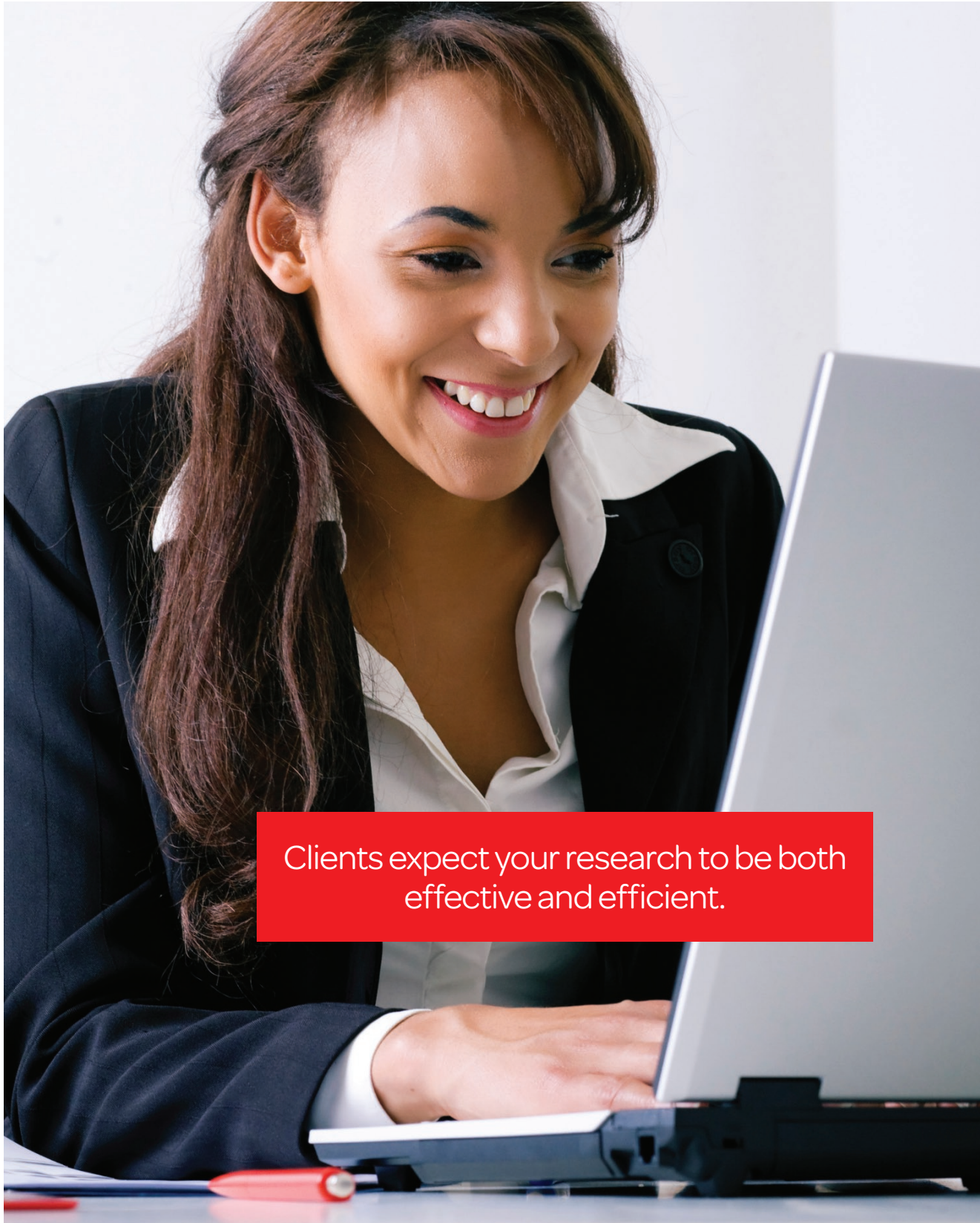




Conducting Cost Effective Research

Learn five easy steps that will save your time and clients' costs while ensuring thorough and effective results.



