

Lexis Advance® Save Time—Build a More Efficient Search

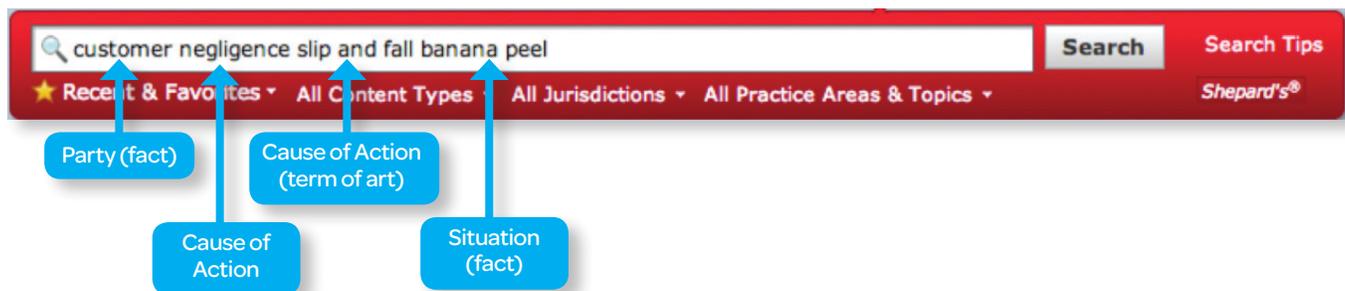
The Lexis Advance® search box makes finding relevant supporting authority efficient and easy.



Natural Language Searching

Like the name suggests, you can build an efficient search using everyday language. Simply use the Lexis Advance search box to type the key words that you would use when describing your research assignment to another person. Lexis Advance will run a natural language search—ranking by relevance—documents that use words that match your search terms.

To build the strongest, most efficient natural language search (1) include elements of a good search and (2) leave out “noise” words like: and, or, the, or, of.



Elements of a Good Natural Language Search

Cause of Action—The legal theory that the plaintiff is invoking in order to bring the law suit.

Facts—In law, there are many types of facts, ranging from adjudicative facts to material facts. Facts are the alleged or actual details of a case. Consider including a description of the party and details about the alleged situation at issue.

Term of Art—A word or phrase that has a specific legal meaning. If a relevant “term of art” applies, include it in your search.

Your search terms will appear in bold font.

Save time when reviewing your search results by clicking “both” to view your search terms and an overview of the case.

Document Title	Jurisdiction	Court	Date
1. Powell v. L. Feibleman & Co., 187 So. 130 ... is no showing that it had either actual or constructive notice of the presence on the floor of the banana peel prior to plaintiff's slipping and falling . Only upon such showing, and in accordance with plaintiff's pleadings, could she impose upon the defendant liability for the injuries sustained." In Theodore v. J. G. McCrory Company, 17 La. App. 684 , 137 So. 352 , a customer , whose foot was pierced by a splintered floor, was permitted to recover against the proprietor because of the ...	Louisiana	Appeals Court	March 13, 1939
2. J. C. Penney Co. v. Chavez, 618 S.W.2d 399 Defendant store sold food on its premises, and its personnel condoned the practice of permitting	Texas	13th Court of Appeals	May 28, 1981

“Boolean” Searching Using Terms and Connectors

Terms and Connectors are special words and symbols—and, or, !, w/#, and at least—that attorneys use to build a controlled, precise search. When you use terms and connectors in your search, Lexis Advance automatically runs a Boolean search. Boolean searches retrieve documents that exactly match the search criteria.

Search Tips

Whether running a natural language search or further controlling your answer set with terms and connectors, start your search by including the salient elements of the fact pattern: the cause of action, a description of the party, specific facts and relevant terms of art. Terms and connectors between your search terms tailor your results.

Consider using these common terms and connectors

or—retrieves results that include either word within the document (*slip or fall*).

and—finds documents that use both words (documents with both *slip and fall*).

