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New *Shepard's*® Reports for USCS Sections Display Court *and* Legislative Treatments

Shepardizing™ statutes isn't new … but the *Shepard's*® Citations Service reports you see at *lexis.com*® today for USCS sections certainly are … very new, very different, with much more information than before.

Now you can *Shepardize*® a USCS section and review all the vital information—how the courts have treated it, whether new or pending legislation might affect it and which citing references invalidate (or support) it—in one glance.

Enter a USCS section and see the debut of:

• **One Comprehensive Report:** Review everything pertinent to the statute in one report. And you get the option to home in on reports for specific subsections or citing variations, if you choose.
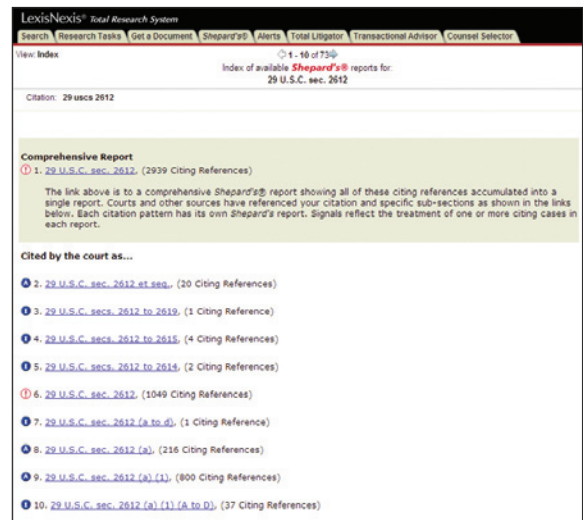
• ***Shepard's* Signal**™ **indicator for Statutes**: See if citing cases negatively treat or impact your section with the *new red exclamation signal*. (You can also spot which cases *followed* the statute … a *Shepard's* exclusive.)

• ***Shepard's* Summary:** And see it all up front. The exclusive *Shepard's* Summary shows why your statute received a *Shepard's* Signal indicator and offers links so you can analyze in more detail. If you like *Shepard's* Summary for case law, you'll be pleased.

• **Enacted Legislation**: Link to recently passed laws that amend or repeal the USCS section you're viewing.

• **Pending Legislation**: Link to pending legislation that references and may impact your section.

There's more! Right beneath the summary, pertinent **legislative history from the corresponding full-text code is organized—all in one place—**for streamlined viewing and consistent research. Plus **new citing content has been added,** including some agency decisions and briefs, pleadings and motions.

Need Model Documents? Your Colleagues Weigh In on Finding Them Without Hours of Research

by Carol Barra, LexisNexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant

LexisNexis® Precedent Search, a new resource available on *lexis.com,* provides access to model documents drafted by top law firms and filed as exhibits to SEC filings[1]. It gives you the ability to search for sample documents, clauses or defined terms using drop-down selections for area of law/document category, type of agreement and additional parameters based on your research.

Carol Barra

You can look for documents by a particular law firm, governing law jurisdiction, industry, company, etc. And LexisNexis Precedent Search filtering tools help further define and refine a search by categorizing results, so you can search more deeply within a single category of results.

Because results are full-text documents—so you can see your vital information in context—Precedent Search generates a table of links for each document so you navigate easily. (Also see the November/December 2008 *LexisNexis Information Professional Update* for more product information.)

This new source would have saved me *hours* of research time when I was working in a law firm, because this was just the type of research I conducted—and putting together Boolean searches was not always easy. (This would have also saved our clients money because I could have found precedent documents faster.) The flexibility that has been built in to this source for searching and filtering is very impressive. Pull-down choices let you select from pre-formatted document, clause and defined terms. Or choose to search all available exhibits for a type of agreement, clause or defined term that is not included in the pull-down selection.

I have been showing this new source to librarians I work with since it was released on *lexis.com* late last year, and our colleagues are impressed with the ease of use. I want to share some of the feedback I have received.

