

EXPERT WITNESS RESEARCH CHECKLIST: RESEARCHING A SPECIFIC EXPERT BY NAME

This checklist includes main Tactic/information categories in **bold**, followed by recommended products/sources, sample searches and tips. Use this checklist as a starting point when you have the specific name of an expert.

NOTES ON SEARCHING EXPERT NAMES ON LEXIS® AND LEXIS+™:

In general, unless otherwise specified: First Name /2 Last Name—e.g., John /2 Doe.

If a common name, be sure to add terms relating to profession and/or topic/area of expertise.

Consider conducting a “search everything” process, then reviewing each of the content types in the results.

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Tactic	Product/Sources	Sample Search (see top of chart for <i>Lexis®/Lexis+™ name search</i>)	Tips	✓
General Biographical Information	Lexis/Lexis+: News , Legal News , Expert Witness Materials , Directories (including Expert Witness Directories), Company & Financial	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
	Context >Expert	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>	Choose Expert category first and choose from drop-down.	
	Nexis Diligence™ Person Check: Biographical References & Directories, News	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>	Click More Search Options .	
Directories & Biographies (e.g., Who’s Who)	Lexis/Lexis+: Directories , Company & Financial			
	Context >Expert>Documents	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		
	Nexis Diligence: Directories	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
CV/Resume	Lexis/Lexis+> Expert Witness Materials>Expert Witness Resumes and Curricula Vitae		Check different resumes/CVs for the expert to see what’s added and left out over time.	
	Context >Expert>Overview	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		

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News Articles About or Mentioning the Expert	Lexis/Lexis+: News , Legal News			
	Law360®	<i>"First Name Last Name"~1</i>	Place the name in quotes followed by ~1 to allow for middle initial and middle name as well as first and last name.	
	Nexis Newsdesk™	<i>First Name NEAR/2 Last Name</i>		
	Nexis Diligence: News	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
Negative News	Lexis/Lexis+>News> Negative Personal News			
	Nexis Diligence>Negative News	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
Legal News	Lexis/Lexis+> Legal News			
	Context>Expert>Documents>Legal News	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		
	Nexis Newsdesk	<i>First Name NEAR/2 Last Name</i>		
	Law360	<i>"First Name Last Name"~1</i>	Place the name in quotes followed by ~1 to allow for middle initial and middle name as well as first and last name.	
Sanctions, Watchlists and Politically Exposed Persons	Lexis/Lexis+> Practice Area>Banking Law>All Banking Law Administrative Materials>National Financial Institutions Sanctions and Legal Actions		Note: you may include language in a News/Legal News or Nexis Newsdesk search that will surface articles referring to sanctions, fines, etc.	
	Lexis/Lexis+> Directories>News worthy Person Directories>Sanction Lists			
	Lexis/Lexis+> Directories>News worthy Person Directories: Politically Exposed Persons (PEP), World Compliance PEP List			

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	Public Records >Sanctions and Actions, Health Care Provider Sanctions, National Financial Services Industry Sanctions, OFAC and Global Sanctions List			
	Nexis Diligence: Sanctions & Watchlists, Politically Exposed Persons	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
Company Connections: company/financial materials	Lexis/Lexis+: Company & Financial , Directories , News , Legal News , Patents			
	Nexis Diligence: News, Company Sources, Biographical References & Directories	Same as Lexis/Lexis+ search		
	Nexis® Dossier >Executive: select all sources	Use Executive template		
	Public Records/LexisNexis SmartLinx®			
Background Check	Public Records/LexisNexis SmartLinx			
Authored Publications	Lexis/Lexis+: News , Legal News , Secondary Materials , Scientific , Copyrights, Resumes & CVs	Segments in Lexis content types: NEWS: use <i>Byline</i> LEGAL NEWS: use <i>Byline</i> or <i>Author</i> SCIENTIFIC: use <i>Author</i> LAW REVIEWS/JOURNALS: use <i>Author</i> COPYRIGHTS: use <i>Author</i>	For CVs & Resumes, find the expert's documents, then look through for their listing of authored publications. Note: MEDLINE and other abstract sources in Scientific materials will often only reflect initials for first and possibly middle names.	
	Context >Expert>Overview> CV	Last Name, First Name		