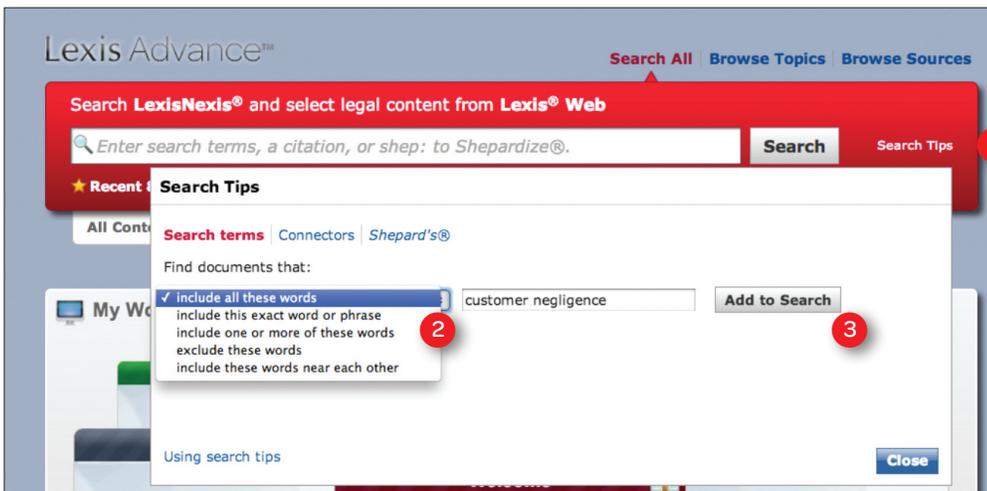
w/#—includes words appearing within # words of each other (*slip w/3 fall* finds *slip* within 3 words of *fall*).

!—is a root expander that replaces characters at the end of the word (*negligen!* finds *negligence* and *negligent*).

atl#—finds documents that use the word you are looking for # amount of time. For example, *atl3(customer)* finds documents that use *customer* three times.

Learning terms and connectors

Learning terms and connectors has never been easier using Search Tips, exclusively available on the Lexis Advance service. Let Lexis Advance build your search for you! Simply click **Search Tips** and use the pull-down menu to tell LexisNexis what you want to look for.

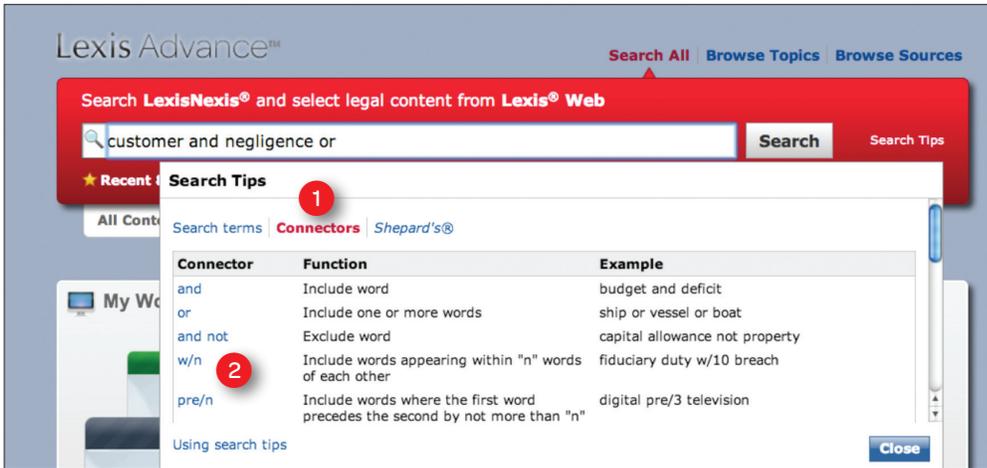


The screenshot shows the Lexis Advance search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for "Search All", "Browse Topics", and "Browse Sources". Below this is a search bar with the text "Search LexisNexis® and select legal content from Lexis® Web". The search bar contains the text "Enter search terms, a citation, or shep: to Shepardize®." and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar is a "Search Tips" button, which is circled in red with the number 1. Below the search bar is a "Recent" section with a "Search Tips" button, also circled in red with the number 1. A dropdown menu is open from the "Search Tips" button, showing options: "Include all these words" (checked), "include this exact word or phrase", "include one or more of these words", "exclude these words", and "include these words near each other". The dropdown menu is circled in red with the number 2. Below the dropdown menu is a search bar containing the text "customer negligence" and an "Add to Search" button, which is circled in red with the number 3. At the bottom of the dropdown menu is a "Close" button.

