

Lexis® Search Advisor

Choose a Legal Topic

Choose a topic from the most recent 20 topics you have used. Select by highlighting a topic in the drop-down menu and click "Go."

Find a Legal Topic

Type a term or phrase describing your legal issue in the field and click "Find."

Explore Legal Topics

Point and click through the topics and subtopics to explore and select the topic you want.



To complete your search, type and select the appropriate information in the fields of the Search Advisor template (below).

A. Select a type of material in which to search, e.g. Cases, Agency Materials, Analytical Materials etc. (Tabs will change depending on your topic.) If you clicked the Analytical Materials tab, click on the selection you want to display. If you clicked on the Cases or Agency Materials tab, go to step B.

B. Select a jurisdiction from the drop-down menu by clicking on the down arrow to the right of the field.

C. If you clicked the Cases tab, you can click "Go" to retrieve all headnotes written on the topic, plus cases that contain in-depth discussions on the topic; otherwise go to step D.

D. Click inside the open circle beside Terms and Connectors or Natural Language to select the type of research format you want to use.

E. Type your search terms in the open field.

F. Add suggested words and concepts for your selected subtopic (optional).

G. Add suggested words and concepts for the terms and the topic you selected (optional).

H. Restrict the search by specifying applicable segments (optional).

I. Specify no date restriction, or enter a date restriction by clicking on the drop-down list and selecting a restriction, or specify your own restriction by typing your beginning date and ending date in the From and To fields (optional).

J. Click "Search" to process your search request.

When documents are retrieved with your search request, you can:

- Click on the case name of a retrieved document to view the document.
- Click on a display format to view documents in Cite, Digest, Case Brief, KWIC™ or Full format.

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What is Lexis Search Advisor?

Part of the LexisNexis™ Total Research System, Lexis Search Advisor is a finding tool for legal information based on a dynamic classification system that organizes legal topics by area of law. It can help you target your legal issue, identify an appropriate source, and formulate your search request.

To use Lexis Search Advisor, simply select a topic from the classification system and then launch your search. An expert Lexis Search Advisor team has created a search request underlying each topic. Lexis Search Advisor will help you choose a jurisdiction and add terms to refine and run your search.

Signing on to the LexisNexis™ services at www.lexis.com

1. Establish an Internet connection and enter the URL address: www.lexis.com
2. At the next screen, type your ID and password. Click **“Sign On.”**
3. Click **“Search Advisor”** at the top of the screen.