health Care Law Stories	Mental Health Business Week
Dimensions in Health Care	Medical Imaging	Mental Health Weekly Digest	Medical Economics

Clicking any of the recommended source links will launch *lexis.com* within the Internet browser window and submit an equivalent search on the recommended source selected. All the features of the *lexis.com* service are available as you review the results.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Total Research System interface. The search results are displayed for the source 'Legal > /... /> The New York Times - Health Care Law Stories'. The search terms are 'universal health care coverage'. The interface includes a search box, a 'Search' button, and various filters and options like 'Restrict using Mandatory Terms', 'Restrict by Date', and 'Natural Language Searching'. There are also links for 'Suggest terms for my search' and 'Check spelling'.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis search results page. The search terms are 'universal health care coverage'. The results are displayed as a list of 9 items, each with a checkbox and a brief description of the document. The first result is 'What Is 'Universal' Is Center Of Fight Over a Health Plan, The New York Times, February 16, 1994, Wednesday, Late Edition - Final, Section A; Page 1; Column 5; National Desk, 1407 words, By ROBERT PEAR, Special to The New York Times, WASHINGTON, Feb. 15'. The second result is 'Universal Coverage at Risk, The New York Times, June 20, 1994, Monday, Late Edition - Final, Section A; Page 16; Column 1; Editorial Desk , 628 words'. The third result is 'THE HEALTH CARE DEBATE: THE CAMPAIGN: Clinton Insists He Won't Retreat on Coverage for All, The New York Times, July 21, 1994, Thursday, Late Edition - Final, Section B; Page 9; Column 1; National Desk , 1468 words, By ADAM CLYMER, Special to The New York Times , WASHINGTON, July 20'. The fourth result is 'Hillary Clinton Says Veto Is Possible on Health Bill, The New York Times, June 21, 1994, Tuesday, Late Edition - Final, Section A; Page 10; Column 5; National Desk , 1197 words, By ADAM CLYMER, Special to The New York Times , WASHINGTON, June 20'. The fifth result is 'THE HEALTH CARE DEBATE: CONSTITUENCIES: Groups Pledge to Continue Fight, Despite Setbacks, The New York Times, August 27, 1994, Saturday, Late Edition - Final, Section 1; Page 8; Column 3; National Desk , 1179 words, By ROBERT PEAR, Special to The New York Times , WASHINGTON, Aug. 26'. The sixth result is 'A Cabinet Push on Universal Coverage, The New York Times, July 7, 1994, Thursday, Late Edition - Final, Section B; Page 8; Column 4; National Desk , 1430 words, By RICHARD L. BERKE, Special to The New York Times , SIOUX FALLS, S.D., July 6'. The seventh result is 'CLINTON PROMISES NOT TO SURRENDER ON UNIVERSAL CARE, The New York Times, June 22, 1994, Wednesday, Late Edition - Final, Section A; Page 1; Column 1; National Desk , 1235 words, By ROBIN TONER, Special to The New York Times , WASHINGTON, June 21'. The eighth result is 'Numbers Game on Health, The New York Times, July 21, 1994, Thursday, Late Edition - Final, Section A; Page 22; Column 1; Editorial Desk , 487 words'. The ninth result is 'THE HEALTH CARE DEBATE: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH; Bishops Enter Health Battle With a Warning on Abortion, The New York Times, July 13, 1994, Wednesday, Late Edition - Final, Section A; Page 1; Column 1; National Desk , 1235 words, By ROBIN TONER, Special to The New York Times , WASHINGTON, June 21'. The interface includes a search box, a 'Search' button, and various filters and options like 'Restrict using Mandatory Terms', 'Restrict by Date', and 'Natural Language Searching'. There are also links for 'Suggest terms for my search' and 'Check spelling'.

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Filter Your Results—Definitions

Legal Topic

LexisNexis tags Web pages with our proprietary Search by Topic or Headnote legal classification system. This navigator clusters results and surfaces the most relevant Web pages around specific areas of law.

Subject

Now the popular LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology improves your experience on the Web, tagging Web pages and clustering results based on our subject taxonomy.

Geography

LexisNexis tags Web pages based on geographical references found in the documents. This navigator makes it easy to find relevant results that depend on geography.

Industry

LexisNexis can cluster Web search results based on our SmartIndexing Technology industry taxonomy. You can locate the best Web results based on a particular industry.

Citations

LexisNexis collects all legal citations found in the Web search results and organizes them into a simple list, starting with the most frequently referenced citations.

Companies

LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology identifies only companies that are the subject of a particular Web page. This navigator makes it easy to isolate Web pages focused on the company of interest.

People

LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology identifies only people that are the subject of a particular Web page. This navigator makes it easy to isolate Web pages focused on the person of interest.

Keywords

This navigator identifies the most popular keywords and phrases found in the Web search results and generates a dynamic list starting with the terms most frequently used.

Source

This navigator filters results based on the source of the Web page. You can isolate all Web search results from a particular Web site using this navigator.

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