1. Start by clicking **Search Tips**.
2. Use the pull-down menu to tell LexisNexis what you want to do.
3. Click the **Add to Search** button and Lexis Advance will build your terms and connectors search.

Search Tips *(continued)*

For a complete list of terms and connectors, click **Connectors**. Easily review the functionality of each connector and its corresponding example by scrolling through the list. When you find a connector that you want to use, simply click the blue hyperlink to quickly add it to your search query.

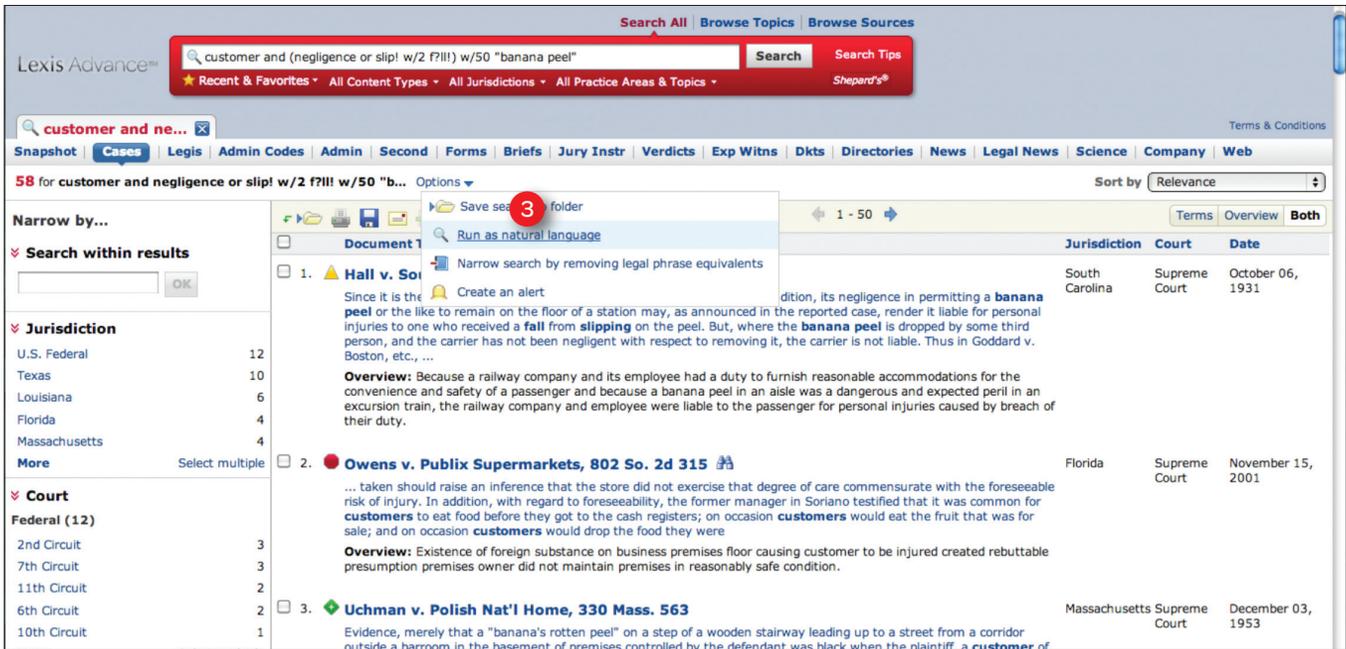


1. Click **Connectors**.

2. Use the hyperlinks to quickly add a connector to your search.

Connector	Function	Example
and	Include word	budget and deficit
or	Include one or more words	ship or vessel or boat
and not	Exclude word	capital allowance not property
w/n	Include words appearing within "n" words of each other	fiduciary duty w/10 breach
pre/n	Include words where the first word precedes the second by not more than "n"	digital pre/3 television

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1. Hall v. So...	South Carolina	Supreme Court	October 06, 1931
2. Owens v. Publix Supermarkets, 802 So. 2d 315	Florida	Supreme Court	November 15, 2001
3. Uchman v. Polish Nat'l Home, 330 Mass. 563	Massachusetts	Supreme Court	December 03, 1953

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