The research tasks you do most: Here’s how at Lexis Advance®

Many of your favorite research tasks—those tasks you rely on to get you to information you need—can be completed at Lexis Advance® in a couple of steps. Try them out. Get comfortable. They’re so simple you’ll memorize them quickly.

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Search

Search with “terms & connectors”

Just enter your words and connectors in the red search box, e.g., same sex W/10 marriage, and select Search. Lexis Advance automatically interprets search commands such as ! and * to truncate words and W/n, OR, AND, & etc. For help selecting connectors, select the Filters pull-down menu in the red search box and select Advanced Search.

Please note: Lexis Advance ignores certain “noise words” in your query but counts these noise words when determining the proximity of terms in a document. So, broaden your proximity connectors. For example, consider searching W/10 instead of W/5. For W/p and W/s, consider W/75 or W/25, respectively.

Note: Only the AND and & connectors work in Lexis® Web.

Search a specific source

If you know the source: Enter a partial title in the red search box, which makes source suggestions. Select to add your title to a search. Select Get Documents to retrieve available source documents. Select Table of Contents to view a source’s TOC.

You can also browse and search sources:
1. Select Browse in the black Lexis Advance header and select Sources.
2. Select All Sources. The screen above displays.
3. Enter a partial title in the Sources search box. (Or browse titles alphabetically, by content types, jurisdictions, etc.)
4. Select a title link. Actions display. You can Add to filters to add the source to your search or Get Documents to retrieve all available source documents. Also create a Publication Alert for many sources. To get source details, such as update schedule, select the icon. To select all sources on the Browse Sources screen, click the Add All These as Search Filters button.

Combine sources/search favorite sources

To combine sources:
1. Enter a partial source name in the red search box. The word wheel will make suggestions. Select a source.
2. Repeat to add more sources to your search. The source combination is saved automatically in Recent & Favorites.

View recent searches and create Favorites:
- Select the Filters pull-down menu in the red search box and select Recent & Favorites.
- View recently searched sources, combinations, legal topics and pre-search filters.
- To create a Favorite: Select the star next to the title. Once a Favorite, the item remains in your Recent & Favorites list and Favorites pod.

Favorites can include sources, source combinations, legal topics and prefilters. The Favorites pod displays on the Lexis Advance home page for quick access.

Search with segments and commands

Common case-law segment searches
- NAME(roe AND wade)
- JUDGES(merz) OR JUDGES(michael W/2 merz)
- WRITTENBY(merz)
- ATTORNEY(paul W/2 stewart)

Common news segment searches
- HEADLINE(oil AND domestic)
- HLEAD(george W/2 soros) finds terms in the headline and/or lead paragraph
- PUBLICATION(wall street journal)
- PUBLICATION—TYPE(magazine) AND ukraine AND putin
- SECTION(financ!) & bitcoin

ATLEAST command
- ATLEAST3(obama AND christie)
Use a number with ATLEAST. Use OR or AND or & only.
Find a full-text case by name
The Lexis Advance red search box suggests the names and citations of top-cited cases and many U.S. Public Laws and popular state laws. If you begin to enter party names or a statute name, the search box will make suggestions automatically, e.g., ENTER: roe v wade.

Choose a narrower or expanded result set when you enter party names. A more narrow, default option returns cases that find plaintiff and defendant names. Click Actions on your results screen, (not shown) and select Expanded Results to view cases with plaintiff or defendant names as well as exact matches with the party names reversed.

You can also find cases by searching with the NAME segment. ENTER: NAME (roe and wade)

Request a Shepard’s® report
Enter shep: then the citation in the red search box, e.g., ENTER: shep:800 f2d 111 then select Search.
Browse by hierarchy

Browse or search a table of contents (TOC)

TOCs are available for U.S. and state statutes, constitutions, court rules and administrative codes, plus municipal codes and many treatises, guides and form books.

Gain access to a TOC several ways:
1. Enter the TOC source name in the research box and select the Table of Contents link.
2. Identify your TOC source in Browse Sources and select the Table of Contents link.
3. Select the source’s View Table of Contents link in your search results.
4. Select the source’s View Table of Contents link from your Recent & Favorites list or Favorites pod.

To browse a TOC:
Open and close hierarchy levels. Select ▼ to open, ▲ to close.
Select a blue document link to open a full-text section. The document opens in a new window. To return to the TOC, close the document.

