



SEARCHING DOCUMENT SEGMENTS

In Lexis Advance®, all documents of the same type have a common structure, composed of natural parts referred to as segments. For example, in cases you find segments for name, date, court, opinion and dissent, among others.

You can restrict your search to a specific segment of a document, such as the name of a case opinion or the text of a statute section. Different types of documents have different segments. For example, a case doesn't have the same segments as a newspaper article.

Segment searching is especially useful when you are looking for:

- Opinions written by a particular judge
- Cases involving a specific party
- Particular words or phrases in the title of a news article
- Search terms only in the text of the section of a statute
- And many other search scenarios where answers are desired in a specific part of a document

HOW DO I SEARCH SPECIFIC SEGMENTS?

There are two ways:

1. In the red search box, enter your search beginning with the segment name followed by your search terms in parentheses. To find opinions written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, enter:

writtenby(o'connor)

2. Or click the Advanced Search link above the red search box to display easy-to-use forms for 50+ document types, e.g., cases, news, codes, etc. Each field of each form represents a searchable document segment. Fill in the fields with your terms or values and watch your search build in the red search box.

Power user tip: The labels on the Advanced Search form fields may vary from traditional segment names to make the labels easier to understand. However, as you enter text into the fields, your search is built automatically in the red search box and displays the segment names you may be more familiar with. (Sample documents show available segments, too.)

The screenshot shows the Lexis Advance interface. At the top left is the Lexis Advance logo. Below it is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter terms, sources, a citation, or shep: to Shepardize®". To the right of the search bar are links for "Advanced Search" and "Search Tips". A red arrow points to the "Advanced Search" link. Below the search bar is a navigation bar with "Lexis Advance Research" and "Browse" options. The main content area shows "Advanced Search: Cases" with a search bar containing "Enter items below to create your search" and a search button. Below the search bar are two sections: "Search within entire document for..." and "Search document segments/fields...". The "Search within entire document for..." section has a "Terms" field with the instruction "Use any terms you would like to find in the document, to refine your search use connectors". The "Search document segments/fields..." section has a "Date" field with the instruction "Description text - date formats" and a dropdown menu for "Date is between...". To the right of these sections is a "Use Connectors" section with a list of connectors: " " (Exact phrase), "and" (2 or more words anywhere in the document (alternative: &)), "or" (Include one or more words), "and not" (Exclude documents containing word or phrase; should be the last connector, or might produce unexpected results), and "in" (First word within "n" words of the second (alternatives: win or nearin)).

