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Librarian to Librarian

A Special Message Regarding Hurricane Katrina...



Cindy Spohr

Dear Colleagues:

Hurricane Katrina devastated families and homes, and destroyed or disrupted many business operations. It is heartbreaking, and LexisNexis and its employees offer their sympathies to all those affected.

We know our thoughts and prayers alone won't rebuild homes or restore business operations, so in addition to company efforts to raise funds and send volunteers to assist, LexisNexis also has established a variety of hurricane-relief programs for our legal customers.

One of the biggest challenges during an ongoing crisis such as this is gaining access to accurate, up-to-the minute news. To help meet this need, LexisNexis has expanded its free online news site (LexisNexis U.S. Politics & World News) to include in-depth coverage of all aspects of this event and the ongoing remediation efforts. Visit <http://www.lexisnexis.com/news/> to get the latest Katrina news from more than 4,000 U.S. and international news sources.

I'm telling you about our efforts here because the law librarian network is so strong. We all know librarian and legal industry colleagues whose firms, law schools, courts, agencies and corporations have been affected.

Below is a summary to help familiarize you with LexisNexis Hurricane Relief programs. If your organization has been affected by this storm, please take advantage of these programs. If not affected, please feel free to reach out to colleagues who are and let them know how we can help.

Currently LexisNexis offers the following to subscribers affected by Hurricane Katrina:

- **FREE ACCESS FOR RESEARCH:** Thirty-day IDs for complimentary access to www.lexis.com are available. Go to www.lexisnexis.com/katrinarelieff for more information.
- **CUSTOMER SUPPORT ACCESS:** Legal researchers without online access to the LexisNexis® services can receive assistance through a toll-free research hot line staffed 24/7 by LexisNexis® Customer Support. Call the hot line at 866-749-0883, Option 1.
- **PRINT PRODUCT REPLACEMENTS/DISCOUNTS:** Current subscribers will be offered FREE replacement of LexisNexis print publications destroyed by the hurricane. Lapsed customers will be offered a 50 percent discount, while new customers or those using other print providers will receive a 40 percent discount on LexisNexis print publications. Call 866-749-0883, Option 2, for more information. (NOTE: All product shipments, billing documents and business mailings have been suspended to affected areas based on information provided by the United States Postal Service. Shipments will remain suspended until USPS is notified by affected parties to resume shipping to a current, new or temporary address.)

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- **TEMPORARY MARTINDALE-HUBBELL® LISTINGS:** LexisNexis will edit customer listings on the *martindale.com*® service and *lawyers.com*™ sites, identifying temporary location information in order to update firm Web sites. To update information, attorneys and firms should contact their designated account representatives or call 800-526-4902, ext. 8001.
- **TEMPORARY WEB HOSTING:** Also via Martindale-Hubbell, temporary Web site hosting (and temporary e-mail addresses) will be made available to bar associations in the affected areas.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** Legal customers affected by Hurricane Katrina can take advantage of the following system recovery services:
 - Assistance with tape recovery
 - Hosting space
 - Network services and support
 - Hardware ordering
 - PCs (in addition to the laptop computers mentioned below)
 - Technical support services
 - BandwidthFor more information, contact Brad Brown, LexisNexis Legal Technology Specialist, at 800-368-6955, ext. 5463.
- **BATON ROUGE LAPTOPS:** LexisNexis has donated a number of laptop computers to the Baton Rouge Bar Association, which will distribute the computers at its own discretion to individual members in need and to other bar associations in the affected regions.
- **LAW STUDENT SUPPORT:** Our colleagues at Louisiana State University and other law schools have seen a large influx of students from Tulane and Loyola. LexisNexis has provided new IDs so that these students can assimilate into the new curriculum as quickly as possible.

LexisNexis is providing other assistance to law students affected by the hurricane, including FREE course books to all displaced students. LexisNexis will also provide free copies of relevant titles from the LexisNexis® Understanding Series and Q & A Series to all displaced students. Affected students should contact their local LexisNexis representative for more information.

Law students are able to donate LexisNexis® Ultimate Rewards (LNUR) points to the Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort through the law school portal at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschools>

To stay up-to-date on the LexisNexis relief program, please refer to the LexisNexis InfoPro Web site at www.lexisnexis.com/infopro

LexisNexis is committed to working with our customers and colleagues impacted by this storm. It's how you know we care.