Clients expect your research to be both effective and efficient.

STEP 1: Start with a Secondary Source

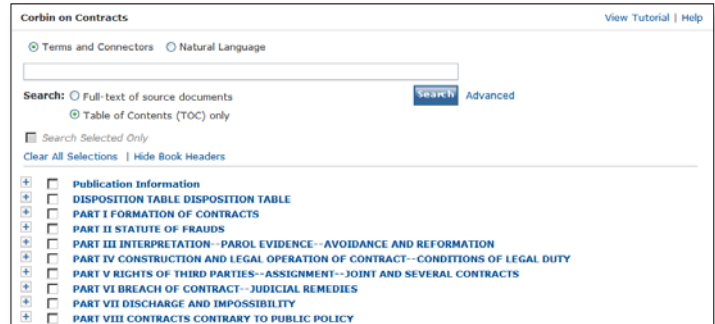
Most practitioners start their research with a Secondary Source to gain valuable background information, see current trends in the law, and get links to primary authority on their topic. You can find all the legal secondary sources available on LexisNexis under Secondary Legal.

Treatises & Practice Guides

Matthew Bender® treatises, available only on LexisNexis, are a great starting point for any research assignment. To search a Matthew Bender treatise:

- Click **Matthew Bender** under the Secondary Legal heading
- Click **By Area of Law**
- Choose an area of law, e.g., **Contracts**
- Select a treatise, e.g., **Corbin on Contracts**

Note: You can search these sources by using the symbols to expand the table of contents or by running a search through the table of contents or full-text of the source.



STEP 2: Conduct Topical Research

Conducting topical research on LexisNexis using Search by Topic or Headnote will save valuable time by leading you to relevant cases, law reviews, treatises and other documents on a legal topic.

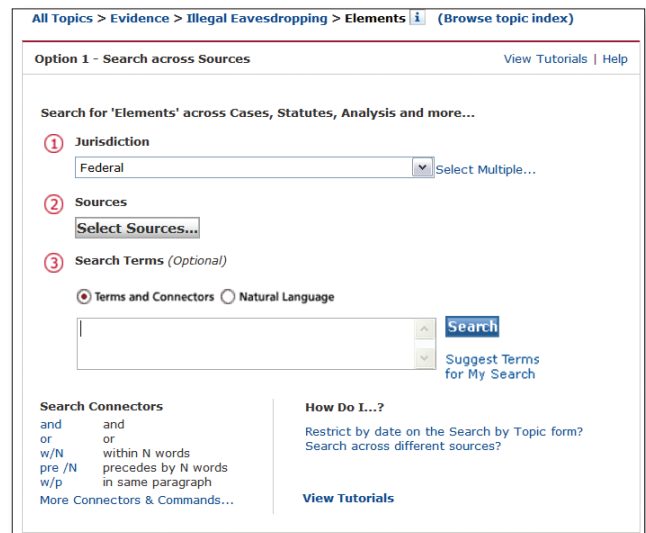
- Click the **Search** tab then click **by Topic or Headnote** in the red bar underneath.
- Under **Option 1: Find a Legal Topic** enter a topic, e.g., *illegal eavesdropping*
- Click the red **Find** button
- Select **Elements** under Evidence > Illegal Eavesdropping.

Note: You can also find topics by clicking through the list of all topics by using Option 2: Explore Legal Topics.

Option 1: Search across Sources

- Select the jurisdiction, e.g., **Federal**
- Select sources:
 - **Federal Evidence Cases**
 - **CFR – Code of Federal Regulations**
 - **United States Code Service – Titles 1 through 50**
- Click the red **Search** button.

Note: You do not need to enter search terms to get results on your topic.



Option 2: Search by Headnote

- Select your jurisdiction, e.g., **Federal Evidence Cases**
- Click the red **Retrieve All** button

Note: This search retrieves all cases classified under Evidence > Illegal Eavesdropping > Elements and related headnotes.