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Media Appearances	Lexis/Lexis+> News>News Transcripts		A general News search will including transcripts.	
	Nexis Newsdesk	<i>First Name NEAR/2 Last Name</i>	Nexis Newsdesk is a rolling most-recent 100 days.	
	Nexis Dossier>Executive: select News	Use Executive template		
	Nexis Diligence Person Check: News	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
Cases: Opinions: US and International in full text	Lexis/Lexis+>Cases (note: this covers Federal/ State) Lexis/Lexis+> International tab in Explore Content>select the country you want to search— check to see if cases are available for that country	<i>First Name /2 Last Name and Last Name /10 expert</i>	You may also use the profession or subject matter in addition/instead of the word “expert.”	
	Context>Expert>Analytics	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		
	Context>Expert>Documents> Cases	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
	Nexis Diligence Person Check> Legal Sources>Cases	Use Executive template		
	Nexis Dossier>Executive: be sure to check the box for United States Case Information			
CASES: Dockets	Lexis® CourtLink®	<i>First Name /3 Last Name</i>	Keyword (terms & connectors) search in Dockets & Documents. If a common name, add in subject matter or Search Within for, <i>Last Name /25 expert or witness.</i>	
	Context>Expert>Documents> Dockets	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		
	Nexis Diligence Person Check> Legal Sources: Federal Dockets & State Dockets	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
	Law360	<i>“First Name Last Name”~1</i>	Place the name in quotes followed by ~1 to allow for middle initial and middle name as well as first and last name.	

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	Lex Machina® > PTAB, ITC		Conduct a search on the name: expert names are mentioned in documents	
CASES: Jury Verdicts & Settlements	Lexis/Lexis+ > Jury Verdicts & Settlements			
	Lexis® Verdict & Settlement Analyzer (VSA)	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>	VSA Tip: You can search the name of an expert, in the main search box, even though it asks for an Issue or topic.	
	Context >Expert>Documents>Jury Verdicts & Settlements	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		
	Nexis Diligence Person Check >Legal Sources>Verdicts	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
	Law360	<i>"First Name Last Name"~1</i>	Place the name in quotes followed by ~1 to allow for middle initial and middle name as well as first and last name.	
Agency Materials & Agency Decisions: Federal & State	Lexis/Lexis+ > Administrative Materials			
	Nexis Diligence Person Check >Agency Decisions	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>		
	Context >Expert>Documents>Administrative Materials	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		
Challenges to Expert Testimony	Lexis/Lexis+ > Expert Witness Materials > Expert Witness Challenges > Daubert Tracker—Case Reports	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>	Note that there is a difference between the Lexis/Lexis+ and Context Challenge information.	
	Lexis/Lexis+ > Cases : find additional cases where a Motion in Limine or other challenges to the expert is discussed within full-text opinions	<i>First Name /2 Last Name and (remov! or preclu! or exclu! or inadmis! or admis! or 702 or challeng! or daubert or strik! or strick!) /25 Last Name</i>		
	Lexis/Lexis+ > Cases : find cases discussing Daubert and Markman Hearings	Note: do this as a Search Within: <i>Daubert or Markman pre/2 hearing /25 Last Name</i>		

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	Context >Expert>Documents> Expert Witness Materials: use filter for Sub-Type: Expert Witness Challenges to pull up the Daubert Tracker challenges	<i>Last Name, First Name (remov! or preclu! or exclu! or inadmis! or admis! or 702 or challeng! or daubert or strik! or strick!) /25 Last Name</i>	Daubert Tracker: tracks challenges from Federal and State jurisdictions. Does not provide full-text opinions—summaries only. May even include challenges discussed in briefs and cases which for whatever reason are not available on Lexis, or gleaned from motions and supporting documents.	
	Context >Expert>Documents> Cases: Use Search Within to find additional cases where a Motion in Limine or other challenges to the expert is discussed within full-text opinions	<i>(remov! or preclu! or exclu! or inadmis! or admis! or 702 or challeng! or daubert or strik! or strick!) /25 Last Name</i>	Context Analytics are based on language. The Federal Challenges come from the language analytics applied to full text opinions (so the source is the set of full-text Federal case opinions).	
	Context >Expert>Analytics	<i>Last Name, First Name</i>		
	Lexis® CourtLink®	<i>First Name /3 Last Name and challeng! or daubert or markman /10 expert or witness or Last Name</i>	Keyword (terms & connectors) search in Dockets & Documents. If a common name, add in subject matter.	
	Lex Machina® > PTAB, ITC		Conduct a search for the expert's name or use the Expert Witness Explorer quick tool allows you to explore rulings on the admissibility of expert witness testimony and reports in Product Liability and Torts cases. Use the template to search by case	

