

## Lexis Advance - Faculty FAQs

Welcome to Lexis® Advance, designed to transform the way you conduct legal research. Use the responses to these Frequently Asked Questions to better understand the unique features integrated in to Lexis advance and differences from Lexis.com.

**1. How will Lexis® Advance be released to law schools?**

In order to ensure a smooth introduction, we launched Lexis® Advance for Laws Schools as a beta to all Librarians and Legal Research & Writing faculty last May and then to a select number of schools this fall. During this beta process, we collected feedback from Librarians, LR&W faculty and students via surveys, one on one interviews, and focus groups resulting in many of the enhancements released with Lexis Advance 2.0. Remaining law schools will receive access to Lexis Advance early spring semester. With the content and feature enhancements released in December 2011 combined with commercial access in early 2012, Lexis Advance is no longer a beta product.

**2. What content is available on Lexis Advance?**

You can see the complete content listing for Lexis Advance by clicking the Content Listings tab under the *Browse the help index* link in the Support panel.

**3. How is Terms & Connectors searching on Lexis Advance different from Lexis.com?**

We performed an analysis of the most frequently used Boolean connectors, so we moved to the new web standard set of Boolean connectors with the release of Lexis® Advance. **However, for ease of use purposes, Lexis Advance will now accept lexis.com connectors.**

**4. Does Lexis Advance automatically find plurals and possessives like *lexis.com* does?**

Lexis Advance does look for plurals unless the words or phrase is in quotes, in which case only the words as typed will be searched. Additionally our Term Equivalency Dictionary includes equivalent terms based on legal concepts. *For example, the phrase accomplice testimony finds “accomplice’s testimony” and “testimony of accomplices.”*

**5. Is searching an individual source be available?**

Search By Source is currently available as a post search filter. Searching by source as an initial search is planned for 2012.

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**6. Is Book Browse available on Lexis Advance?**

Yes. Book Browse is available. When viewing a document within a table of contents formatted source (i.e. treatises, statutes...) simply click the previous or next arrow at the top of the document. No need to “activate” book browse first.

**7. Will the word wheel in the initial search box search for words other than the initial (first) word that is entered into the box?**

Yes, the Word Wheel looks for all locations of words in the phrases/words we entered into the term box. For example, if a user types *emin...* they will see:

- eminent domain
- use eminent domain
- right of eminent domain

**8. When the researcher runs a Boolean search and includes a phrase which is not in quotes and puts in other terms which are in quotes, will Lexis® Advance search both at once?**

Yes, there is a way to combine a quoted phrase with other terms in a query. The algorithm looks for user-quoted phrases before other words. So, the following search: “dog” bite homeowner is processed as: “dog” or “bite” or “homeowner.”

With “dog” being a user-quoted phrase and “bite homeowner” being treated as additional terms connected by “or.”

NOTE: If a user types in a search that retrieves zero results, a “search tips” box appears offering suggestions. Also, the Options drop down box includes “run as natural language”

**9. Is the relevance algorithm that generates search results the same that is used by *lexis.com* for natural language search results today?**

No, the relevance algorithm used by Lexis Advance is a state-of-the-art enhancement over the *lexis.com* algorithm. Lexis Advance uses a variety of proprietary methods in producing relevant results for our users; “relevance” as we have defined it means that the document a user would expect to find in their results appears as one of the first five documents in a user’s results set. To ensure this result, Lexis Advance includes, but does not limit, the following:

- a. Automatic phrase recognition
- b. Case name recognition
- c. Implied phrases between connectors
- d. Proximity search between the terms
- e. Activity score boosting in the ranking algorithm (i.e. “landmarkness” of the case)

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**10. Is segment searching available?**

Yes, but different from Lexis.com. Users can narrow their results by Attorney or by Law Firm using a post search filter. A post search filter for Judge is coming in a future release. Additional filters may be added in the future.

**11. Is Get a Document and Find a Source functionality as we know it on Lexis.com available?**

Both are planned for sometime in 2012.

**12. Where are work folders stored and can you annotate selected text you want to save to a work folder?**

Work folders are stored at LexisNexis®. Yes. Users can highlight and/or annotate a portion of a document in a work folder. Also, users may change/edit notes they have added to a work folder. The ability to highlight and annotate any document (within results) is coming in 2012.

**13. Can you email an entire work folder to someone? Can work folders be downloaded?**

You cannot email the entire folder at once - individual items may be sent via email. The ability to share work folders is in the development plan for Lexis Advance. Yes, up to 100 documents may be downloaded at a time.

**14. How many work folders can you have and how long may content be stored in a folder?**

Users may create an unlimited number of both top-level and sub-level folders and add up to 500 items across all of their work folders. In addition, they can sort their activities based on Title, Date, Type and Client. They can also search across all of their work folders. Items are stored in work folders until removed by the user; Lexis Advance will not remove items from a user's work folder. Purchased content stored in a work folder may be accessed for 90 days. After 90 days, the user will need to re-purchase the document(s).

**15. How long are searches kept in History and can search history be shared?**

History on Lexis Advance is saved for 90 days, however, a user may move items in History to a work folder where they will remain indefinitely. History may be emailed up to five users at a time. The maximum number of individual items for each email is 100

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**16. Can you print or email a History research map?**

Yes, Research Map may be saved to a folder and it may also be printed. When saved to a folder, users also have the option to print, download and email.

**17. In *Shepard's* is there a screen similar to "Focus-Restrict by" in *lexis.com* where multiple selections can be made on one page and results generated once, or do we need to narrow by HN, term, jurisdiction, date, etc. one at a time, with new results generated each time we narrow by any individual criteria?**

Yes, the "Narrow by . . ." filters on the left of the Citing Decisions allow you to quickly narrow your report by:

Type of *Shepard's* Analysis; Court; Headnotes; Terms within results (former FOCUS™); Timeline (by date).

**18. How does the Legal Issue Trail work?**

The Legal Issue Trail allows the user to select a legal passage that is most important to his/her research and then find other cases that cite to that legal passage, thus building authority not just around a case, but for a specific point of law within a case. It is done through linguistic analysis as well as the underlying intelligence of *Shepard's*. The Legal Issue Trail is a patented product that is original and unique to LexisNexis.

**19. Will Lexis Advance work with LexisNexis Web Courses, CaseMap®, and Lexis® for Microsoft® Office?**

Integration with other products, including LexisNexis Web Courses, CaseMap, and Lexis for Microsoft Office, is planned for future releases of Lexis Advance. As release dates get closer, we will provide you with specifics.

**20. Is there a Lexis Advance iPad and/or mobile application?**

Yes, Lexis Advance apps are available for iPads and iPhones. To locate all Mobile Apps, go to <http://www.lexisnexis.com/newlexis/mobile>

**21. Is Lexis Advance linked/accessible on Kindles?**

Lexis Advance supports the delivery of documents to both the Kindle and Nook. To send a document to either e-reader, all the user needs to do is select email from any location in Lexis Advance, enter their Kindle email address and up to four others and hit send. There is no formatting required (which Kindle can charge extra for), and the document comes to the Kindle as a pdf. For the Nook the procedure is the same; the format is great and needs no manipulation on the part of Lexis Advance.

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