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## Make the Transformation! Morph From Human Routing Machine into Current-Awareness Wizard

by *Cindy Spohr, Senior Director,  
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Cindy Spohr

Providing the right *information*, at the right *time*, in the right *format* is such a challenge today. As I talk with law-librarian colleagues around the country, I have learned that this is one of the tallest hurdles you face day after day. The practice of law continues to require more news, and firm clients demand that their attorneys are always up-to-date on the latest developments on *everything*.

And in addition to being current, attorneys expect this information to be customized to their practice area, their clients—their interests—as well as to be delivered in their preferred format. It's the combination of these requirements that often creates and magnifies the challenge for you.

But, as with many things, a challenge can often be viewed as an opportunity: Providing current-awareness solutions on a firm-wide basis can be an excellent opportunity for you to demonstrate the skills and knowledge that put you in charge of your organization's information needs.

LexisNexis® can help. We can give you the tools and content to assist you with developing just the right current-awareness program for your organization. The majority of this issue of *LexisNexis Information Professional Update* is dedicated to providing you with information on the flexible range of LexisNexis Current Awareness Solutions. Your LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant also has many good ideas to share.

But, don't take our word for it alone. Several of our Information Professional customers have agreed to share their insights on LexisNexis Current-Awareness Solutions:

- **Gwendolyn Wilcox**, Electronic Resources Librarian at Winston & Strawn, LLP, gives you an honest appraisal of her firm's program to manage "e-mail update overload" with LexisNexis® Total Alerts powered by *Ozmosys*®. Don't miss it.
- **Holly Pinto**, Director of Library Services, Holland & Hart LLP, and her team use LexisNexis® Publisher to push vital content throughout the 350-lawyer firm. Inside she shares a few of her Publisher applications and insights. It's well worth your reading time.



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## LexisNexis® Current-Awareness Options: Size Up Your Organization and Choose What Works Best

What are your current awareness challenges today? Chances are you have a lengthy list.

LexisNexis offers a variety of current-awareness products—each different yet flexible and compatible enough to work together for you as **you create solutions as unique as the information needs of your organization.**

Take a look at the chart below as you plan your organization’s current-awareness program.

Your Current-Awareness Challenge	Turn To:	Best Uses:
Help your legal professionals stay up-to-date on current and prospective clients, legal trends and topics vital to business.	<p><b>LexisNexis® Alerts</b></p> <p>Here’s an overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive <b>automatic</b> search updates on specific news, business and legal information.</li> <li>• View results <b>online</b> or have them delivered <b>via e-mail</b> (even via BlackBerry® handheld wireless device).</li> <li>• Schedule <b>updates daily—even 1, 2 or 3 times a business day.</b> Or choose weekly or monthly—and <i>you choose the days.</i></li> <li>• Save an Alert from a <b>“zero results set”</b> just to watch for news leaks. Also get <b>“no new results”</b> notifications.</li> <li>• <b>Remove duplicate</b> documents.</li> <li>• Request an Alert from practically any search results—even from a FOCUS™ feature search or from a search in your History log.</li> <li>• Get results delivered via plain text—great for handheld wireless devices—or in full-text Microsoft® Word.</li> </ul>	Single users can track and <b>receive search updates on specific news, business and legal information</b> and have it automatically delivered to his or her desktop.
Get the <b>news as soon as it breaks</b> so your legal professionals can mitigate risks quickly or seize vital opportunities.	<p><b>LexisNexis® Continuous Alerts powered by Factiva®<sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>Here’s an overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get breaking news <b>within five minutes</b> of release.</li> <li>• Monitor <b>10,000+ Factiva sources</b>, including <i>The Wall Street Journal®</i>, Dow Jones Newswires<sup>sm</sup>, top newspapers and wire services and much more.</li> <li>• <b>Add Web news!</b> Factiva.com crawls over 550+ Web sites, adding additional content.</li> <li>• Headline updates come via e-mail (and/or BlackBerry) and include <b>links to the complete, authoritative story.</b> Up to 50 stories a day. <i>No proprietary terminal is needed.</i></li> <li>• Subscribe and gain access right under the <b>ALERTS</b> tab on your main <i>www.lexis.com</i> menu screen.</li> <li>• Simple one-screen set up. Maximum control. For example, search <b>all available sources</b>—or <b>specific sources.</b> Filter results with Factiva indexing terms. <b>Remove irrelevant results</b>, such as duplicate stories. Search just <b>headlines and/or lead paragraphs.</b> Even <b>test your search.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Perfect for <b>near real-time updates</b> such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate deals and issues, e.g., monitoring M&amp;A, IPOs, SEC investigations, etc.</li> <li>• Bankruptcy announcements</li> <li>• Major breaks in litigation</li> <li>• Clients in the news—good or bad</li> </ul> <p><i>What “hot news” does your organization need?</i></p>

