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Quick Reference Guide

Overview
Lexis.com is a comprehensive collection of full text legal resources, both primary and secondary, from the US, UK, Canada, Australia and other jurisdictions. Before searching you must locate the appropriate Source. Like Westlaw, Lexis.com is designed for optimum access to US documents. UK and other Common law jurisdictions are represented but you need to know where to find the Sources.

This lecture will cover
1. how to locate non-US sources – in particular UK, Canada, Australia and other common law jurisdictions, including International sources
2. give a brief overview of how to locate US sources

Overview of Homepage
Default homepage – Search > Sources > Legal
Note other Tabs – International Law – Medical – Environment – Find A Source
TIP
1. Search for a Source
2. Click on the (i) next to the source to see coverage data and segment search tips

CHOOSING A SOURCE TO SEARCH
Recently Used Sources
Check here for recently searched databases

Legal Tab
Good starting point
Note the View more sources link below each category

Global Legal
Start here for non-US content

UK SOURCES : JOURNALS
Global Legal > United Kingdom > Journals > UK Law Journals
Click on (i) to see journal titles included here and search tips

Click on resource name link to search all the titles in this source

Example:
terrorism w/p “emergency legislation”
show breadcrumb trail and search connectors help – edit search link

Click on first record – show output options, no. of pages – Explore button at bottom of page (go to footnotes)

Go to the individual journal titles and click on the (i) to see coverage data - varies for each resource
Examples:
Butterworths Environmental Law Bulletin - COVERAGE: Current issue and back copies from the past 12 months
Environmental Law Review (UK) - COVERAGE: From 1999 through current

UK SOURCES: CASES
Global Legal > United Kingdom > Case Law > UK Cases, Combined Courts

This resource includes:
All England Law Reports Reprints (1558 - 1935)
All England Law Reports (1936 +)
The Law Reports (1865 +) – also in The Law Reports of England and Wales library
Lloyd’s Law Reports (1919 +) - also in the Admiralty and Lloyd's Reports library
Reported cases Scotland and Northern Ireland (1945 +)
Unreported cases from England & Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland (1980 +)

Note that the libraries are arranged from general to specific – select depending on how broadly you wish to search

Examples
Make sure the search is on Terms & Connectors
Search for terrorism w/p England
To limit search to All Enland Reports – edit using segment search and add segment CITE All ER
Search for terrorism in CATCHWORDS and england in CATCHWORDS
Search for Hong Kong v Reid using NAME
Citation search [2007] All ER (D) 278 – CITE segment search

FIND A SOURCE tab
When you know the name of a source you can go to it quickly using the Find A Source Tab on the homepage (the short names only work for US databases)
Example:
UK Cases

AUSTRALIA SOURCES
Only a few Australian resources - prefer LexisNexis AU and Lawbook Online
Global Legal > Australia > Case Law > Law Reports Butterworths

Administrative Law Decisions (1973+)
Australian Capital Territory Reports (ACTR) (1967-1999)
Australian Company Law Reports (1975-1989)
Australian Corporations and Securities Reports (1998+)
Australian Law Reports (ALR) (1973+)
Family Law Reports (1976+)
Motor Vehicle Reports (1983+)
Northern Territory Reports (1979+)
Victorian Reports (1957-1996)

Bolded titles only available in Lexis.com

Example
Global Legal > Australia > Journals > Australian Law Journals, Combined

All available in LN AU or other Australian sources – prefer

Journal of Contract Law (Australia) vol 6 (1993+)

Example
Australian Law Journals, Combined > segment search AUTHOR (Tarrant)
Click on first hit - show Copy/w Cite option by copying abstract

NEW ZEALAND SOURCES

Global Legal > New Zealand

Journals

Cases
New Zealand Cases (includes > )

New Zealand Law Reports (NZLR) (1958+) – also in print in Law Library
New Zealand District Court Reports (1996+)
New Zealand Administrative Reports (NZAR) (1995+)

CANADA SOURCES

Global Legal > Canada
Includes Treaties, Case Law, Legislation, a selection of Journals and Directories

Global Legal > Canada > Canada Cases
Contains all available reported and unreported full text judgments from Canadian courts and tribunals.
It includes well-known national and provincial reporters such as:

Dominion Law Reports
Canada Criminal Cases
Supreme Court Reports
Canadian Patent Reporter
Ontario Reports

US SOURCES : CASES
Lexis.com provides access to all Federal and State Decisions
Use the search tips documents listed above - they relate to locating US resources
Cases US > Federal Court Cases, Combined

Example:
united states v nixon in segment NAME - note treatment symbols

Get a Document Tab
Use this if you have a citation – only useful for US documents - Cases and Journals
Use Citation Formats help
Example
Journal - 13 N.Y.U. Envtl. L.J. 1
Case - 365 F.3d 649

Shepards Tab
Shepards is a citator similar to Casebase and FirstPoint. It provides history and references to related
documents - Use for US only case and journal citations

Examples
Journal - 13 N.Y.U. Envtl. L.J. 1
Case - 365 F.3d 649
Can Shepardize for all US cases and journal articles - see the link from the full text screen

US SOURCES : JOURNALS
Secondary Legal > Law Reviews & Journals > US Law Reviews and Journals, Combined
There are many journals available - click on the (i) to see the coverage in each source

Example:
"environmental law" w/p indonesia

Research Tasks & Search Advisor Tabs – top of first screen
For US sources only

LEGISLATION : US
Search for Finding Full Text of Acts in the Knowledgebase link above for search tips

Example:
Patriot Act (popular name) – go to:
Table
Type “patriot act” = this will refer you to the proper name >
USA PATRIOT ACT or Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools
Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001.
Then go to:
Search on the proper title to locate the full text of the Act

OR just go to US Legislative Resources (http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legislative.html) in SuperSearch.

INTERNATIONAL LAW TAB
Treaties
Useful sources

**International Legal Materials** – Treaties and Agreements published by ASIL (American Society of International Law)

**Example:**
Enter segment TITLE (optional protocols and involvement of children in armed conflict
OR
Get a Document tab – enter 39 I.L.M. 1285

**Cases**
International Court of Justice Decisions
EUR-Lex European Union Cases
Human Rights Cases (1960+ )
  Summaries and transcripts of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights from 1960, Butterworths Human Rights Cases from 1996, covering landmark decisions from international, European and English courts and tribunals.

**Law Reviews and Journals**
American Journal of International Law vol 74 (1980+ )
International Law Review Articles, Combined - selection of articles from numerous law reviews and journals

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**NOTE**

**Hardcopy page numbers – only for US and Canada – no pdf as in Westlaw**
Page number references that correspond to the hardcopy source sections or pages appear in brackets and contain up to three asterisks followed by a number, for example, [*424], [**55]. The number of asterisks identifies the hardcopy source, while the number following the asterisks indicates the section or page number. See the citation data at the top of the document to determine the page source.

For example:

404 U.S. 336, *; 92 S. Ct. 515, **; 30 L. Ed. 2d 488, ***; 1971 U.S. LEXIS 143