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Strategize! Values • Visions • Vistas ...

See You in San Antonio!

The 98th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries
July 16 – 20, 2005, San Antonio, TX
(Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center)

Ask a colleague who has attended the annual meeting. It's an energizing experience. The workshops ... the exhibits ... the special events ... the collective wisdom of all those information professionals under one roof!

Every law librarian should go at least once. Is this your year?

LexisNexis has been working with AALL to make your visit memorable—with lots of knowledge and even a little fun. Take a look:

Chocolate ... There's No Better Way to Begin Your Journey!

AALL Annual Meeting Opening Event ... A Dessert Extravaganza
Sunday, July 17, 8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Start Sunday evening earlier with *Dine Around San Antonio*, sponsored by AALL.

A member of the AALL local advisory committee will host a group dinner at a local restaurant and lead you back to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center Ballroom C ... and to heaven!

Sample a River Walk of delicious desserts at this year's extravaganza sponsored by LexisNexis. Visit the San Antonio specialty dessert table for Mexican Sopapillas with honey, Cinnamon Bunuelos topped with cream and strawberries ... or maybe Margarita Mousse.

Feeling more traditional? Stop by the ice cream sundae bar or the sorbet bar. And there's much more. Nibble, visit with old friends ... or make a few new ones as you savor the specialty coffees and Mexican Hot Chocolate.

Your extravaganza ticket is waiting for you in your AALL registration package. Contact the AALL for details and costs on additional guest tickets.

Visit LexisNexis at Booth #237—and Win, Win, Win!

Exhibition Hours:

Sunday, July 17, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, July 18, 8 a.m. – Noon; 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Six is the magic number. View six LexisNexis product demonstrations at Booth #237, and you'll receive a LexisNexis Rewards Card redeemable for your choice of merchandise from our online Customer Rewards site once you get back home. Also get a handy "sling-pack" and water bottle containing a freezer bar to keep your drink nice and cold. (View less than six demonstrations, and you'll receive the sling-pack only.)

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Plus LexisNexis Rewards Points are now cumulative, and you'll have plenty of opportunities to add to your total. View six demonstrations and be entered automatically in the **hourly drawing for extra Rewards Points**. Drawings begin 10 a.m. Sunday, one each hour the Exhibit Hall is open.

There's more! Visit the **LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group** station in Booth #237 and receive another, special gift.

Visit your Librarian Relations Consultant, and get a close look at these LexisNexis products and services at the booth stations:

News Sources Available on the LexisNexis services—Try a search in your dream source combination ... *The Wall Street Journal*[®], *The New York Times*[®], *The Washington Post*[®], and more than 100 other premier news sources.

Shepard's[®] Citations Service—See the latest ... **LexisNexis Headnotes in your Shepard's reports**. Link directly to discussions in citing cases—discussions similar to those in your case's LexisNexis Headnotes.

LexisNexis[®] Market Intelligence—The LexisNexis report product that combines vital marketing intelligence from LexisNexis[®] CourtLink[®], Martindale-Hubbell[®], and LexisNexis[®] Company Dossier and LexisNexis[®] Industry Dossier. And don't forget to take a peek at the free learning center of best practices.

CourtLink[®]—Check out the new interface—and how easy it is to search multiple court systems. Now you have so many research options. CourtLink experts are ready to show you every one.

International Online Sources—See how LexisNexis resources cover the globe with news, business and legal information.

LexisNexis[®] Total Search—Researching internal work product for vital data isn't just a dream. It's LexisNexis Total Search. See how other law libraries around the nation are transforming their internal intellectual capital into vital research answers.

Matthew Bender[®], **Mealey Publications**[™], **CCH**[®], **BNA**—and the other powerhouse pillars of authoritative content available through the LexisNexis services. Discover tips for browsing and searching the tables of contents effectively. (And be sure to ask how to search Matthew Bender indices without charge—every day.)