One librarian recently said using Precedent Search could have saved him hours of research time. He wanted to know where I was a couple of weeks before when, if he had used this source, it would have saved him a lot of time filling a research request. It would have also saved the client a lot of money. He liked how easy it was to find a specific type of agreement and then to use the filtering choices to narrow the results by specific agreement name, language within the agreement and governing law jurisdiction.
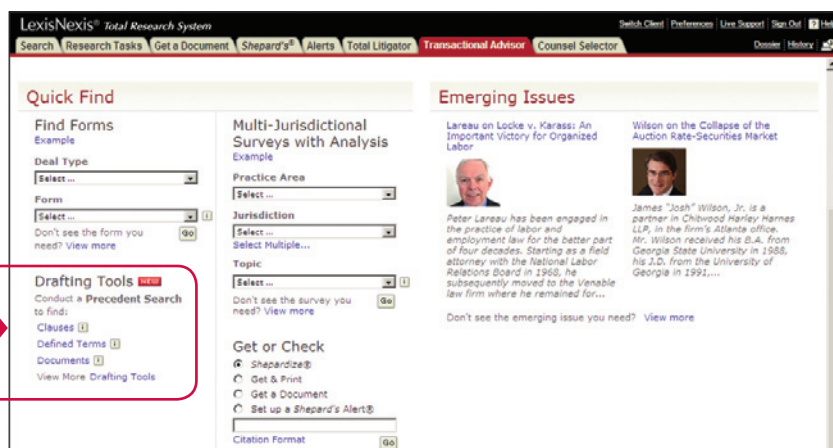
This same librarian had also struggled finding a description surrounding a clause because there were so many results for the source he used. Granted, if he had used Precedent Search, he would have noticed there is no limit to the number of results returned (i.e., no 3,000 limit). While this might seem overwhelming initially, with the filtering and FOCUS™ capability provided, it is easy to refine results down to a manageable number very quickly.

My customer was also impressed with the TOC generated for each document viewed. He noted it's much easier to navigate through long agreements. He will definitely use this new source, he added.

Another librarian said LexisNexis Precedent Search is the easiest search resource she has access to for searching SEC exhibits for precedent, just due to the flexibility. She said she likes not being totally locked in to using the suggested types of documents, clauses and defined terms. She liked the suggestions if they met her needs; however, she said, often the pre-formatted suggestions don't quite fit her research request. She was impressed with the filtering and FOCUS capability and how easy it was to add and remove filter choices. She was also impressed with the speed for processing her search.

Both librarians were impressed with the ability to filter results and to add FOCUS terms so easily from their results. They were also pleased with the reasonable cost of searching. They both indicated that this would be a very cost-effective way to search for precedent documents filed as SEC exhibits.

If you have not had a chance to try the new Precedent Search source at *lexis.com,* you can find it by selecting the TRANSACTIONAL ADVISOR tab. Look for Drafting Tools. As always, your LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant will be happy to review this resource with you.

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[1] LexisNexis Precedent Search may not be available to government subscribers and is not available to law school subscribers.

TRIPLL Graduates Establish Training Round Table to Continue the LexisNexis Conference Atmosphere

by Jim Murphy, Legal Research Training Consultant (www.jamesgmurphy.net)

Last spring, when I worked as Continuing Education Librarian at Dewey & LeBouef LLP, I was happy to be invited to TRIPLL 2008 (the LexisNexis® Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries conference) because I knew that I would learn new ways to encourage associates to attend my non-mandatory library trainings. That weekend in Texas—the lecturers, the other 30 law-firm and court librarians from around the country—was also a great source of practical tips on how to make the most of research training time.

Jim Murphy

After I got home to New York City, I missed the thoughtful observations and advice of the lecturers and the other librarians. So I got together with another TRIPLL 2008 alumnus, **Kit Kreilick,** Manager of Research Training at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, and founded a professional development group for law-firm and law-school librarians who train: the **New York Legal Research Training Roundtable.**

Based on a workshop at TRIPLL, I created a wiki for our group after our first quarterly meeting in April 2008. The wiki works as a platform for our 40 or so members to check out the report from the last meeting, and it allows us to post comments, questions and suggestions in between meetings.

> *"Academic librarians are a vital part of one of the continual topics … the disconnect between law schools and law firms as to what the research skills of law school graduates should be."*

Other than having an interest in legal research training, there is no restriction on who can join our meetings. Our number includes vendors, library managers, heads of reference, law-school reference librarians, and law-firm librarians—several from as far away as Long Island and Philadelphia. Academic librarians are a vital part of one of the continual topics of conversation at the Roundtable: the disconnect between law schools and law firms as to what the research skills of law school graduates should be. Both firm and school librarians in our group have been surprised at the differences in expectations.

