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Instead, you’ll have a set of facts and legal terms of art. The Lexis Advance search box makes finding the most relevant supporting authority for your assignment using facts and legal terms as easy as 1–2–3, or **Search – Category – Filter**. It’s no harder than shopping on Amazon.com®.

**Research in Three Steps**

**Search – Category – Filter**

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1. **Search Broadly**

Start with a broad search of all Lexis Advance content so you will have a complete set of results including cases, statutes, secondary and other important sources for your research assignment. Create your initial search using these three major components: **party, cause of action, situation**.

Use **Filters > Advanced Search** for tips on how to use terms and connectors for better and faster results, and take your research to the next level.

The Lexis Advance search box automatically detects whether you are using a natural language search or a Boolean (terms & connectors) search to make your research even easier.
2. Select a Category

Select a source category from the left of your results page. **Snapshot** shows the top three results from each of the sources you searched for a quick view of your results. Start your research with **Secondary Materials** to gain a broad understanding of the cause of action and its requirements, which will help you focus on what you’re looking for when you switch to the case-law category.

1. **Cases**: Case-law coverage dating back to the 1700s.

2. **Statutes**: Fully annotated, which means in addition to the law, you see the important decisions interpreting it. This is a great resource for finding hypotheticals that apply the law to begin your case research.

3. **Legislation**: Full-text bills, bill tracking reports and the Congressional Record make it easy to research complex legislative histories.

4. **Secondary Materials**: Secondary sources are different types of persuasive authority used by the legal community to gain a broad understanding of an issue. These are just a few:
   - **Treatises**: Legal handbooks that provide insight and commentary for a deeper understanding of key issues. Get up-to-date analysis and practical advice from leading experts that courts and practitioners rely on. Treatises contain many citations to relevant primary and secondary authority—a great place to begin your research.
   - **Law Reviews and Journals**: Peer-reviewed articles with extensive research and analysis on a variety of legal issues, found in more than 840 law reviews and journals, are available on Lexis Advance.
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   - **Dockets**: More than 160 million, and counting, court dockets from federal and state courts.

3. Filter

Narrow down your results using intuitive Lexis Advance filters. Filters appear to the left and vary by source. More jurisdiction and category filters make narrowing easier. Combine a few filters to quickly find the best, relevant authority for your research assignment.

**Always Shepardize**

Use the same three steps to ensure you aren’t missing any relevant authority. Just Shepardize – Category – Filter to see how the courts have treated your case or statute.

**Shepardize**: Click the Shepard’s Signal™ indicator at the top of every case to find more authority.

**Category**: Click Citing Decisions to the left for a list of citing cases, or Other Citing Sources to find citing statutes or secondary sources.

**Filter**: Use the analysis filters to find more supporting or distinguishing cases and the Headnotes filter to find more cases with similar law.

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