LexisNexis[®] Research Tasks pages—Perfect for novice practitioners, LexisNexis Research Tasks pages cover more than 20 different practice areas. It's easy to pinpoint a task, fill in a few blanks and go directly to results.

Plus, LexisNexis Booth #237 will have stations specially dedicated to law schools, LexisNexis Academic Library Solutions, data hosting and disaster recovery solutions, cost recovery and more. **Even take a look at the future** at two stations where you can view projects in pipeline and talk to their developers.

The LexisNexis Learning Center is Right Next to You

Special Insert and Class Schedule Enclosed!

If the LexisNexis product demos aren't quite enough ... if you'd like more details and more time to study LexisNexis products and services, visit the LexisNexis Learning Center located right in Booth #237. No prior registration necessary.

The Learning Center will be open Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, staffed with LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultants who will cover everything from cost-efficient research and indexing (LexisNexis SmartIndexing Technology[™]) to Current Awareness tools and market research.

There will be drawings for rewards points after each session!

All Learning Center sessions will last 30 minutes. Each session will be offered twice during the three-day event. Check the insert enclosed with this issue for classes and times.

LexisNexis is Proud to Sponsor...

These special events are governed by AALL for the benefits of their members. Check your meeting program for event locations.

- AALL Grants Committee
- PLL-SIS Business Meeting and Breakfast; Sunday, July 17, 7 – 9 a.m.
- SIS Chairs and Chapter Presidents Luncheon; Saturday, July 16, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Diversity Committee Symposium; Saturday, July 16, 2 – 5 p.m.
- Diversity Committee Reception; Saturday, July 16, 5 – 7 p.m.
- AALL-SIS Breakfast and Business Meeting; Sunday, July 17, 7 – 9 a.m.
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship (recognized at the Association luncheon, Monday, July 18, Noon – 1:40 p.m.)
- James F. Connelly Scholarship Award
- GD-SIS Breakfast; Tuesday, July 19, 7 – 8:45 a.m.
- AALL / LexisNexis Call for Papers Award; Tuesday, July 19, 9 – 10 a.m.
- SR-SIS SC on Lesbian & Gay Issues Reception; Tuesday, July 19, 7 – 10 p.m.

Plus LexisNexis is hosting these invitation-only events for these special customers:

- Government Librarians—Customer Appreciation Lunch; Tuesday, July 19, 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- IP Education Reception; Sunday, July 17, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
- LexisNexis Grants & Scholarship Dinner; Monday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.

See You at the Educational Workshops!

LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultants will be attending workshops—and hosting them! For example:

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Strengths, Problems, Opportunities and Threats (SPOT): Analyzing the Dynamics of a Successful Library Organization

Monday, July 18, 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Level: Intermediate

Competency: Library Management

Target Audience: Law librarians, especially managers and reference librarians

Participants will learn how to use a SPOT analysis to identify and analyze the Strengths and Problems of their organizations, as well as the Opportunities and Threats revealed by the information they gather on their external environment.

Participants will be able to use the elements of the SPOT analysis to prepare or amend plans for problem solving and decision making. When conducting strategic planning for any library, whether online and/or offline, it is useful to complete an analysis that takes into account not only your own library, but also your competitor's.

Coordinator and Moderator: Gayle Lynn-Nelson, Senior Lead for the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultants

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Partnering for Shared Success Tuesday, July 19, 9 – 10 a.m.

Level: Intermediate

Competency: Library Management

Target Audience: Librarians who want to build additional relationships within their organizations

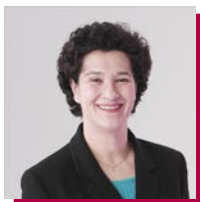
Do you know how to increase your sphere of influence? Who will be your next champion? Librarians face challenging circumstances in the current law firm environment. We all need to have an understanding of what we can do to communicate our value to our organizations more effectively. This program will provide an opportunity to share strategies for partnering with other firm departments (conflicts, recruiting, marketing, IT, training, accounting, HR, etc.) to better work toward common goals/objectives. Speakers will explain how to communicate this strategy to management and how partnering will affect the perceived value of the library within the entire firm.