<sup>1</sup> Not available to government subscribers

Your Current-Awareness Challenge	Turn To:	Best Uses:
<p><b>Overcome “e-mail update overload”</b> and help legal professionals manage their inbox full of daily alerts and updates.</p>	<p><b>LexisNexis® Total Alerts powered by Ozmosys®<sup>2</sup></b>            Here’s an overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidate and manage multiple content update sources.</li> <li>• End users receive <b>a single, daily, consolidated e-mail</b> covering all the topics that drive their strategic decisions—key clients in the news, regulatory updates and much more!</li> <li>• Draw intelligence from:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>22,000+ sources</b> available with your LexisNexis Publisher subscription, including Mealey’s™ news, CourtLink® Alerts, <i>The Wall Street Journal Online</i> updates, etc. (LexisNexis Publisher sold separately.)</li> <li>– <b>Global stock exchanges</b></li> <li>– <b>Private, government or association Web sites</b></li> <li>– <b>Blogs</b></li> <li>– <b>RSS feeds</b></li> <li>– Even content from <b>other premium content providers.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Add even more value! <b>Include internal documents</b> or editorial analysis.</li> <li>• <b>Many customizing options.</b> E-mail and newsletters can be delivered as an <b>RSS feed</b> for blog readers or as an <b>XML feed</b> for portal or other internal applications.</li> <li>• Push multiple e-mails customized by user, user group, practice group, etc.</li> <li>• Deliver e-mail to handheld wireless devices.</li> </ul>	<p>Use for individual users and/or groups, i.e., practice areas, so everyone receives <b>one personalized daily update.</b> No more update overload!</p> <p><b>Gwendolyn Wilcox</b>, Electronic Resources Librarian at Winston &amp; Strawn, LLP, shares her firm’s experiences with LexisNexis Total Alerts on page 07:090.</p>
<p><b>Share the right news or legal content</b> with the right practice groups, departments, intranet pages or extranet pages. And ensure you’re copyright compliant.</p>	<p><b>LexisNexis® Publisher</b>            Here’s an overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver <b>news and legal information to the firm intranet, portal, e-mail</b> or user BlackBerry.</li> <li>• News is pulled from <b>20,000+ LexisNexis and Factiva news sources</b>—even sources <i>outside</i> a customer’s LexisNexis subscription. Pull legal information too!</li> <li>• Librarians can manage the searches themselves (or LexisNexis can manage the search request process).</li> <li>• Control information delivery! <b>Test searches, review results, determine which ones you want</b> and publish those links. Or allow links to publish automatically.</li> <li>• News can be delivered to the intranet <b>hourly, 2 – 3 times a day</b> or less frequently. E-mail delivery up to 3 times a day. Results can be archived for 180 days.</li> <li>• Publish content directly to daily <b>Total Alerts</b> too!</li> <li>• Customize firm-managed searches, adding links, photos, copy, etc.</li> <li>• There’s more! There’s a <b>LexisNexis Publisher Internet</b> option to deliver news to the firm’s public Web site or extranet it shares with specific clients.</li> <li>• The Internet option draws from about 4,000 news sources—and results are archived for 30 days.</li> </ul>	<p>Use it to identify reliable, relevant content from <i>lexis.com</i> and <b>publish it via e-mail, firm intranet, or an external Web site.</b> LexisNexis Publisher is an advanced content-management tool—librarian caliber. Not for novices.</p> <p>The <b>LexisNexis Publisher Resource Center</b> on the LexisNexis InfoPro Web site keeps you updated on Publisher enhancements, offers downloadable users’ guides, best practices and more. Go to <a href="http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/publisher">www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/publisher</a></p> <p>Also see what <b>Holly Pinto</b>, Director of Library Services at Holland &amp; Hart LLP, has to say about LexisNexis Publisher on page 07:089.</p>

<sup>2</sup> Not available to state and local government subscribers. This product is available as Publisher Link to federal government subscribers.

