



# ELECTRONIC GUIDE

## LexisNexis Academic

### How to Search LexisNexis Academic

#### Introduction

LexisNexis Academic is a collection of databases with five main categories:

- News:** General News, Today's News, U.S. News, World News, Business News, Legal News, Wires, Transcripts, Arts & Sports News, Medical News, University News, and Foreign Language News
- Business:** Company Financial, Compare Companies, SEC Filings, Industry & Market, Accounting Literature, Directories
- Legal Research:** Law Reviews, Federal and State Case Law, Federal and State Codes, Federal Regulations, International Legal Materials, Tax Law, Patents, Martindale-Hubbell Directory of Lawyers and Law firms, Law School Directory
- Medical:** News, Journals, Abstracts
- Reference:** Biographical Information, Country Profiles, Poll & Surveys, Quotations, State Profiles, World Almanac

#### Accessing the Database

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu> → UConn Libraries homepage → Most Used Databases → LexisNexis Academic

#### General Search Tips

Use the following connectors to combine search terms:

Boolean Operator / Connector	Example	Result
AND	fraud <b>and</b> computer	Find records having both the search terms
OR	doctor <b>or</b> physician	Finds records having any of those search terms
AND NOT	assault <b>and not</b> sexual	Find records having the word <b>assault</b> but not the word <b>sexual</b>
w/n (where n is a number)	right <b>w/4</b> counsel	Searches for records where the word <b>right</b> appears within 4 or fewer words of <b>counsel</b> . For example: Find phrases such as <b>right to have counsel, counsel has the right</b> , etc.
w/s	pitts <b>w/s</b> hunt	Searches for both terms within the same sentence. Useful for finding cases when complete names of party(ies) are unknown.
w/p	custody <b>w/p</b> parent	Finds records having the words <b>custody</b> and <b>parent</b> within the same paragraph.

## Searching the Database

### Guided News Search:

1. Choose a **news category**.

**General News** searches major newspapers and magazines in the United States.

**Today's News** is for current events from around the world.

**U.S. News** is for regional, state, and local papers.

**World News** is for foreign publications.

**Non-English Language News** searches in Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis 'Guided News Search' interface. On the left, there are navigation links for 'Academic Search Forms' (Quick Info, News, Business, Legal Research, Medical, Reference) and 'Search for Other Information' (Statistical). The main search area has two tabs: 'Quick News Search' and 'Guided News Search'. Under 'Step One: Select a news category -- Entry Required', a dropdown menu is open, listing categories: General News (selected), Today's News, U.S. News, World News, News Wires, News Transcripts, Arts & Sports News, Non-English Language News, Business News, Legal News, and University News. To the right of the dropdown is a 'Source List' link. Below the dropdown are three search input fields, each with a dropdown menu set to 'Headline, Lead Paragraph(s), Terms'. Under 'Step Four: Narrow to a specific date range -- Optional', the 'Previous six months' radio button is selected. Under 'Step Five: Search this publication title(s) -- Optional', there is an empty text input field. At the bottom right are 'Search' and 'Clear Form' buttons.

2. Choose a relevant **news source**. For example, if **General News** is selected in **Step One**, you must select one of the news sources as shown in the example below. To see what publications are listed under a specific category, such as **Major Papers**, click the **Source List** link next to the drop-down menu.

Example:

This screenshot shows the same LexisNexis 'Guided News Search' interface, but at 'Step Two: Select a news source -- Entry Required'. The 'General News' category is still selected in the first dropdown. The second dropdown menu is open, showing a list of news sources: Major Papers (selected), Magazines and Journals, Newsletters, Abstracts, Policy Papers, Time Incorporated Publications, and Ethnic News. A 'Source List' link is visible to the right of the dropdown. The rest of the interface, including the date range and search title fields, remains the same as in the previous screenshot.



## B. Finding a Case When You Know the Citation:

1. Click **Get a Case:**
2. Enter the case **Citation:**

Citation:  [View Citation Formats](#)  
e.g. 407 U.S. 258

3. Click **Search**

Note: Make sure citation periods and spaces are included.  
To learn the correct citation format, click view citation formats.

## C. Finding a Case by Subject:

To find federal cases, click **Federal Case Law**

To find Connecticut court cases or cases from any other state, click **State Case Law**, and select state.