Coordinator and Moderator:

Susan Skyzinski, LexisNexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant; speaker, Terri L. Lawrence, Winstead Sechrest & Minick PC

A Message from Cindy Spohr

AALL Meeting an Annual Reminder of Professional, Personal Commitments



Cindy Spohr

I recently RSVP'd for my high school class reunion. I missed the last reunion because it conflicted with the AALL Annual Meeting, but this year, when the invitation arrived in the mail, and I saw that it didn't conflict, I thought this might be a good year to attend (especially after I twisted the arm of a good friend from high school to attend as well!)

There is something about reunions that make us think back through the years, and since we are also in the height of planning for the AALL Annual Meeting, I couldn't help but reflect on my time in AALL.

My first AALL meeting was in Washington, D.C., in 1981—after only 11 months with a law firm. It was a time of many first experiences for me. Fortunately I had the chance to attend the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) program, which was an excellent way to start. As a solo law firm librarian, it was wonderful to spend time with other librarians and to hear of their struggles, successes and failures, and I went back to my firm rejuvenated. The many contacts I made at that first meeting convinced me I was in the right profession.

Just as I continue to have a long and rewarding experience with AALL personally, so do LexisNexis and the Librarian Relations Group. LexisNexis created the **first AALL endowed scholarship in memory of John R. Johnson**, who led the newly formed LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group for a short time until his untimely death in 1994. Since endowing the scholarship later that year, **more than 55 scholarships** have been awarded in John's name.

In addition, since 1953, Matthew Bender (and subsequently LexisNexis) has awarded **almost 300 grants and scholarships** to assist law librarians with their education or with attending the annual meeting.

In July 2000, LexisNexis further enhanced our partnership with AALL by establishing an endowed Research Grant program to promote continued research work by librarians for the betterment of the profession.

LexisNexis also has a long history in supporting law librarians' professional development through our **Teaching Research conferences for law firm, academic and court/agency librarians**, as well as through our Advanced Management program. The first program was held in the late 1980s and currently two conferences are held each year—one each spring and one in conjunction with the AALL Annual Meeting. I have personally worked on these programs since the TRIPLL (Teaching Legal Research in Private Law Libraries) Conference in 1994, and I can honestly say I learn something new at every session. We are proud of the more than 800 "graduates" of these programs.

At every AALL Annual Meeting you will see that LexisNexis **sponsors a variety of functions for individual special interest sections**. We believe that our support helps sustain the work of these groups, and we are pleased to play a role in their continued success.

Throughout the year, the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group supports **AALL local chapters** at their meetings and conferences. The 15 librarian members of the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group also participate on many national and local committees to further the work of the association.

Lastly we are very pleased to partner with the association again this year as the sponsor of the Opening Event and are looking forward to seeing you all while enjoying some wonderful desserts!

It is good to reflect on our relationships and progress over the years, and to catch up with many friends whom we haven't seen in a while. In fact, the AALL Annual Meeting has effectively become a reunion of sorts—an annual ritual that reminds me that *I am still thrilled with my chosen profession*.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's AALL Annual Meeting.

Yours truly,

Cindy Spohr
Senior Director,
LexisNexis Librarian
Relations Group

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Now you and your library patrons have access to one of the most comprehensive, national expert witness databases available.

About the *JurisPro Expert Witness Directory*

JurisPro was founded by practicing attorneys who wanted to make it easy for legal professionals to find and research expert witnesses.

Why JurisPro is Important

Virtually every litigation matter involves expert witnesses. The right expert witness can make or break a case. As such, it is important to find the right expert, and research that expert prior to retention.

