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# CourtLink<sup>®</sup> Content and Functionality Now Offers the *lexis.com*<sup>®</sup> Look and Feel (and It's Available by Transaction!)

The LexisNexis<sup>®</sup> services offer nearly **100 million court dockets and documents**. Coverage at the U.S. District Court level spans 20 years and includes 60 percent more full docket coverage than the closest competitor can offer.

And now, when you select CourtLink resources from *lexis.com* screens, you get far more than a simple link to the CourtLink platform.<sup>1</sup> If your organization has a CourtLink agreement—and even if it doesn't—you can use CourtLink functionality seamlessly within *lexis.com*. Never leave the *lexis.com* environment when using CourtLink content.

Look for new source names, such as Combined Federal and State Documents and Dockets. (Get more details on page 10:034.)

If your organization has a current CourtLink agreement:

- Researchers can select CourtLink resources from *lexis.com* screens—no link to www.courtlink.com—and **no pause in your research workflow**.
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- Contract charges for research conducted in CourtLink sources will continue to appear on your CourtLink invoice. Even when users without a CourtLink ID gain access to the sources via *lexis.com*, contract charges will appear on your CourtLink invoice. (New LexisNexis billing functionality blocks this contract use from appearing on the *lexis.com* invoice.)
- Prefer to link to www.courtlink.com? OK. This site continues to work in parallel. There are no plans to discontinue the site. It's your workflow choice.

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- Transactional charges for CourtLink resources will appear on the organization's standard *lexis.com* invoice and through the LexisNexis PowerInvoice<sup>™</sup> service, just like other *lexis.com* charges.

### Turn to Page 10:034 to Learn More!

<sup>1</sup> Some law school and government subscribers may not have access to some CourtLink resources at lexis.com, such as CourtLink Tracks. Law school subscribers will not have access to the functionality described in this article.



### SPOTLIGHT ON

# Search CourtLink Dockets and Documents And Set Alerts from *lexis.com* Screens

Now find these key CourtLink resources available on a transactional basis at *lexis.com* screens. (Please note that some CourtLink features, such as searching on patent information, searching on documents by type and searching individual state courts are still available only through the CourtLink platform at www.courtlink.com.)

### www.courtlink.com: CourtLink Single Search

# *www.lexis.com:* Combined Federal and State Documents and Dockets

**Combined Federal and State Dockets and Documents**—Select this source at *lexis.com* and get the same coverage, features and functionality as *CourtLink Single Search* at *www.courtlink.com*.

Uncover valuable litigation intelligence and gain strategic advantages over the opposing party in litigation. This combined resource offers **more than 90 million court-filed dockets and documents** (motions, pleadings, briefs and more) in one search. Search broadly with key words, and then turn to the powerful filtering tools. For example, filter results—with just a click—to specific practice areas, jurisdictions, case types (e.g., appeals) and more.

Find <u>Combined Federal and State Documents and Dockets</u> throughout *lexis.com,* including these locations:

- **Legal** tab > Court Records, Briefs and Filings
- Legal tab > Expert Witness Analysis, Jury Verdicts & Settlements
- **Get a Document** tab > by Party Name > Federal Dockets

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### www.courtlink.com: CourtLink Alerts

### www.lexis.com: New Docket Alert

**New Docket Alert**—Select this alert at *lexis.com* and get the same coverage, features and functionality as *Courtlink Alerts* at *courtlink.com*.

Receive automatic notification of newly filed cases involving clients, opposing parties, presiding judges, attorneys, firms and subject matters of interest. In addition to litigation tracking, New Docket Alert also offers firm management an opportunity to monitor companies and executives for business-development purposes as well as for early case assessment. Keep your management informed on who is filing what types of suits—and who is representing them.

Find <u>New Docket Alert</u> under the *lexis.com* **Alert** tab. You have the option to create a variety of New Docket Alerts, using litigants' names, counsel, judge, nature of suit (i.e., practice area), etc.

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### TAKE A TOUR

### New Look ... New Navigation! Now Search Across LexisNexis® Communities

More than 50,000 legal professionals gain access to free news summaries, commentary and resources via LexisNexis Communities. And now they can get more information—and get to it more easily.

See the new design with sidebar navigation and tabbed organization at www.lexisnexis.com/communities

You may have registered already! One user name and password—including your LexisNexis InfoPro or Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup> Connected combination—will give you access to *all* LexisNexis Communities.

### Some New Community Features Worth Remembering:

### Create My Page From All Communities

Are you responsible for research in several practice areas? Go to those community pages and select important content—top cases, emerging issues, news, etc.—for *My Page*. Just click the link and add. At *My Page*, view a table of contents by practice area. Also consider RSS feeds. (See 7.)

### 2 Get to Resources Faster!

The *new* Left Navigation icons make it easy to find the latest news headline, free downloads, links to current legal blog posts, etc. *There's more!* Mouse over an icon and click **Glance.** View a table of contents for that area—complete with links to each item. Or get more details by clicking the tabs.