## LexisNexis Current-Awareness Options: Size Up Your Organization and Choose What Works Best *continued*

Your Current-Awareness Challenge	Turn To:	Best Uses:
Create the <b>in-house newsletters with the fresh content your department heads crave</b> —i.e., the PR newsletter that shares the firm's favorable press coverage, the marketing newsletter that keeps management informed on competitors, the practice area newsletter that trumpets major changes in regulatory trends.	<p><b>LexisNexis® Clipper powered by Ozmosys</b></p> <p>Here's an overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Produce electronic newsletters</b> and briefings for any group of internal recipients.</li> <li>• Draw <b>content from <i>lexis.com</i></b>. (If you subscribe to LexisNexis Publisher, you can pull in Alerts from LexisNexis news as well.)</li> <li>• Add internal content or data from <b>other premium content providers and aggregators</b>.</li> <li>• Include <b>RSS feeds</b> and updates from the Web, including government agency sites and <b>2,000+ targeted, quality sites</b> and blogs—automatically.</li> <li>• Review and <b>select articles</b> for publication.</li> <li>• Customize! Add analysis, <b>insert logos</b> and more. Or add news to internal blogs.</li> <li>• Deliver via e-mail, HTML/XML or even RSS feed.</li> <li>• Cut and paste e-mail addresses. Or use distribution lists.</li> <li>• Readers browse, click on items of interest and move to content; no authentication.</li> </ul>	Whereas LexisNexis Total Alerts powered by <i>Ozmosys</i> allows you to combine LexisNexis and other premium/ Web content into customized e-mails for individuals, <b>reach out to like-minded groups with LexisNexis Clipper powered by <i>Ozmosys</i></b> .
Track what's happening <b>inside the legal profession</b> —changes at the top firms, mergers, the good news, the bad news and more.	<p><b>LexisNexis® Legal Industry Monitor</b></p> <p>Here's an overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This <b>daily electronic newsletter</b> mines the vast LexisNexis resources and Web headlines for the <b>latest legal industry activity and news on top law firms</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Free of charge</b> to LexisNexis subscribers. Sign up users at <a href="http://www.lexisnexis.com/legalmonitor">www.lexisnexis.com/legalmonitor</a></li> <li>• Comes right to users' e-mail. (Channel it through daily Total Alerts!) Get headlines with links to the full text— and to podcasts.</li> <li>• Get top source coverage, including selected <b>Mealey's™ News Briefs</b> on emerging litigation, <b>WSJ.com Law Blog</b>, Web articles covering news from the top 100 law firms, links to <b>key legal publication Web sites and the ABA, Martindale-Hubbell®</b> Legal Articles and more.</li> </ul>	Use for individual users who <b>must follow the industry</b> , e.g., managing partners, the client-development team, etc.
Deliver <b>must-have publications</b> to every legal professional who needs it. (And they must have <b>cover-to-cover</b> coverage <i>now!</i> )	<p><b>LexisNexis® PubWatch</b></p> <p>Here's an overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get the latest headlines from a <b>single source delivered to</b> your organization intranet, portal or e-mail. (Even send headlines to wireless handheld devices.)</li> <li>• Readers can <b>browse headlines by publication section and date, then link to full-text articles</b> of interest—no log-on to the LexisNexis services needed.</li> <li>• Choose from <b>more than 90 publications</b>, including <i>The New York Times</i>®. And not just “print” sources. Choose <b>blogs</b> in industry group sources, <b>National Public Radio</b> transcripts and targeted Mealey's <b>e-newsletters</b> on insurance litigation, toxic torts, drugs and more.</li> </ul>	Use for individual users or groups who require <b>cover-to-cover coverage of specific resources</b> .