It is equally as important to investigate the opponent's expert(s). Both tasks can be performed through the *JurisPro Expert Witness Directory*.

Information Available Through JurisPro

Through the directory, you can find and research experts in more than 4,000 areas of expertise and get their contact information (address, phone, fax and e-mail). There are also links to experts' Web sites.

Plus you can link to the expert's profile on the JurisPro Web site where you can:

- Download and/or print* the expert's full curriculum vitae. (JurisPro is the only database to have experts' original CVs.)
- Hear the expert speak to get an idea of how the expert presents him or herself. (JurisPro is the only database with this feature.)
- View the expert's photo.
- Read articles the expert has written that demonstrate his or her expertise.
- Contact the expert's references.
- Research the expert's background as an expert witness, including:
 - Professional accreditations, degrees, licenses, and certificates granted
 - Affiliations or memberships in any professional and/or industry organizations
 - Teaching or speaking experience
 - Whether any of the expert's accreditations have ever been investigated, suspended or removed
 - Number of occasions the expert has been retained as an expert
 - The areas of expertise for which the expert has been retained
 - The percentage of retention by the plaintiff and defendant
 - Number of depositions taken
 - Number of occasions qualified by court to give expert testimony
 - Number of years worked with the legal industry as an expert
 - Services offered (e.g., consulting, testing, reports, site inspections, etc.)
 - Hourly rate

No other expert witness database provides all of this information. And outside the JurisPro Web site, the information is available through the LexisNexis services exclusively.

*According to the terms and conditions of your LexisNexis subscription.

How to Gain Access to the *JurisPro Expert Witness Directory* at www.lexis.com

The *JurisPro Expert Witness Directory* can be found in several locations at www.lexis.com. First, the directory is accessible as an individual source at lexis.com[®] via one of three pathways:

Legal tab > Area of Law – By Topic > Insurance > Legal Reference Materials

Legal tab > Area of Law – By Topic > Litigation > Legal Reference Materials

Public Records tab > Public Records > Jury Verdicts & Experts > Expert Witness Directories

The directory is also accessible from the **Litigation Research Tasks page**. For instance, you can find it as one of the available sources to research at the Federal Litigation Research Tasks page. Just select the [Expert Investigation](#) link on the right side (under the "Investigation" heading) and then use either the "Investigation" or "Find an Expert Witness" task boxes.

The *JurisPro Expert Witness Directory* is also included in the "Combined Expert Directories" group source. This group source is also a searchable option in the Expert Search of LexisNexis[®] Analyzer. You can access LexisNexis Analyzer from the Litigation Research Tasks page, or from the Legal Tab at www.lexis.com.

Need Training on the New LexisNexis JurisPro Expert Witness Database?

Contact your LexisNexis account executive for training details.

New BNA® Sources Monitor Security, Privacy and Telecommunications Issues

More BNA publications have joined the LexisNexis lineup. These titles, available at www.lexis.com, are updated daily with the latest developments:

BNA Homeland Security Briefing

Find vital information on important federal and state security/anti-terrorist actions, with a detailed focus on developments at the new Department of Homeland Security, Congressional oversight and funding of the agency, and the effects of the nationwide implementation of the federal PATRIOT Act.

Industries and organizations can turn to *BNA Homeland Security Briefing* for details on complying with new laws and policies. For example:

- Defense contractors and high-tech firms will find **procurement rules** to obtain Department of Homeland Security contracts for new security systems.
- Importers can check **reporting requirements** and **inspection demands**.
- Banks, brokerage houses and other financial institutions can stay updated on reporting requirements.
- Transportation firms can check reporting **requirements relating to new hires and trainees**, find details on inspection requirements and more.

BNA Homeland Security Briefing is updated daily. And once you select the source, you can link to the most recent articles. Or search archives back to January 22, 2003. You can also search current and archived documents.