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Motions to Exclude Experts	Lexis/Lexis+>Briefs, Pleadings & Motions>Motions	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>	Search to find motions to exclude an expert's testimony.	
	Lexis/Lexis+>Cases: find additional cases where a Motion in Limine or other motions to exclude the expert is discussed within full-text opinions	<i>First Name /2 Last Name and (remov! or preclu! or exclu! or inadmis! or admis! or 702 or challeng! or daubert or strik! or strick!) /25 Last Name</i>		
	Context>Expert>Documents>Briefs, Pleadings & Motions: Use Sub-Content Type Motions			
	CourtLink	<i>First Name /3 Last Name and Last Name /10 limine or exclu! or testimony or testify</i>	Keyword (terms & connectors) search in Dockets & Documents. If a common name, add in subject matter.	
	Lex Machina>PTAB, ITC documents		Conduct a search for the expert's name or use the Expert Witness Explorer quick tool allows you to explore rulings on the admissibility of expert witness testimony and reports in Product Liability and Torts cases. Use the template to search by case type and judge and review for expert names mentioned	
Prior Testimony, Depositions and Reports for Cases	Lexis/Lexis+>Expert Witness Materials> Expert Witness Testimony and Reports			
	Context>Expert>Documents>Expert Witness Materials: Use the Sub-Type filter for Expert Witness Testimony and Reports			
	Lex Machina>PTAB, ITC documents		Search the name of the expert	

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	Lexis/Lexis+: CQ Congressional Testimony		Archived CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY (and references to the individual)	
	Nexis Dossier >Executive: be sure to check the box for Congressional Testimony	Use Executive template	NOTE: This only includes archived testimony mid-1993 through 2018.	
	Lexis® CourtLink®	<i>First Name /3 Last Name and Last Name /10 testimony or deposition or report</i>	Keyword (terms & connectors) search in Dockets & Documents. If a common name, add in subject matter.	
Congressional Record	Lexis/Lexis+> Statutes & Legislation>Congressional Record			
Other Transcripts of Testimony	Nexis Newsdesk There are a few situations in which attorneys need background information on the subject matter for which the expert is being considered. For example, being able to ask the right questions not only of one's own expert, but especially those of opposing counsel in deposition. Another is having the background information in depositions or interviews to assess a potential expert as truly knowledgeable and competent with respect to the relevant subject matter, especially if the individual has no track record as an expert witness.	<i>First Name NEAR/2 Last Name</i>	Note that transcripts of testimony may appear in a variety of news sources, both from the Lexis service and the web.	
	Lexis/Lexis+: Agency news/hearings transcripts; News (e.g., network news coverage), Legal News			

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Patent: Investors or Assignees	Lexis/Lexis+>Practice Area tab>Patent Law>Patent Registrations	<i>First Name /2 Last Name</i>	Full text, or use the Advanced Search template for the expert's name as inventor, or All Assignees.	
	LexisNexis TotalPatent One®	<i>PAA:(First Name Last Name) or IN:(First Name Last Name)</i>	Use both the PAA and IN as in the example to cover both Assignees and Inventor names.	
	LexisNexis Patent Advisor®		Patent image file wrappers are included. Some relevant datapoints: • Names of people who gave declarations during prosecution • Names of attorneys involved in prosecuting a patent • Subject matter research	
Trademarks: Owners	Lexis/Lexis+>Practice Area tab>Trademark Law>Trademark Registrations	<i>Search for the expert's name—possibly a trademark owner</i>		

This toolkit specifically includes LexisNexis® products that legal professionals use for Expert Witness research purposes. Depending on the Expert Witness request and the LexisNexis products you subscribe to, portions of or all of the research suggestions in the checklist may be applicable.

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