SPECIAL GUEST

## A Few Words about LexisNexis® Publisher from ... *Holly Pinto, Director of Library Services, Holland & Hart LLP*

The Holland & Hart LLP Web site characterizes the firm as the “largest in the Rocky Mountain West” with 350 attorneys in 13 offices across seven western states as well as in Washington, D.C. Its broad range of practice areas includes civil litigation, oil and gas, tax, estate planning, environmental, bioscience and many others.

The firm’s expansive reach also gives Holly Pinto and her library staff of seven—five librarians and two support staffers all in the main Denver office—significant information challenges as they manage Holland & Hart’s library collections and electronic research tools and offer business- and legal-research support and training.

For example, they constantly measure the appropriate means for firm attorneys to fulfill their research needs, i.e., electronic v. print; monitor copyright compliance for their electronic distribution; and determine which library services should be added or discontinued.

When it comes to current awareness, Pinto includes LexisNexis Publisher in her library’s portfolio. Here’s why:

**Q:** *How has LexisNexis Publisher helped you and your firm deliver targeted information?*

**A:** “LexisNexis Publisher allows us to set up topics specific to our attorney/practice group/marketing department needs. We can formulate a search across a large number of publications relevant to our needs. For example, right now we are running searches on all of our office locations in the local newspapers in each region.”

“Publisher is very efficient, effective—quite a time saver. We can quickly set up a topic, test the search, make changes if needed and publish it to a variety of formats. I especially like the XML option and have used it on a number of practice and department pages on our Portal. The XML option makes it easy to ‘grab’ the results and publish them anywhere internally. We get maximum distribution, and I don’t have to worry about copyright issues.”



Holly Pinto

**Q:** *What do you monitor with LexisNexis Publisher?*

**A:** “We track some clients and legal topics such as e-discovery and climate changes. The managing partner brings me articles from *The Wall Street Journal*® and has me search for them in (LexisNexis) Publisher. Then we post the link on the Partner portal page. There is a nice collection of investment and retirement planning articles ready for viewing.”

“Our future plans include using (LexisNexis) Publisher more for competitive intelligence. And I would love to move most of our (LexisNexis) Alerts to Publisher and set them up as a distribution list.”

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## Major Law Firm Info Pro Builds Update Solution With LexisNexis® Total Alerts Powered by Ozmosys®

by Gwendolyn Wilcox, Electronic Resources Librarian,  
Winston & Strawn, LLP

Today's news is blogged, podcasted, tickered, tagged and fed here, there and everywhere in a matter of minutes. Sometimes even e-mail seems slow in comparison. Yet the convenience of having the news come to you by way of the one application you probably know best—e-mail—is undeniable. One way or another, we're accessing our inbox throughout the day. E-mail, no matter what the device, keeps us connected. It keeps us "in the know."

### What's in It for Them?

So, too, for the attorneys we serve, which is in part why LexisNexis® Total Alerts is an appealing solution to the "news problem." LexisNexis Total Alerts also have the potential to help attorneys manage information overload. In a single e-mail, attorneys can receive any combination of BNA® newsletter content; LexisNexis news on clients and hot topics; press releases from companies of interest; *Federal Register* notices; numerous alerts from government agencies, respected Web sites, and blogs; and more. Each attorney determines the order in which this information is displayed in their customized e-mail—a tremendous benefit for busy professionals who must prioritize the day's reading.

### Getting Started with LexisNexis Total Alerts

At Winston & Strawn, LLP, the implementation of LexisNexis Total Alerts was an opportunity for Library Services to partner with Business Development and the IT Department to create a valuable news delivery product. The time initially spent setting up content groupings and establishing procedures to properly administer the service proved to be important to its ongoing manageability.

Upon going "live" with *My Daily News* in 2005, Library Services promoted the service through e-mail notices and news postings on the firm's intranet, and through a special internal Web site providing additional information. Attorneys new to the firm receive a welcome e-mail describing the service, and of course, as new content is incorporated, Library Services reaches out to those who may have an interest.