For example, to monitor the Capitol Hill effort to thwart anti-terrorism financing and money laundering:

SOURCE: *BNA Homeland Security Briefing*
PATH: Legal tab > Secondary Legal > BNA
SEARCH: *financing OR money laund!*

BNA Privacy Law Watch

Find daily information on new laws, regulations and cases concerning public and private access to personal information, such as medical files, job records, and credit card transactions. Monitor Congressional debates, hearings and proposals. Or track regulatory policy and enforcement activities of the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, Health Care Financing Administration and other federal agencies.

As with *BNA Homeland Security Briefing*, once you select *BNA Privacy Law Watch*, you can view the most recent articles, search archives or both current and archived articles simultaneously.

When viewing the most current articles, you can use the FOCUS™ feature to narrow your results to documents that discuss a specific topic, e.g., the PATRIOT Act.

SOURCE: BNA Privacy Law Watch
PATH: Legal tab > Secondary Legal > BNA > Business Materials
SELECT: [View the Most Recent Privacy Law Watch Articles](#)

In the FOCUS box at the top of the screen, **ENTER:** *AND patriot*
To return to all of your recent articles, click the [Exit FOCUS](#) link.

BNA Telecommunication Monitor

This focused daily bulletin offers detailed coverage of the most significant regulatory, legislative and judicial decisions and developments affecting telecommunications.

BNA Telecommunication Monitor has the scope and depth of information necessary to stay current on new legislation. Plus assess the impact of new regulations, court decisions, enforcement actions, and other legal developments affecting the telecom world.

Major topics covered include:

- Broadband issues
- Broadcast and cable ownership
- Digital television
- Inter-carrier compensation
- Mergers
- Spectrum policy
- 3G wireless

For example, track a specific merger, checking the most recent articles or researching archives:

SOURCE: BNA Telecommunications Monitor
PATH: Legal tab > Secondary Legal > BNA > Business Materials
SELECT: [Full Text Search of ALL Telecommunications Monitor Articles](#)
***SEARCH:** *bigco /20 smallco*

*Fictitious company names; used for illustration purposes only.

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Dear Thrifty Searcher:

While researching the United States Code Service at www.lexis.com, I noticed statute sections had “Practitioner’s Toolboxes.” Are they for navigating the statute section?

Sincerely,
Miami, FL

Dear Miami:

You’ll find LexisNexis® Practitioner’s Toolbox displays at the top right side of USCS sections. Yes, you can use the toolbox to move within the statute. But the LexisNexis Practitioner’s Toolbox for the *United States Code Service* also offers much more.

Link to a variety of resources cited or referenced within the statute. Click a link, and move to content within the statute (e.g., legislative alerts, which tell you of pending legislation that could affect the statute) or to a source referenced, e.g., law review or treatise.

Each LexisNexis Practitioner’s Toolbox is **unique to that statute section**, displaying only those section headings that occur in that statute.

The toolbox displays *only* when you’re viewing statutes in FULL. You can print the toolbox; click the [Text Only](#) link. And when you link from the toolbox to other documents within the LexisNexis services, the links will be recorded in your History log. Toolbox displays are not searchable, though.

While the LexisNexis Practitioner’s Toolbox displays automatically, you can also hide the display if you choose. Select [Preferences](#) (upper right on your LexisNexis menu screen) and uncheck the “Show Practitioner’s Toolbox” option, under Statute Display.

Sections offered in the LexisNexis Practitioner’s Toolbox

(Remember, each toolbox will vary to fit the statute.):

History or Legislative History—Lists statute history and how it has been modified during legislative sessions.

History; Ancillary Laws and Directives—Lists supplemental interpretation of the statute. (Amendments and prospective amendments to the statute are found here.)

Interpretive Notes and Decisions or Notes of Decisions—Provides details on how a statute has been interpreted or changed since codification.

Code of Federal Regulations—Lists federal code citations in which the statute has been codified.

Commentary—Provides commentary, including interpretations, best practices and tips, prepared by LexisNexis legal experts.