Sincerely,

Cindy Spohr
Senior Director
LexisNexis Librarian
Relations Group

New Area of Law Guides Available in Print!

All of these publications are now available for ordering at the LexisNexis Online Bookstore at www.lexisnexis.com/bookstore

Administrative Law Desk Reference for Lawyers

Find detailed explanations of administrative law concepts, supported with analysis of important administrative law cases and numerous diagrams and charts.

The author, Professor John Reese, addresses topics that include procedural requirements for rulemaking, procedural rights of parties in administrative proceedings, and judicial review of administrative action.

Other highlights include:

- detailed coverage of the federal *Administrative Procedure Act* (APA);
- extensive presentation of analytical models in graphics and charts;
- comparative coverage of the APAs for 17 of the largest states including California, Florida, New York and Texas;
- discussion of recent landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases; and
- numerous case references to the Matthew Bender® six-volume treatise on Administrative Law.

PERM Guidebook for Foreign Labor Certification

This single volume includes nine comprehensive chapters, and provides complete analysis of the U.S. Department of Labor's Final PERM Rule (issued Dec. 27, 2004; effective March 28, 2005), which implements the new system of labor certification for permanent employment of aliens in the United States.

All aspects of the PERM rule are discussed, including:

- the choice between EB-1/2 green cards and PERM (permanent residence strategies);
- job requirements involving on-the-job experience and foreign language;
- small-employer considerations;
- deciding whether to re-file old labor certification cases under PERM;
- strategies for avoiding audits;
- retention of documents; and
- case management.

Appendices include the complete text of the Final PERM Rule, DOL contact information, a chart of comparative aspects of PERM vs. prior rule, and the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC).

A Practical Guide to Outsourcing Agreements

Here's the essential guidebook to analyzing the major issues that arise in outsourcing agreements. Author Adam D. Vereshack has more than 15 years of experience negotiating outsourcing transactions for major Canadian and international companies.

This book is for business lawyers who want to understand the issues arising in this burgeoning practice, and for corporate executives, including Chief Information Officers and Chief Financial Officers who wish to outsource information technology and/or business processes. Because no statutes govern outsourcing contracts, this guide may be used in any jurisdiction.

All issues discussed have been taken from actual outsourcing agreements. Find:

- transition of employees;
- charging methodologies;
- improvements and gain sharing;
- benchmarking;
- performance and service levels;
- use of the balanced scorecard model; and
- offshoring.

Sarbanes-Oxley Special Topics: Compensation Committee Essentials

Discover timely analysis of the role and composition of the compensation committee. The expert commentary provides:

- An overview of employment and compensation issues such as short- and long-term bonus arrangements, equity-based compensation, qualified plans, nonqualified retirement and deferred compensation, supplemental welfare benefits, ERISA basics and special tax law considerations;
- An overview of securities law considerations including the 1933 *Securities Act* implications for executive compensation, 1934 *Securities Exchange Act* provisions relevant to executive compensation and the various disclosure requirements
- Discussion of the authority and composition of the compensation committee;
- Discussion of discharge of responsibilities and potential liability;
- Selected Sarbanes-Oxley provisions; and
- NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ requirements related to compensation committees.

In addition to print editions, *Sarbanes-Oxley Special Topics: Compensation Committee Essentials* is also available online at www.lexis.com (short name: CORP;SASTCC)

LexisNexis Enters Exclusive Alliance with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy

Together, LexisNexis and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) will provide cutting-edge practical education to attorneys and law students who attend NITA trial advocacy programs and use NITA materials.

About the National Institute for Trial Advocacy

Founded in 1971, NITA, a non-profit educational organization, is internationally recognized for producing the finest trial advocacy training programs and materials for attorneys and law school students.

NITA's programs are taught by a faculty of more than 700 professors, judges and leading law firm litigators who excel in training and mentoring attorneys in trial and other advocacy skills.

In fact, over the past 33 years, NITA has trained more than 80,000 attorneys through in-house programs, dedicated public service programming, and international outreach.

The Value to Law Firms

The leading legal, news and business resources your patrons access via the LexisNexis services are a natural complement to the premier hands-on skills training offered in NITA's public and in-house programs. By experiencing the use of such resources in the context of particular litigation-related tasks (e.g., taking depositions, brief writing, and trial advocacy), program attendees will better understand how the success of those tasks can be affected by the strategic utilization of online resources.