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### Encountering Bumps in the Road

Since its debut, we have met a few challenges. When we implemented delivery of a monthly publication through LexisNexis Total Alerts, feedback from attorneys made us realize that the service is best suited to delivering content published frequently—weekly at least. Content costs, though more controllable with LexisNexis Total Alerts, still boggle the mind, and then there's the frustration of finding a great content resource, only to discover that it's not in a format that works well with the service.

One hurdle we've yet to overcome entirely is lack of awareness. I would venture to guess that there are *My Daily News* recipients who still don't know that the newsletter is customizable or that, care of Library Services, they are daily consumers of RSS feeds.

## So What's Up Next

Clearly we still have work to do on the promotion side. Beyond that, there are always searches to be set up in LexisNexis® Publisher and an ongoing need to identify, test and make new content available. Projects on the horizon include a *My Daily News* “facelift” in accordance with the firm’s branding.

Care of LexisNexis Total Alerts, we also have a hosted blog, a tool which we have used to create a summer associate pathfinder for our electronic resources. Because updates to the blog are fed through *My Daily News*, Library Services is looking into ways to utilize the blog to promote greater awareness of available resources and of the library more generally. If all goes well, we may introduce the blog to other administrative departments and invite them to utilize it to reach out to attorneys in a new way.

## The Million-Dollar Question

With LexisNexis Total Alerts, your library can provide reliable content, manage content costs and distribution, and help increase attorney productivity, albeit perhaps with a few stumbling blocks along the way. But, surely by now, the *Big Question* is going through your mind: *Are your attorneys using the service? In short, yes.* We receive weekly requests from attorneys to add alerts to their newsletters and occasional requests to investigate the possibility of offering new alerts. Since we implemented *My Daily News* in 2005, just a handful of recipients have asked us to discontinue their e-mails, and when something isn’t working quite right, we hear about it.

We aren’t fooling ourselves, however; after all, subscriber count may not equal reader count and direct feedback has been relatively sparse, though generally positive when received. Recognizing that e-mail delivery alone may be insufficient, we continue to monitor the marketplace for supplementary services. However, for the foreseeable future, we are committed to providing an e-mail delivery option, and LexisNexis Total Alerts is a straightforward, manageable and personalized way to do just that.

## Total Alerts Resources Now at LexisNexis InfoPro Site

LexisNexis Total Alerts powered by *Ozmosys* empower you with tools to personalize and distribute high-value electronic content to your legal professionals. And now the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group has compiled pertinent information, tips, guides and more regarding Total Alerts into one simple-to-access resource page.

The LexisNexis Total Alerts Resource Center is available through the LexisNexis InfoPro Web site. It’s easy to find—and bookmark. Go to the LexisNexis InfoPro Web site at **[www.lexisnexis.com/infopro](http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro)**. Click **Training & Tutorials** in the left navigation bar. Then select the link for **Total Alerts Resource Center**.

## Deal Lawyers can Select M&A Task and Move Directly to Content with New Practice Center

The new LexisNexis® M&A Practice Center offers single-point access to a **complete portfolio of M&A information and services**, including practice guidance, precedent, primary law, treatises and due diligence.

But the M&A Practice Center has so much more than resources. It identifies the key stages of complex corporate transactions—i.e., due diligence, drafting agreements—and provides a simple, yet thorough method for managing each stage of the deal in one central location.

Select a stage from the M&A Practice Center menu, choose your task and go. Information can often be obtained without having to enter search terms, though the FOCUS feature is available to refine the results. (And as new M&A content and tools become available on *lexis.com*, they will be integrated into the M&A Practice Center, truly making it an online platform for M&A information.)

There is no additional charge to gain access to the LexisNexis M&A Practice Center. Just click the **RESEARCH TASKS** tab on the main *lexis.com* menu. Click the [All Research Tasks](#) link (*Note: Look for the link, not the red button.*) Select **M&A Practice Center**. You can make this practice center your starting point after you log on to *lexis.com*. Just click the [Set as my default Research Task Page](#) link. (Or edit your current default.)

