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Valuable tools to get you to a decision point quickly and easily.



Take advantage of these at-a-glance, user-friendly indicators to produce high-quality work in less time. These powerful filtering tools allow you to narrow your focus to pertinent sources, access information you might not otherwise notice, and focus on what's most important to you—information that could either support or negatively impact your case. Validate your citing references quickly and efficiently, and be confident your authorities are still good law.





Shepard's Signal™ Indicators




The *Shepard's Signal*™ indicators are visual representations of the impact of treatments of your case. They are integrated into case-law documents and provide an immediate indication of the subsequent history and treatment of a particular case.

Shepard's® Analysis Phrases

Analysis Phrases are indicators of the status of your law over time. They are assessed by attorney-editors according to strict standards and guidelines, and each phrase is assigned a *Shepard's Signal*™ generating value to your case. These signals and phrases are shortcuts to get you to a decision point quickly and easily.

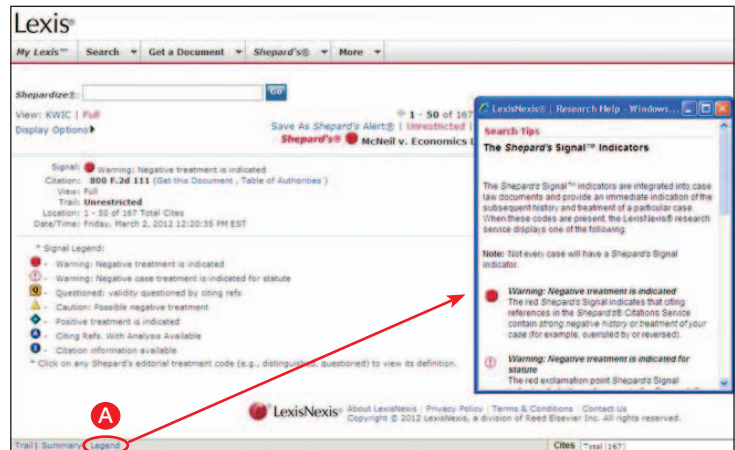
Listed below are all *Shepard's Signal*™ indicators along with the most common Analysis Phrases.

Signal Indicators	Common Analysis Phrases
 <p>Warning: Negative treatment is indicated for statute The red exclamation point <i>Shepard's Signal</i>™ indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i>® Citations Service contain strong negative treatment of the <i>Shepardized</i>™ section (for example, the section may have been found to be unconstitutional or void).</p>	<p>Unconstitutional by—The citing case declares unconstitutional the statute, rule or regulation you are <i>Shepardizing</i>™.</p> <p>Void or invalid by—The citing case declares void or invalid the statute, rule, regulation or order you are <i>Shepardizing</i> because it conflicts with an authority that takes priority.</p>
 <p>Warning: Negative treatment is indicated The red <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain <i>strong negative history or treatment of your case</i> (for example, overruled by or reversed).</p>	<p>Overruled by—The citing case expressly overrules or disapproves all or part of the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i>.</p> <p>Abrogated by—The citing case effectively, but not explicitly, overrules or departs from the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i>.</p> <p>Superseded by—The citing reference, typically a session law or other record of legislative action, or a record of administrative action, supersedes the statute, regulation or order you are <i>Shepardizing</i>.</p>
 <p>Questioned: Validity questioned by citing refs. The orange <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicates that the citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain treatment that questions the continuing validity or precedential value of your case because of intervening circumstances, including judicial or legislative overruling.</p>	<p>Questioned by—The citing opinion questions the continuing validity or precedential value of the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i> because of intervening circumstances, including judicial or legislative overruling.</p>
 <p>Caution: Possible negative treatment indicated The yellow <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain history or treatment that may have a significant negative impact on your case (for example, limited or criticized by).</p>	<p>Criticized by—The citing opinion disagrees with the reasoning/result of the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i>, although the citing court may not have the authority to materially affect its precedential value.</p> <p>Distinguished by—The citing case differs from the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i>, either involving dissimilar facts or requiring a different application of the law.</p>

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 Positive treatment indicated The green <i>Shepard's</i> Signal indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain history or treatment that has a positive impact on your case (for example, affirmed or followed by).	Followed by —The citing opinion relies on the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i> as controlling or persuasive authority.
 Citing references with analysis available The blue "A" <i>Shepard's</i> Signal indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain <i>treatment of your case that is neither positive nor negative</i> (for example, explained).	Explained by —The citing opinion interprets or clarifies the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i> in a significant way. Cited in Dissenting Opinion at —A dissenting opinion cites the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i> . Interpreted or construed by —The citing opinion interprets the statute, rule or regulation you are <i>Shepardizing</i> in some significant way, often including a discussion of the statute's legislative history.
 Citation information available The blue "I" <i>Shepard's</i> Signal indicates that citing references are available in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service for your case, but the references do not have history or treatment analysis (for example, the references are law review citations).	Cited by —The citing document references the <i>Shepardized</i> cite.

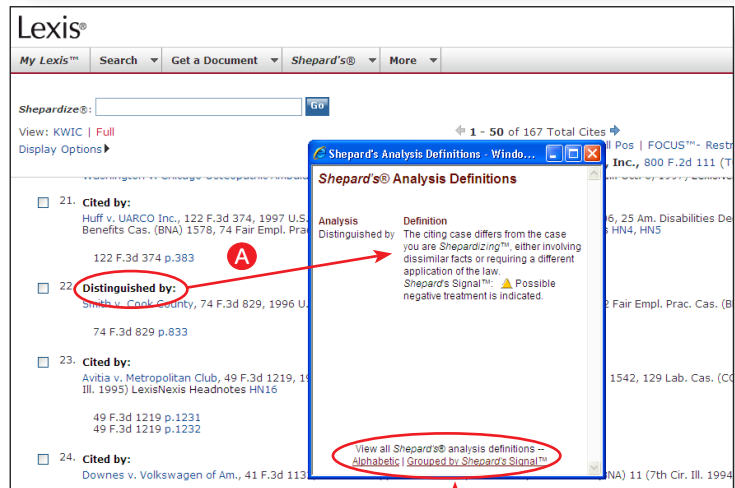
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