Practice Insights—Offers advice and instructions on how to conduct related research.

Case Notes—Details how the statute has been interpreted in court decisions.

Resources & Practice Tools—Find links to other documents that are related to the statute, such as treatises or other statutes. Click the plus sign (+) next to a category to view the documents it contains.

Legislative Alert—Link to enacted, but not yet codified, legislation that may affect the statute.

NITA Commentary—Links to expert commentary from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Treatises & Practice Guides or Treatises and Analytical Materials—Provides links to documents written by respected authors. Find in-depth, expert guidance on all aspects of the statute.

Practice Forms—Link to forms related to practice in the area of the statute.

Practice Checklists—Links to task checklists related to that practice area.

Related Statutes & Rules—Link to state and federal materials that cross-reference the statute.

Law Reviews or Law Reviews & Journals—Find links to legal publications related to the statute.

Collateral References or Research Guide or Research References & Practice Aids or Treatises & Practice Guides or Treatises and Analytical Materials—All of these categories provide links to materials that give direction on how to conduct related research.

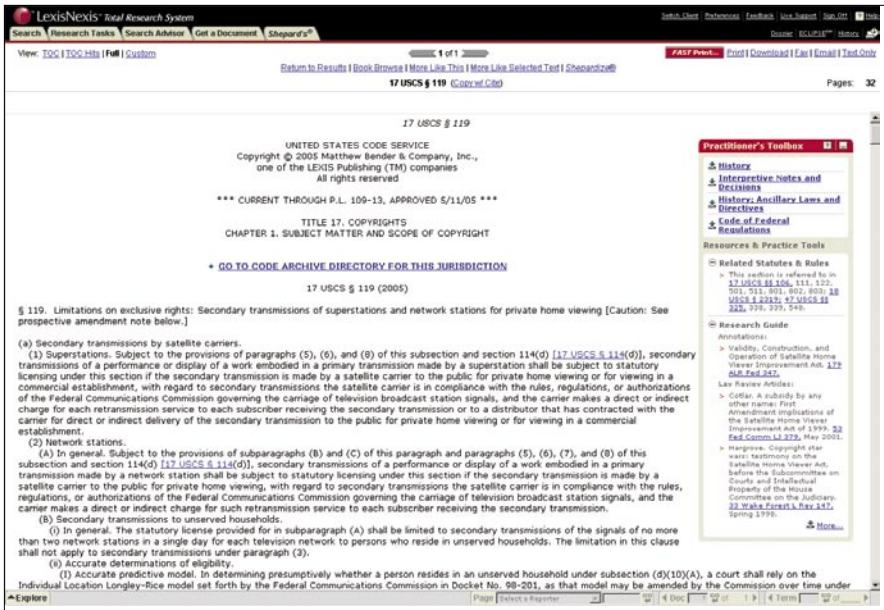
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Revisiting Last Month’s Feature on Bankruptcy Reform...

In the June *LexisNexis Informational Professional Update*, on page one, the Get a Document search for the *Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005* should be **ENTER: 109 pl 8** The June article incorrectly shows *109 us 8*. (Entering *109 us pl 8* also works.)

Our sincere apologies for any confusion this error caused.
– Barbara Byrd, Managing Editor

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The Practitioner's Toolbox is viewable in FULL mode only and will print in "Text Only."

Will the Practitioner's Toolbox be searchable?

No, the Toolbox is not searchable.

Can a user close or disable the Toolbox?

Yes, a user may either:

- Close the Toolbox using the icon located in the upper right corner of the box. By doing this the user will see only the banner "Practitioner's Toolbox," and nothing else.
- Completely remove all references to the Toolbox by accessing Preferences and turning off the Toolbox.

Will information be captured in History?

Yes, the links from the Toolbox to a document will leave an interpretable trail for History.

Will answer-sets pop open a new browser window?

No, all returned answer-sets will populate in the same browser window as the statute document.