Once the Center displays, you can click on a deal stage in the left column or in the center of the main page. (The category menu in the left column displays on all screens so you can move easily between steps. And a breadcrumb trail at the top of the screen provides easy navigation from search results to other deal steps.)

Deal stages in the LexisNexis M&A Practice Center include:

### Latest M&A News

Stay up-to-date on the latest developments in your practice. Get information from the sources you trust on the deals and deal makers moving the markets. For example:

- Stay up-to-date on current M&A news from sources like *The Wall Street Journal*®, *The New York Times*®, *Financial Times* and FactSet Flashwire™. (Get more details on FactSet® products available through *lexis.com* in next month's *LexisNexis Information Professional Update*.)

- View the most recent stories on M&A topics from the vast repository of LexisNexis M&A news sources.
- Set up ongoing news alerts that you can review online or receive via e-mail.

### Structure the Deal

Structure deals effectively by consulting examples of recent deals and overviews of major transactions. Plus, gain access to timely and relevant on-point precedent, deal documents, guidance and much more including information from EDGAR Online® and FactSet® MergerStat®, MergerMetrics™, Shark Repellent™ and Deal Advisors.

### Perform Due Diligence

Perform in-depth due diligence on acquisition candidates, targets and your own clients.

Gather information and intelligence about people and millions of private and public companies, including news, financial analysis, third-party overviews, public records, litigation and more.

You can:

- Get a profile, financials, or compile background information on millions of global private and public companies with reports from LexisNexis® Company Dossier, Dun & Bradstreet®, Experian®, Reuters®, EDGAR Online Real-Time SEC Filings, Historical Quotes and more.
- Compile an in-depth report on a company or person using the warehouse of LexisNexis sources.
- Review public records on a company, person or location via LexisNexis SmartLinx®.
- Review cases, litigation dockets and liens/judgments in which your subject has been involved.
- Get news and business information on a company or person. *Get support and guidance for conducting due diligence.*
- Consult expert guidance for performing due diligence and evaluating and investigating companies. Use sample checklists to get started.

### Create Documents

Draft documents for deals after referencing on-point precedent agreements and clauses, organizational documents, sample language and forms—all through point-and-click features and easy-to-use search templates. Analyze everything from joint venture and merger agreements to by-laws and articles of incorporation. And find related forms from *Warren's Forms of Agreements*® and Rabkin & Johnson *Current Legal Forms with Tax Analysis*. Even get federal drafting and filing requirements and regulations.

### Negotiate and Review

Review research and other materials dealing directly with negotiations, including law reviews like the *Harvard Negotiation Law Review*, legal news and journals. And find guidance and information for negotiating a deal.

### Close, Execute and File

Understand execution and filing requirements, regulations and guidelines at the federal and state level. Get checklists and filing instructions, exchange and SRO manuals, and more. For example, you can:

- View corporate filing requirements for all 50 states.
- Get federal or self-regulatory filing requirements and regulations.
- Find answers to questions that arise on a day-to-day basis through analytical sources, guides and check lists.

### Research

Locate on-point statutes and regulations, review case decisions, access legislative information, read through relevant analytical materials and treatises, complete a compliance review, or review the state of a law in a particular jurisdiction.

## LexisNexis® Case in Brief: A Research Tool for Today and Beyond

by Julie Webster-Matthews, LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant

As the end of 2007 approaches, more questions are being raised about *American Law Reports* (ALR®) leaving the LexisNexis services.

In 1919, the creators of ALR took an innovative approach to selectively reprinting opinions as a basis for publishing topical annotations. Those annotations included analysis, case annotations and references to relevant statutes and law review articles. ALR has, historically, been a tool used by new associates or attorneys unfamiliar with a given practice area.