Early Successes...From Attorneys' Perspectives

LexisNexis has already contributed online research sessions to several of NITA's public deposition programs. For instance, this summer LexisNexis representatives presented several sessions on how to conduct online research on expert witnesses at NITA's Expert Witness Deposition programs.

Attendee comments included:

- *I thought it was very useful for both finding an expert and researching the other side's experts.*
- *[I] thought this presentation was very helpful, and [the] information I learned I will be able to use in my practice.*
- *Good presentation. I learned a lot.*
- *It was good, valuable information.*

Upcoming Programs

Both LexisNexis and NITA are aggressively evaluating additional ways to collaborate that will take advantage of their respective areas of expertise. For instance, LexisNexis and NITA are currently exploring the development of a truly unique "hands on" CLE offering in the area of electronic discovery. In addition, LexisNexis and NITA will work together to publish new titles and extend valuable LexisNexis offers to alumni of NITA programs.

\$253 Million VIOXX® Verdict Raises Litigation Stakes; Mealey's™ to Hold Las Vegas Conference

Mealey's VIOXX
Litigation Conference
The Pros Speak: Secrets to
Becoming Trial Ready
December 12 – 13, 2005
Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas

Find out what worked and what didn't in the first VIOXX trials from actual members of the trial teams at Mealey's VIOXX Litigation Conference.

With several state trials underway by December, a possible resolution to the first NJ trial and movement in the federal MDL, you cannot afford to miss this conference—or risk falling behind.

The highlight of the program will be a trial post-mortem from the first state VIOXX trial in Texas by two members of the trial team, Carlene Rhodes Lewis of Goforth Lewis & Sanford, and Richard Meadow of the Lanier Law Firm.

Other topics will include the latest hot documents, sales rep discovery, the learned intermediary doctrine and use of jury instructions and interrogatories.

For more details or to register, call 1-800-MEALEYS or visit www.mealeys.com/conferences

New State Titles Available in Print

CALIFORNIA

**Matthew Bender Practice Guide:
California Unfair Competition and
Business Torts**

Pub. No. 1347; ISBN 820558702

Also online at www.lexis.com (short name: CAL;CABLIT)

Find comprehensive and practical coverage of California's unfair competition law and frequently litigated business torts. The task-based format provides practice tips created by expert California practitioners, including strategic points, warnings and traps on topics ranging from identifying actionable unfair competition to selecting remedies for fraud claims.

This Practice Guide is integrated with the LexisNexis® Total Research System to provide easy access to relevant online resources, including public records, Matthew Bender® Practice Guide series for California, Matthew Bender analytical materials, California and national news sources, and more.

FLORIDA

**LexisNexis Practice Guide: Florida
(PreTrial) Civil Procedure**

Pub. No. 1366; ISBN 0820561428

Also online at www.lexis.com (short name: FLA;FLPGCP)

Experience the new standard in practice guides. Get step-by-step guidance on procedural issues and quickly find LexisNexis resources that help you build your case.

**LexisNexis Practice Guide: Florida
Civil Discovery**

Pub. No. 1367; ISBN 0820561436

Also online at www.lexis.com (short name: FAL:FLPGCD)

This publication concentrates on the many issues related to discovery and gives complete and current coverage

on relevant topics, including such areas as discovery strategy and planning, preservation of evidence, discovery of electronic information and much more. Forms are included.

**LexisNexis Practice Guide: Florida
Civil Motions**

Pub. No. 1368; ISBN 820561444

Also online at www.lexis.com (short name: FLA;FLCVMO)

This volume focuses on the proper procedure related to motions and offers complete, current coverage on relevant topics, including preliminary motions, challenges to jurisdiction or venue, disqualification of judge, summary judgment and much more. Forms are included.

**LexisNexis Practice Guide: Florida Trial
and Post-Trial**

Pub. No. 1369; ISBN 820562452

Also online at www.lexis.com (short name: FLA;FLTPTP)

This volume concentrates on issues related to trial and post-trial topics, including jury selection, verdicts, costs & attorney's fees, appeals and more. Forms are included.

NEW YORK

**New York Criminal Statutes and Rules
(Graybook)**

Pub. No. 459; ISBN 820560243

This one-volume publication features the complete *New York Criminal Procedure Law and Penal Law*, as well as related criminal provisions of the Correction Law, Executive Law, Judiciary Law, Public Health Law, and Vehicle and Traffic Law. Also included is an outline of New York Laws on Plea Bargaining, Sentence, and Youthful Offender Procedures and a New York Court Directory.

