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1. **Search Broadly**
   
   Start with a broad search of all Lexis Advance content so you will have a complete set of results including cases, statutes, secondary materials and other important sources for your research assignment. Create your initial search using these three major components: **party**, **cause of action** and **situation**.

   Take your research to the next level. Above the Red Search Box select Advanced Search or Tips to find terms and connectors for better and faster results. Lexis Advance detects whether you are using a natural language search or a Boolean (terms & connectors) search to make research even easier.

**Search Term Maps** show which documents are most relevant and where your search terms are clustered using color-coded data visualization.
2. **Select a Category**
   Select a source category from the left of your results page. Start your research with Secondary Materials to gain a broad understanding of the cause of action and its requirements, which will help you focus on what you’re looking for when you switch to the case-law category.

   **A. Case-law** coverage dates back to the 1700s.

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   **C. Secondary Materials** are different types of persuasive authority used by the legal community to gain a broad understanding of an issue:
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3. **Filter for Accuracy**
   Narrow down your results using Lexis Advance filters to meet your criteria. Filters vary by source and appear on the left side of your search screen below content categories. (Case filters are shown.)

   Combine a few filters to quickly find the best, relevant authority for your research.

   To pre-filter results, by jurisdiction or topic, for instance, click **Search: Everything** in the Red Search Box and select your options before you run your search.

   **Always Shepardize®**
   Use the same three steps to ensure you aren’t missing any relevant authority. Remember: Shepardize—Category—Filter.

   **Shepardize**: Click the **Shepard’s Signal™** indicator at the top of every case to find more authority.
   **Category**: Click **Citing Decisions** to the left of the screen for a list of citing cases, or **Other Citing Sources** to find citing statutes or secondary sources.
   **Filter**: Use the **Analysis** filters to find more supporting or distinguishing cases and the **Headnotes** filter to find more cases with similar law.

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