To conduct a **Basic** search:

1. Enter main keywords in the **Search terms:** box.
2. Enter additional terms in **Narrow search with additional terms:** box.
3. Pick a **Court:**
4. Select a **Date:**
5. Click **Search**

Example: Connecticut Cases

**Basic** **Guided Search**

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**State Case Law: Connecticut**

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Keyword and Additional Terms search the full text of cases. Only cases that match all the criteria you enter will be found.

**Search terms:**  Entry Required  
e.g. professional negligence

**Narrow search with additional terms:**   
e.g. accountant OR CPA

**Court:**  [Source List](#)

**Date:**    
 From:  To:  [Examples](#)

**Search** **Clear Form**

To search in the **Guided Search** mode:

1. Enter your **Search for:** terms
2. Combine search terms using relevant Boolean operators (AND, OR, And NOT ) or connectors (w/5, w/10, w/25, w/s, w/p)
3. Select a **Date:**
4. Specify the **Court:**
5. Click **Search**

## Example: Connecticut Case

Basic **Guided Search**

**Additional Search Options**

Enter keywords and select the field where you want the words to be found. Combine your search criteria using the connectors provided.

**Search for:**  in

in

in

**Date:**  All available dates   
 From:  To:  [Examples](#)

**Court:**  [Source List](#)

Note: If your search results in *too many* or *too few* cases, refine search by trying different date ranges and court levels. Also, think of other search terms.

### D. Finding a Statute When You Know the Citation:

For federal statutes, click **Federal Code**

For state statutes, click **State Codes**, and then choose state.

Example: To search for 18 USCS § 924

- Basic **Guided Search**
1. Click **Guided Search** tab
  2. In **Search for:** box enter the citation in the following format: **18 w/5 924**
  3. Select **Cite** option

Basic **Guided Search**

**Additional Search Options**

Enter keywords and select the field where you want the words to be found. Combine your search criteria using the connectors provided.

**Search for:**  in

4. Click

### E. Finding Articles from Law Reviews:

Under **Secondary Literature**, select **Law Reviews** link on the left side of the screen.

Click **Guided Search** tab.

1. Enter your search terms in the **Search For:** boxes.
2. Combine your search terms using relevant Boolean operators (AND, OR, And NOT) or connectors (w/5, w/10, w/25, w/s, w/p)
3. To limit your search terms to specific fields, choose appropriate option from the drop-down box to the right of the search term (limit options include author, title, citation, full text, and at least 3)
4. Pick a **Date:**
5. Click

Example:

Basic **Guided Search**

**Additional Search Options**

Enter keywords and select the field where you want the words to be found. Combine your search criteria using the connectors provided.

**Search for:**  in  Entry Required

in

in

**Date:**    From:  To:  [Examples](#)

**Search this publication title(s):**  [Source List](#)

## Viewing Results

To see the full text, click linked title of the case, code or article.

1. [Copyright \(c\) 2006 American Criminal Law Review American Criminal Law Review](#), Spring, 2006, 43 Am. Crim. L. Rev. 201, 7380 words, ESSAY: Countering the Cyber-Crime Threat, Debra Wong Yang + & Brian M. Hoffstadt ++
2. [Copyright \(c\) 2006 American Criminal Law Review American Criminal Law Review](#), Spring, 2006, 43 Am. Crim. L. Rev. 259, 24149 words, ARTICLE: Computer Crimes, DANA L. BAZELON, YUN JUNG CHOI and JASON F. CONATY
3. [Copyright \(c\) 2006 Boston College International & Comparative Law Review Boston College International and Comparative Law Review](#), Spring, 2006, 29 B.C. Int'l & Comp. L. Rev. 245, 14117 words, NOTE: BUILDING FORTRESS INDIA: SHOULD A FEDERAL LAW BE CREATED TO ADDRESS PRIVACY CONCERNS IN THE UNITED STATES-INDIAN BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING RELATIONSHIP?, BRYAN BERTRAM \*

To browse through documents and see the search term context (where your search terms appear), click **KWIC (Key Words in Context)**. [This is especially helpful when in very long documents.]

**Document List** Expanded List KWIC Full

To return to the full text document, click **Full**.

## Printing or Saving Records

In the full text document:

1. Click
2. Click **Display Document**
3. Click the browser's **File** menu and select **Print**.
4. To save, click **File** menu and select **Save as**.

## E-mailing Records

In the full text document:

1. Click
2. Type your e-mail address, and then click **E-mail**.