### View—and Choose—Your Communities

Select your pages from the drop-down boxes. There are 15 practice communities, four global (including the Rule of Law Resource Center), and nine professional communities, including the **LexisNexis InfoPro Web site.** 

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### Search Across All Communities At Once!

Enter key words—a name, topic, concept, etc. For example, ENTER: *fcpa* 

Get links to all community posts—stories, blogs, podcasts, etc.—that mention the agency.

### Or Search Lexis<sup>®</sup> Web, Free Case Law or Link to the LexisNexis<sup>®</sup> Store

Use the same search box. Just click the tab you want. (Free recent case law does not include editorial enhancements like headnotes.) To search the Lexis Web, for example, click the Legal Web tab and enter your search.

### **Check Out Editors' Choices**

LexisNexis community managers and practice area specialists put the most important new stories, blogs, downloads, etc., right up front in **Top Stories** so you can see it quickly and take note.

### Set Up RSS Feeds for Automatic Updates.

Discover more feeds! Click and subscribe to feeds for community news, blogs, podcasts, top cases, emerging issues, free downloads, conferences & events, training & CLE opportunities, and more.

### 8 Take a Closer Look at the Contributors

Each contributor bio includes links to all available articles at LexisNexis communities—and the comments they have received.

### See What's New on Board—and What your Colleagues are Reading

Latest Postings shows you what commentary has just been added—blog posts (LexisNexis and other legal sites), legal news updates, etc. Right beneath it: the most accessed posts, downloads, commentary, etc. Maybe you should take notice too.

### 10 Look! Commentary from Martindale-Hubbell® Connected Comes Right to You

Articles powered by martindale.com<sup>®</sup> connects you to the martindale.com legal library. There you can search for articles of interest as well.



### KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

### LexisNexis® Tax Center: One Librarian's "Top 10" Favorite Research Features

by Bridget MacMillan, LexisNexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant

Recently a librarian contacted me for an overview of tax resources on the LexisNexis services. Her library is aligning individual librarians with practice areas, and she was considering supporting the tax practice. That was the only impetus I needed to take a deep



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dive into the LexisNexis Tax Center, the specialized, tax-research interface. (Link to it from the Taxation Area of Law page or the **Transactional Advisor** tab.)

After reviewing the LexisNexis Tax Center and its useful features, this librarian asked me to sum up our session by compiling my 10 favorite features of Tax Center. Honestly it was difficult to limit my favorites to only 10.

The most compelling reason why the LexisNexis Tax Center is incredibly useful for me is that, even though I am not a tax practitioner, this interface makes conducting tax research easy. I am confident that I have taken the right steps to tax research.

# **1** Look at What You Can Do Right From the Main Screen!

I really like the look of the default screen for Tax Center. **Select up to 80 sources, combine them and search—all from same screen.** (Even save source combinations.) The list of sources stays in front of you, making it is easy to select. Then you search without moving to a new screen. The search box and list of combined sources stays in view the whole time.

### **2** Favorite Sources

It's easy to select Favorite Sources and save them. Click the yellow star outline next to a source name. The star fills in, and the source is a favorite. Plus you can make My Tax Center your default start page for greater efficiency.

### **3** Save Searches for as Long as You'd Like

Since tax research is often done on a quarterly or annual basis, you can save a search until you need it during the next cycle. Searches can be saved on My Tax Center indefinitely; *they do not expire after 30 days.* 

### **4** Custom Folders—a Great Place for Saved Searches

Create custom folders and store your searches. For example, create folders for individual clients, projects, seminars, etc. You can save multiple searches to the same folder, keeping your work organized efficiently. Go to My Tax Center > Saved Searches.

# **5** Retrieve past issues of certain publications for the previous 10 days

You know the request ... "I saw a story in today's *Tax Notes Today*", and now I need the one related to it from three days ago." You can do that easily; just select the Tax News tab and choose a prior issue.

### **6** Research a Code Section with LexisNexis Tax Advisor

I'm not a tax expert, but with background information like a topic or a code reference, I can easily find the most helpful path. If the requestor provides you with a Code section, you can begin your research drilling down into the Code.

### 7 State Practice Insights Offer Real-World Guidance on State Issues

Because I'm not a tax expert, I also like the real-world guidance, insight and analysis on state tax law issues for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. I also like the Practice Insights legend that indicates the key issue being addressed.

### 8 BNA<sup>®</sup> Enhanced Table of Contents View

The Enhanced Table of Contents allows you to click through topics, and you also have the option to search the table of contents. This makes for much easier searching and browsing if you are familiar with the contents or have the time to browse the contents. Look for BNA sources with "Enhanced" in the title, i.e., BNA Tax Management Portfolios - U.S. Income Series (Enhanced).

### **9** Get a Document—Three Options!

When you choose the Get a Document tab on LexisNexis Tax Center, there are three widgets to aid you in getting the correct document, even if the citation you've been given is incomplete or inaccurate.

### **10** International Resources

A robust collection of international resources makes it easy to find the nation you need.

Explore the LexisNexisTax Center ... See if your "Top 10" features match mine!