To search a TOC:
Enter your search terms in the search box at the top of the open TOC, e.g., ENTER: limited partnership and select Search.

You can search:
- Both the TOC and documents at once, or the TOC or documents separately. Make your selection beneath the search box. (Default is both.)
- Specific portions of the TOC, e.g., several chapters. Select the magnifying glass icon next to the sections you wish to search. (You can also select sections then print, deliver or share.)

After you make your selections, select the gray magnifying glass search button.

Open relevant documents or browse surrounding levels. Your search terms are highlighted in yellow. To return to the TOC, select the TOC title link or select Clear Search.

Browse statutes

Move to preceding or succeeding sections. Select the Next or Previous arrows at the top or bottom of the screens. To move to a TOC level, you can select a level from the hierarchical links at the top of the document. Or select the Table of Contents link on the left side of the document.
Research legal topics

Research a specific legal topic
(Browse Topics)

Select **Browse** in the black Lexis Advance header, then select **Topics**. You can search for your topic or browse a topic hierarchy.

To search for your topic:
Enter your search words in the topics search box, e.g., ENTER: *alternative dispute resolution*, and select **Search**.

To browse for your topic:
1. Select an area of law, e.g., Agency Adjudication.
2. Select ▶ to open subtopics, ▼ to close.
3. Select a **topic link** Select a task, e.g., **view topic documents** or set up a **topic alert** to notify you of changes in the topic documents. **Topic Summary Reports**, compiled by LexisNexis legal editors, point you to seminal cases and other vital authority, key definitions and references to secondary sources that can help bring you up to speed on a legal topic.

Use LexisNexis® headnotes to find documents

Find the LexisNexis headnote you want to explore in a full-text case.

1. Select a **topic link** in the headnote, e.g., **Police Powers**.
2. Select **Get topic documents**. Your results documents are sorted by relevance with the Cases tab displaying.
3. Refine. Add **filters**, e.g., select a jurisdiction. Or **Search within results**, i.e., add search words to describe your issue or fact pattern.

**Topic Summary Reports**, discussed below left, also point you to relevant authority in addition to topic definitions and secondary sources.
Using/delivering results

Refine your search results

Refine by content category
Review just cases or forms, etc. Select a category link (in blue) at the top of your left navigation pane.

Check results numbers
See how many results for most content types. Determine what to view first and/or how to refine.

Refine by adding search words
1. Go to the Search within results box in the left pane.
2. Enter your search terms, e.g., ENTER: front pay
To remove the additional search words, select the X next to the displayed words.

Refine by adding filters
You can filter only one content category at a time.
Select a filter to apply it to your results, e.g., select a jurisdiction to restrict your review to documents for that jurisdiction. All court and jurisdiction filters are in alphanumeric order.

To add multiple filters at once, e.g., several jurisdictions, choose Select multiple, make your choices and select OK. All filters added display in blue boxes under Narrow by.

Bring up to three jurisdictions and three courts to the top of your filters list. Click Edit Settings under Narrow By.
Select the X next to an applied filter to remove it.
To remove all filters, select Clear

Copy cites and text for your work

Add citations: Including parallel cites and links to the full-text document. Just select the Copy Citation link at the top of the full-text document.

Copy text and citation: Highlight the text you need. An option box displays. Select Copy. For citation and copy attribution, you can select from a variety of style formats. You can also choose to include parallel cites and a link to the document.

Print, email, download and save to Folders

Deliver a single document as you view the full text of that document. Deliver one or more documents from the results list—even across content categories. Select the checkbox next to each document you wish to deliver.

Then look for the delivery icons at the top of the screen:

Print: Options let you format (fonts, search terms in bold, etc.), show headnotes in cases, etc. Save steps and bypass options screens too. Just select Use default settings.

Email: Options let you format (.PDF, .Docx, .WP), add recipient addresses, subject and message. Also send to LexisNexis® CaseMap® case analysis software or compress (zip) files.

Download: Options let you download as .Docx, .WP or .PDF, send to CaseMap® or download the results list. Even send as multiple, zipped files. Save steps and bypass options screens too. Just select Use default settings.

Save to a Folder: Options help you select a folder, save the document(s) or results list(s) and add notes to preface the document(s).

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