Option 2 - Search by Headnote Help

Retrieve all headnotes and additional cases on 'Elements'

Jurisdiction
Select a Jurisdiction

Date (Optional)
 No Date Restrictions
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Retrieve All

What's this?
Retrieve all headnotes classified to the topic or cases that discuss the topic, even if there isn't a specific headnote.

STEP 3: Search Sources with Terms and Connectors

To search sources efficiently and cost-effectively on LexisNexis, follow these 3 steps:

1. Search the smallest appropriate database for your research.

Note: If you only need to search Federal Court cases, select the Federal Court Cases, Combined database rather than Federal and State Court Cases, Combined. Click the "i" box to find information about the scope of the source.

2. Write a broad terms and connectors search to retrieve all potentially relevant documents.

Note: You incur the same cost no matter how many documents you retrieve through your initial search, and if your search is stopped because it will retrieve over 3,000 documents you do not incur any cost.

3. Use FOCUS™ to narrow your broad results to more specific information.

Note: FOCUS allows researchers to quickly find the most relevant information by searching through a broader results set, and FOCUS is at no additional cost on LexisNexis.

Sources

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- State Court Cases, Combined

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Step 4: Utilize LexisNexis® Case-Law Enhancements

Once you find a case supporting your legal arguments, use LexisNexis® Related Content and LexisNexis® Headnotes to expand your research.

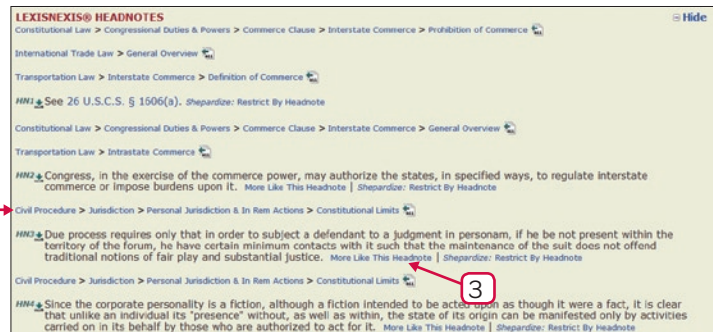
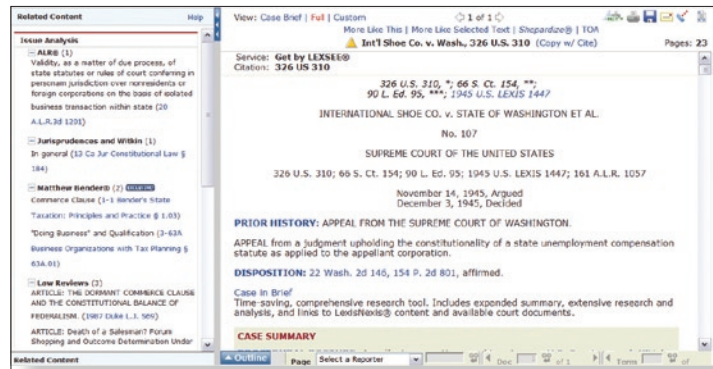
LexisNexis® Related Content

Within a case, find the Related Content pane in the left frame. This frame will contain links to ALR®, Matthew Bender® treatises, law reviews and more, all related to the issues within the case.

LexisNexis® Headnotes

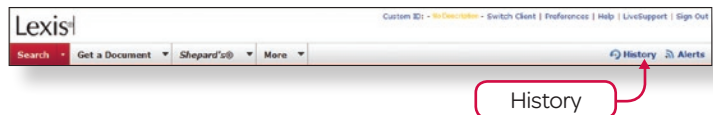
LexisNexis Headnotes will help you quickly expand your research. Use the Headnotes by:

1. Clicking any link within the **Headnote Topical Description** above the text of the headnote.
2. Clicking **ALL** to retrieve all cases containing that headnote.
3. Clicking **More Like This Headnote** to find cases containing similar headnote language.



STEP 5: Keep Track of Your Research

Use the History link on LexisNexis to keep track of all the research performed over the past 30 days. Re-access any searches conducted in the past 24 hours at no additional charge from the **Recent Results** tab.



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