**New York Family Law Statutes
(Yellowbook)**

Pub. No. 277; ISBN 082056012X

Offers fast access to the complete text of the Domestic Relations Law, Family Court Act, Social Services Law, and various Court Rules relating to family law. Also includes a New York Court Directory.

**LexisNexis Answer Guide New York
Real Property**

Pub. No 1342; ISBN 820558583

Also online at www.lexis.com (short name: NY;NYRPWH)

This volume offers guidance for counsel representing purchasers, sellers, landlords and tenants, and outlines methods for obtaining financing for both residential and commercial properties. Topically organized, this portable tool provides quick, on-point answers in the planning phase, at the office, when dealing with lenders, during closing, or in court.

OHIO

**Anderson's Ohio Commercial Law
Handbook**

Pub. No. 4574; ISBN 159345273X

New to the Anderson's Ohio Code Handbook Series! Now there's a fast-access code handbook containing the complete text of Title 13, Part 1, of the *Ohio Revised Code* with annotations and more—all in one practical, portable and affordably priced volume.

**Anderson's 2005 Ohio Civil Laws and
Rules Handbook**

Pub. No. 4572; ISBN 1593452705

New to Anderson's Ohio Code Handbook Series! *Anderson's Ohio Civil Laws and Rules Handbook* provides convenient access to:

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LexisNexis® Alert Feature: Be Focused ... Be Current ... Be Correct

By Raul Lopez, LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant

When I was a reference librarian at a law firm, being *focused*, being *current* and being *correct* were the standards I lived by.

Needless to say, these standards were tested on a daily basis as I became inundated with new research sources, new technologies, new research assignments and a host of other issues to troubleshoot.

So when a technology or product enhancement came along that made my life easier, I jumped at the chance to implement it into my workflow. After all, being *efficient* was also a top priority.

In my law firm days, the LexisNexis® ECLIPSE™ feature helped me to stay on top of events of importance to the firm and to the library. Just set up the ECLIPSE search, and get regular, automatic information updates.

Now there's even more functionality—and more time-saving features to make reference librarians' jobs all across the globe easier.

LexisNexis ECLIPSE is now the LexisNexis Alert feature. (See last month's feature in the *LexisNexis Information Professional Update* for complete how-to details.) And you can monitor breaking news **up to three times a day**. Your organization stays current ... and responds in a more timely fashion.

Conversely, should no article meet your criteria—sometimes **no news is news**—the new LexisNexis Alert feature gives you the option to receive an e-mail notification stating just that.

Of course, just because you want more articles throughout the day doesn't mean you want to spend hours reviewing duplicates. The new Alert feature makes it easy to **remove duplicates**; it just takes the click of a button during the one-screen set-up process.

You can also save a search for Alert update—even if the search did not generate any **initial results!** For all librarians monitoring corporate deals, litigation matters or legislation, what a relief to know that more than 20,000 news sources are monitoring your topic. If something breaks, you'll find out.

And not only has the LexisNexis Alert feature improved how librarians monitor news, it has also improved how we monitor cases. The Alert feature has extended to *Shepard's® Citations Service*, enabling librarians to monitor case law effortlessly.

With a *Shepard's Alert™*, you decide **what's important** to track. Do you just want to be notified of future negative treatment or all new citing references? Simply check the appropriate boxes and save the Alert search.

Keeping track of your *Shepard's Alerts* is also simple. On the *Shepard's Alert* sub-tab, you have the **options to edit, delete, or pause** the *Shepard's Alert*. It's that simple.

Are you also responsible for tracking newly filed cases? LexisNexis® CourtLink® Alerts are now integrated into your *lexis.com®* research. Monitor all of your Alert searches—*lexis.com*, *Shepard's* and CourtLink—from one central location. Just click the ALERTS tab on the main menu at www.lexis.com. Once you sign on to www.lexis.com, you can select CourtLink Alert and be authenticated automatically into the CourtLink service.