Our Roundtable meets at one of our offices in Manhattan. Generally, the host office provides the conference room and a presentation set-up—a laptop with Internet access, a projector and a screen. Each meeting has a two-part agenda. The first half of the two-hour meeting is devoted to a discussion of one or two topics proposed on the wiki the week before. (This ensures that the issues are what the attendees are currently dealing with.)

Thus far, some topics covered include:

- What we learned from our last Summer or Fall Associates orientation and training programs.
- Hourly versus transactional searching online, i.e., when is one approach more cost-effective than the other?
- How do you get associates or students to "own" a training session?
- What are firms and schools doing in distance learning? Webinars? Podcasts? Video conferences?
- How do we measure success? How do we demonstrate success?
- How can we work with other departments at firms and schools?
- What do firms expect schools to teach concerning legal research?

After about 40 – 50 minutes of discussion, we have dinner. In some ways, this is the heart of our meeting. This 20 minutes is our chance to network, comment on what has been discussed, make plans to meet in smaller groups to discuss more discrete issues, and exchange more stories about what works and what doesn't. (It's also a time for the more reticent in our group to voice their opinions more privately.)

The meeting ends with a 20-minute practical demonstration of some training technology presented by one of the Roundtable members. For example, last summer I showed how to capture an image from the Web, edit it in Microsoft® Paint, and drop it into a Microsoft PowerPoint® slide using custom animation. The point was to also show how to create a PowerPoint show that instructed with only graphics and the presenter's voiceover—no screen captions.

In the future, our members expect to demonstrate varied software tools for training: SnagIt® for grabbing graphics off the Web for slide shows and handouts; Camtasia® and Captivate® to create training desktop videos; and Audacity® for creating podcasts.

All of these efforts attempt to mirror last spring's TRIPLL experience. LexisNexis got together a faculty of law-firm librarians experienced in the best practices for attracting lawyers to non-mandatory library trainings. Then they showed us the latest technology and theories on how to make the training most effective for a legal audience. Our Roundtable is our local version of keeping the conversation going among library professionals on best practices for training.

New *Shepard's* Reports for USCS: Look What You Can Do …

Newly designed *Shepard's* reports for USCS sections present all the citing references in one, comprehensive report. Yet you can easily see at a glance how vital history and citing references affect your statute. *Shepard's* expert attorney-editors still apply the full spectrum of treatment analysis for statutes, including "followed" treatment and "unconstitutional." But now you have a new signal indicator just to alert you to possible issues with your section.

Take a look. For example, select the SHEPARD'S tab and ENTER: *29 uscs 2612* You move directly to the comprehensive report.

(A) Size It Up in a Glance

Like the *Shepard's* Summary for cases, you can see why a specific signal was assigned. Plus you get the overall picture—how many authorities cited your section and how. Link directly to any group of references. When you're ready to move back to the top of the document, just click **Summary** in the bottom left corner of your report screen.

(B) Warning! Strong Negative Treatment

Shepard's uses the same signals for statutes and cases, with one exception: this new red signal indicator just for statutes. Why this change? Statutes, unlike cases, can be repealed, amended, etc., by legislation over time. The new signal represents seriously negative citing case treatment.

By the way, you can review the definition of any *Shepard's* Signal indicator; just click **Legend** in the bottom left corner.

(C) See the Latest Congressional Action

Here's where you find the legislative impact. The **Pending Legislation** link takes you to a list of all bills pending in Congress that propose to amend, repeal or enact your statute section. Move to the full text of any bill, and there you'll also find links to the latest bill-tracking report and Legislative Impact® report that matches bill language to section language, down to the subsection. The **Enacted Legislation** link (not shown) moves you to new public laws not yet codified.