And now, in 2007, LexisNexis has not only captured, but expanded upon the value and benefits associated with ALR in a new research solution called LexisNexis Case in Brief.\*

Designed with a similar principle in mind, i.e., to equip the researcher with an unprecedented, timesaving research tool, a Case in Brief links the user quickly and easily to many important related sources with a comprehensive review of how those sources are relevant. But, unlike ALR, the Case in Brief offering has been created for how research is done today, that is, electronically. **A Case in Brief provides a comprehensive collection of online content related to a case, wrapping together all of the important information into one location with links to related content. You reduce your research time and get pointers to additional resources you may have never uncovered otherwise.**

And unlike a print resource, Case in Brief annotations can be refreshed and updated as new material becomes available to keep the information current.

LexisNexis released Case in Brief in March this year, and there are approximately 2,500 cases for which a Case in Brief has been created. Expect to see approximately 3,000 by year's end, and the addition process will continue.

A Case In Brief is created for select current, high-profile, emerging-law and topically significant cases. It provides a detailed, expanded analysis of these important/significant cases. Some of the criteria used for selecting cases for Case in Brief treatment include:

- 1) U.S. Supreme Court cases being heard in the current term;
- 2) important cases in various practice areas;
- 3) cases of first impression; and,
- 4) cases in the news.



Julie Webster-Matthews

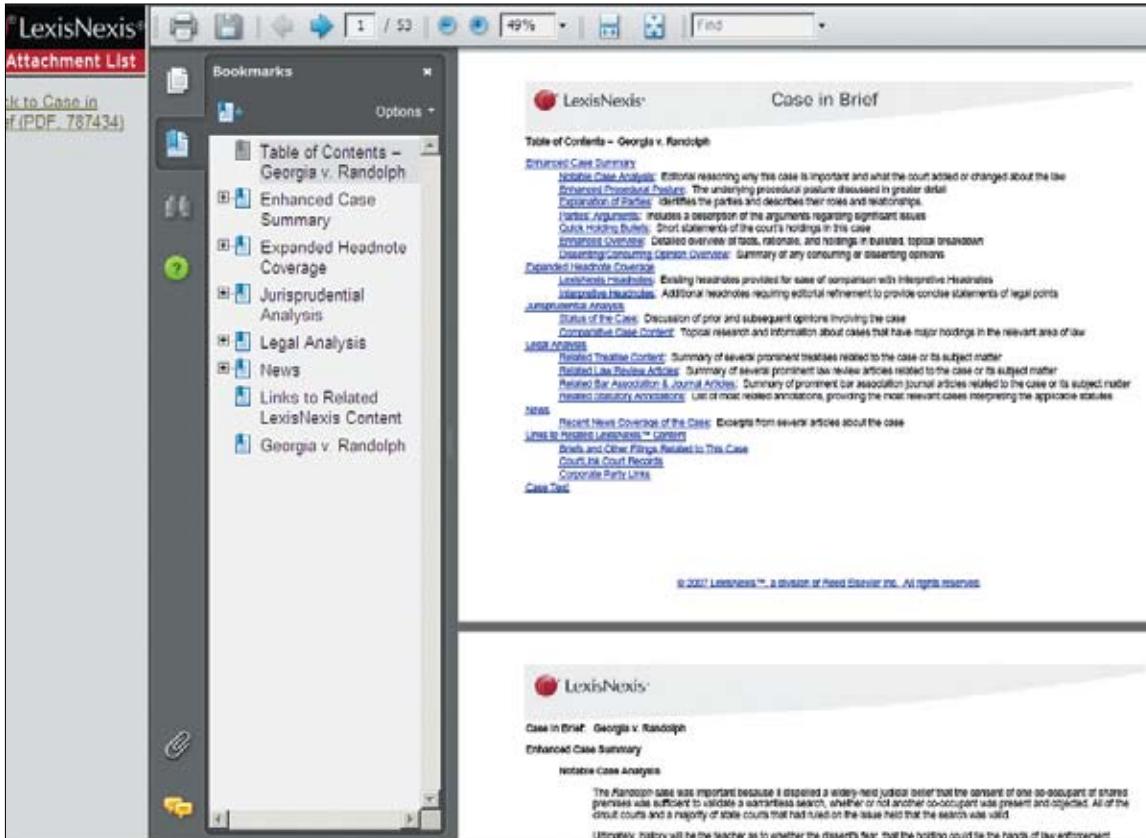
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