### FOR IPS ONLY

# SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO June 13 – 16 in New Orleans

See LexisNexis Solutions at Booth 1208 (Elsevier is next door at Booth 1218)

| <b>INFO-EXPO HOURS:</b> | Sunday, June 13—Noon – 5 P.M.     |
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|                         | Monday, June 14—10 A.M. – 5 P.M.  |
|                         | Tuesday, June 15—10 A.M. – 5 P.M. |

Explore new product features! Talk to the LexisNexis development teams and account representatives who specialize in the products you use most. *SLA meeting attendees who view at least three LexisNexis product demonstrations will receive a thank-you gift.* 

At this year's INFO-EXPO, on display specifically for law librarians:

- **Research, verify and add intelligence**—and never leave your work in vital e-mail messages and document drafts.
- Also see how Lexis<sup>®</sup> for Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Office makes it possible to share and collaborate on research and work product effectively through Microsoft Office SharePoint<sup>®</sup>.
- Gain access to CourtLink resources and functionality ... with the *lexis.com* look and feel. No seprate CourtLink subscription is necessary.

LexisNexis INFO-EXPO demonstrations geared to corporate librarians and power searchers will include:

- The *nexis.com*<sup>®</sup> service (and Nexis<sup>®</sup>Direct)—NexisDirect is a new resource that marries the vast, premium news and business content of *nexis.com* with a simple "Internet-type" interface.
- LexisNexis<sup>®</sup> Publisher and other LexisNexis current awareness tools.
- **Company, industry and executive intelligence reports**—via LexisNexis<sup>®</sup> Company Dossier, LexisNexis<sup>®</sup> Industry Dossier and LexisNexis<sup>®</sup> Due Diligence Dashboard.
- Special Government and Academic librarian displays—highlighting LexisNexis® Statistical Datasets and LexisNexis® Academic Solutions incorporating news, business and legal information into one interface.
- Corporate Knowledge Management solutions—featuring Lexis® Search Advantage.

### LexisNexis is Proud to Sponsor ...

events and sessions throughout the annual meeting. Check your SLA meeting program for locations.

### Legal Division

LexisNexis will host the Legal Division Open Houses Monday and Tuesday evenings, plus:

### Hot Topic Session!

Tuesday, June 15, 2 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**"Off-Label" Use: Discovering Insights and Ideas through Alternate Content Channels** Selected by SLA as a hot topic of special interest to its members, **Bobby Schrott**, LexisNexis Direct of Product Planning, will speak.

### Perennial Favorite!

Tuesday, June 15, Noon – 1:30 P.M.

#### 60 sites in 60 Minutes

Fasten your seat belts as LexisNexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant **Gayle Lynn-Nelson** and the **SLA Legal Division** take you on a wild ride through 60 cool, unique, professionally helpful (and some truly odd) Web sites. No topic is off limits!

#### **Government Information Division** (Gold Level Sponsorships)

In addition to sponsoring the GDI's Annual Business Meeting and Presentation (Strategic Positioning for Next Generation Library Services) on Monday, June 14, at 4 P.M., LexisNexis sponsorship will support:

- Coaching and Mentoring Federal Librarians, Monday, June 14, 10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
- Hurricane Katrina & Libraries: Recovering from America's Worst Natural Disaster, Tuesday, June 15, 2 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

### **Knowledge Management Division**

SLA divisions collaborate on Spotlight Speaker Sessions to offer high-quality, targeted learning opportunities to SLA members. This year, LexisNexis supports this effort through the Knowledge Management Division:

### Spotlight Speaker Session!

Monday, June 14, 10 AM – 11:30 AM **Knowledge Continuity & Opportunities: The Future of Knowledge Managers** Knowledge pundit **Patrick Lambe**, the "Green Chameleon" blogger and principal at Stratis Knowledge, is the presenter.

### Red SLA Bags Go Green!

Go ahead ... pick up those INFO-EXPO goodies ... you'll have room. An added bonus: the red conference bag you'll receive at registration, branded with SLA and LexisNexis logos, is made from recycled materials.

### FYI FLASH

### Law School Faculty Advisory Board Meets to Review Products, Teaching Methods

Mansion on Forsyth Park in Savannah, Georgia, was the site of the spring meeting of the LexisNexis Law School Advisory Board.

During the two-day event March 18 – 20, board members had the opportunity to preview and provide feedback on new LexisNexis products, including Lexis® for Microsoft Office. (See the March 2010 issue of the *LexisNexis Information Professional Update*.)

Board members noted that Lexis *for* Microsoft Office could streamline the process of grading papers, help professors work more closely with librarians on research issues and allow students to see their own analysis on a deeper level. Other LexisNexis product discussions included LexisNexis Web Courses and an upcoming LexisNexis eBook Pilot for law schools.

The group also had candid discussions related to the standardization of teaching rubrics and desired student outcomes. Remaining sessions also focused on student skills, i.e., ABA Outcomes Assessment and Professional Research Certification.

The LexisNexis law-school team compiled the feedback from this meeting and will use it as a guide in the planning for fall 2010 and spring 2011 programs and offerings.

Thanks to the LexisNexis Law School Advisory Board members who attended:

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