(D) Did You Notice? More Citing References—Even Briefs

Now you can link to other **USCS sections** citing yours, effectively creating a cross-reference table. Plus find citing references to **agency decisions** from the IRS, National Labor Relations Board, Trademark Trial and Appeals Board, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Merit System Protection Board. (more agencies coming). Or move directly to citing references in law reviews, **Matthew Bender® treatises**, other publications like medical journals—and the expansive collection of **LexisNexis Briefs Pleadings & Motions.**

(E) If You Prefer Subsection Reports, Display the Index

The default is to give you one comprehensive *Shepard's* report showing all citing references. But courts may use various citation patterns to reflect subsections, etc. To see *Shepard's* reports for each separately, click the Index link in the summary. (Or select the **Index** view in the upper left corner.) It's easy to find your way back to the comprehensive report. Just use the trail at the top of the screen.
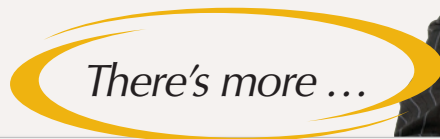
So … How Does the This New *Shepard's* Functionality Affect …

Shepard's State Statutes Reports

All 50 state statutes—and the CFR—will eventually have these new *Shepard's* enhancements. Currently California, New York, Ohio and Texas codes as well as the USCS offer the new *Shepard's* enhancements. (See January 2009 *LexisNexis Information Professional Update* for details on *Shepard's* new Ohio coverage.) Some statute types will be exceptions to the new functionality and content, specifically, constitutions, court rules and state regulations.

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Enter USCS cites and request a *Shepard's* report, and you receive the comprehensive report automatically.

Shepard's Alert®

Shepard's Alert program will monitor changes to citing references to your USCS section/subsection—and report changes to the legislative history, citing case signal, recent legislative enactments and pending legislation as well.

By the way, you can request a *Shepard's* Alert on the main, comprehensive report, or select a specific subsection report to update.

Shepard's® BriefCheck™

The default setting will give you the "as cited" report, i.e., the "smart answer set" you're getting today. You can also change your options to a new "comprehensive report" approach. With this setting, if you enter a USCS cite, BriefCheck will deliver the all-negative comprehensive report. However, if you're working with a statute that doesn't have the new *Shepard's* enhancements yet, e.g., some state statutes, *Shepard's* BriefCheck tells you multiple reports are available. *Shepard's* product experts recommend you keep the "as cited" option until your state code reports are enhanced.

C Pending Legislation

F All the History …
All in One Place

See the legislative history and link to specific public laws.

G Use Your Favorite *Shepard's* Refining Tools

Restrict your report to positive or negative references or to specific analyses. Pinpoint references by jurisdictions or content types. If your report offers 2,000 references or less, you can also use the FOCUS feature to find particular concepts.

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The **Seventh Conference on Advanced Management for Private Law Librarians (AMPLL)** hosted by the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group will convene April 24 in Dallas, Texas. Over that spring weekend, 30 information professionals will find out how CFOs and CEOs think about the business side of law-firm management. (And a law-firm C-executive will deliver the lectures.)

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What kind of tips will you find? Here are some favorites:

Sharing Online Search Strategies Using the History Link *(January 23, 2008)*
Here is an easy way to share online research strategies with colleagues so that you don't duplicate work:

- Log on to the LexisNexis® services at *www.lexis.com*, and click on the **History** link in the upper right corner.
- Unless you've done all of your research today, you'll need to click on the **Archived Activity** tab.
- You can choose to **Sort results by Client ID** or **Date**.

The sort function allows you to view specific groups of searches by client/matter number or by date. Once you're pleased with your filtered results click on the **View Printable History** link. Now you can use your browser function (File; Send Page by Email) to send your search strategies to the other librarians who need to see them.

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Do you know what operational cash flow per share (OPS) means? Also … do you know there is a source at *lexis.com* that lets you know the OPS of a company?

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Law Digest Search on *martindale.com*® *(October 22, 2008)*
Now that you can access *Law Digest* information at *martindale.com,* LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant Liz Peoples suggests a great way to zero in on *Digest* entries. You add the word *digest* in the Keyword to Search for text box, which cuts through all the legal topic articles and brings you a results set with digest information —PRONTO!

The steps are outlined below:

1. Go to *www.martindale.com*. (Choose the COUNSEL SELECTOR tab.)
2. Select **Search Legal Topics**.
3. Select **Advanced Search**.
4. Indicate a **Jurisdiction** by choosing either a country (international data) or specific state (domestic data.)
5. ENTER: *digest* in the **Keywords to search for** text box.
6. Digest information will appear in your result set.
7. Open the full text of the article. You can quickly navigate to different sections of the article using the left pane in the PDF format.

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