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Case Law & *Shepard's*®
Editorial Process

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CASE COLLECTION

To ensure relevancy, LexisNexis follows the lead of the courts and state reporters of decisions and collects case opinions based on citeability and level of importance.

1. LexisNexis receives cases electronically from the courts every 15 minutes.
2. Cases are converted to a tagged and searchable format and loaded within hours.
3. Cases are uniquely identified in the system for tracking and measurement purposes.
4. Case-law editors examine cases and apply appropriate unpublished case banners if needed.
5. Case-law editors review cases and adjust text formatting for ease of reading, adjust segment tagging for accurate search results and apply spelling corrections.
6. Improvements and corrections are quickly added to the database.
7. Work is sampled and audited for quality review. Results are monitored.



CASE & CITATION CORRECTION

To help ensure accuracy, LexisNexis attorney-editors work with the courts to identify, clarify and correct substantive factual and legal errors in cases.

8. Case-law editors examine cases for format problems, incorrect citations, case-name errors and other issues. Editors make needed corrections to improve searching, citation recognition and results.
9. Case-law editors review added parallel citations and make adjustments.
10. Case-law editors coordinate any substantive corrections with the courts and obtain court or reporter of decisions approval to make changes.
11. Cases are updated online as corrections and changes are applied.
12. Work is sampled and audited for quality review. Results are monitored.
13. Citing/cited relationships between sources are added to *Shepard's* Citations Service within hours.



SHEPARD'S® ANALYSIS

To ensure that your research is validated, experienced attorney-editors provide negative and positive treatments within hours of receipt from the courts.

14. *Shepard's* attorney-editors read and analyze each case in detail for *Shepard's* appellate history and treatment, so you are able to accurately determine case validity and find additional relevant law.
15. *Shepard's* attorney-editors identify case history relationships, and construct and verify the case "appellate history chain."
16. *Shepard's* attorney-editors read and analyze each case for impact on any law cited within it and add *Shepard's* treatment phrases.
17. *Shepard's* attorney-editors correct any citation errors or case-name problems to further improve searchability and quality.
18. *Shepard's* analysis and citation uploads are conducted every 15 minutes.
19. Work is sampled and audited for quality review. Results are monitored.



CASE ENHANCEMENTS

To help you get the insights you need to shape your case strategy, LexisNexis attorney-editors prepare headnotes and summaries.

20. Headnote attorney-editors read both published and unpublished cases for identification and analysis of legal issues.
21. Attorney-editors craft a case-law summary for each case, which includes a concise synopsis, an overview of relevant legal facts and pertinent authorities, and a statement of the case outcome.
22. Attorney-editors identify the issues or points of law that are material to the resolution of the case and create stand-alone headnotes for each statement of authority.
23. Every headnote is assigned the most on-point classifications from our legal topic digest. Classifications provide instructive headings for the material rules of law and are a powerful research tool for relevant subject matter.
24. Case summaries, headnotes and classifications are quickly updated in the database.
25. Work is sampled and audited for quality review. Results are monitored.



ONGOING UPDATES & PRINT PREPARATION

To ensure you have access to the most current information, LexisNexis attorney-editors address ongoing changes to the law.

26. Once any new parallel citations are subsequently received, citations and page numbers are added to the database.
27. Corrections and modifications by the court are monitored and incorporated. Attorney-editors review substantive changes for inclusion in *Shepard's* and adjustment to case summaries/headnotes.
28. Work is sampled and audited for quality review. Results are monitored.
29. For states in which LexisNexis is recognized as the "official publisher" of print volumes, cases are further copy-edited for formatting and composition.