Raul Lopez

New State Titles Available in Print —continued from page 05:137

- Relevant provisions from O.R.C. Titles 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27
- Applicable rules
- Statute of Limitations table
- Annotations for significant cases
- Ohio's new tort reform legislation effective April 7, 2005

2005 Ohio Tort Reform Legislation: *An Analysis of Senate Bill 80*

Pub. No. 4573; ISBN 1593452713

A significant revision of Ohio personal injury and products liability law occurred with the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 80, effective April 7, 2005. This volume provides an overview of the changes in the law, a commentary on the legislative and judicial histories underlying the new provisions, and practical consideration of how the new legislation may be applied by Ohio courts in the future.

(Note: This pamphlet is included at no additional charge when you purchase *Anderson's Ohio Civil Laws and Rules Handbook*).

TEXAS

Texas Annotated Intellectual Property Handbook

Pub. No. 45890; ISBN 327046414

In a single concise volume, *Texas Annotated Intellectual Property Handbook* brings you current information on this vital and expanding area of practice in the State of Texas, including state and federal laws that cover intellectual property topics. Plus, find on-point annotations to recent state and federal court decisions.

Put a Year of Incredible Enhancements into Perspective

The final LexisNexis Librarian Web Seminar for 2005 will be **Thursday, November 17** at 2 p.m. EST. Are you registered for this FREE event?

It will be a worthy wrap-up to an eventful research year. During the one-hour *LexisNexis Year in Review: A Top Ten Countdown*, get a refresher—and maybe some new use tips—for such major research additions and enhancements as:

- Tapping into more than 1,000 additional news and business sources, including *The Wall Street Journal*[®], Dow Jones[®] and Reuter's[®] newswires.

- Using LexisNexis[®] Headnotes in *Shepard's*[®] Citations Service;
- Setting up LexisNexis, new *Shepard's* or CourtLink Alerts—from the same research tab.

Carol Barra, LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant from New York, and Linda Hutchinson, LexisNexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant from Washington D.C., will present.

Register for *LexisNexis Year in Review: A Top-Ten Countdown* at www.lexisnexis.com/webseminars

After registering, you'll receive an e-mail confirmation. On November 16, watch for a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to gain access to the seminar and materials. Each seminar will be recorded, and the recording will be made available along with the presentation materials via the LexisNexis InfoPro Web site.

Thrifty Searcher

Dear Thrifty Searcher:

My LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant just showed me how to link from a USCS section's history to the amending law. Wow! You should definitely share that with your Thrifty Searcher readers. It saved time and research budget for me.

Sincerely,
Legislative History Researcher

Dear History Researcher:

If you regularly study how legislation has enacted or amended a particular USCS section, please note: the task is now simpler. Now you can **link to U.S. Public Law information found in the HISTORY segment of *United States Code Service* sections.**

That means more than 525,000 new links have been added to USCS sections so you can move directly from the USCS to enacting or amending legislation. (That means that instead of searching Congressional bill-text files or U.S. Public Law files, you click the link and move to the document you need.)

For example, when you look at the full text of 8 USCS §1101 you'll note there is a **USCS Practitioner's Toolbox** on the right side of the statute section. The toolbox, which displays in the FULL mode, is unique to that statute. It only displays links for section headings that occur in that statute. Use the toolbox links to navigate lengthy sections efficiently. (For more on using the USCS Practitioner's Toolbox, see the July 2005 *LexisNexis Information Professional Update*.)

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Dear Thrifty Searcher—*continued from 05:139*

To move directly to the History segment of 8 USCS §1101, just click the [History](#) link.

Now you're ready to link to statute amendments—from the first revision in 1952 to the most recent.

Let's say you're interest in determining how the *Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004*, P.L. 108-458, affected this code section. The History notation states that Title V, Subtitle E, §5504 of the Public Law amends 8 USCS §1101.

To see the amending language, click the [P.L. 108-458](#) link. Now you have the full text of the U.S. Public Law.

Many public laws are extensive; this one has more than 200 screen pages. But move to §5504 easily. Look at the bottom navigation bar. Next to the **Page** box, select pagination for 108 P.L. 458. In the next box:

ENTER: 5504

CLICK: GO

To return to your UCSC section for more history research, select your research History link in the upper right corner of your screen.

The full text of U.S. Public Laws passed prior to 1988 are available as PDF documents. For example, as you view the history of 8 USCS §1101, you click the [P.L. 94-571](#) link to see section revisions passed Oct. 12, 1976. Then click the PDF link. (At this time, the PDF documents are not searchable.)

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