Lexis Library

Database scope

Lexis Library offers access to:

- UK and EU legal materials
- Worldwide legal materials

Access LexisLibrary via the Library's OneSearch discovery platform. Use the Find databases option and, if you are off campus, remember to log on to OneSearch with your network login details first.

UK and EU legal materials

The start page Search tab options are:

- Home - Document or General search across all sources except legislation
- Cases - UK, EU and European Court of Human Rights
- UK Legislation
- Commentary - includes various bulletins and explanatory legislative commentary
- Forms and precedents - none available
- Journals
- Current awareness - legislative updates
- General

Searching for UK and EU Cases

Select the Cases subtab from the Search tab.
Search for cases by:

- **Name**

  Enter one or both party names into the **Case name** box/es, eg Carlill and Carbolic Smoke Ball Co

- **Citation**

  Enter the citation into the **Citation** box, eg 2001 34 EHRR 273

- **Subject**

  Enter subject terms into the **Search terms** box, eg “Right to light”. Use quotation marks to search for a phrase. Use AND and OR to combine individual words.

The results show the case name and citation, together with court, judgment date and source information. Click on the desired case name to see the full-text of the case. The CaseSearch source is an online case citator: click on the case title in this source to see information about the judicial treatment of the case indicated in annotations and colour-coded signals. Click on Signal Help for further information about treatment icons.

**Searching for UK Legislation**

Select the Legislation subtab from the Search tab

Only legislation still in force is included in LexisNexis. Legislation is shown as amended.
First select the type of legislation needed from the drop-down **Select Sources** menu.

Search for legislation by:

- **Title**
  
  Enter words from the title in the **Title** box, eg Factories Act. Include the year too if necessary. To search for Statutory Instruments by number, use the Search terms box using the format 2002 No 3173

- **Subject**
  
  Enter subject terms into the **Search terms** box, eg Cereal seeds. Use quotation marks to search for a phrase. Use AND and OR to combine individual words.

**Searching UK journals**

Select the Journals subtab from the Search tab.

To search for articles for which you have a reference:

- select the journal title from the drop-down **Sources** box or from the More Sources... option.
• enter a word or two from the article title in the **Title** box
• enter the author's surname in the **Author** box

To search for articles by subject:

• enter subject terms in the **Search terms** box. Use quotation marks to search for a phrase. Use AND and OR to combine individual words.

To browse individual journal titles:

• select the Browse tab and then select from the listed journal titles.

**Worldwide legal materials**

To search for EU legislation and worldwide materials, select the Sources subtab from the Start Page.

**Searching for known sources**

To find a known source, for example a journal by title, select the Find sources subtab. Then select the Keyword radio button and enter the journal title into the Keyword search box.

Check the box next to the desired source and click OK - continue. You will be directed to the Search screen for your selected source.

A useful group source is US & Canadian law reviews combined.
Browsing sources by jurisdiction

To browse sources for a particular jurisdiction, select the Browse Sources subtab. Then filter by the desired country using the drop-down box and select the desired publication type, for example Cases.

Check the box next to the desired source and click OK - continue. You will be directed to the Search screen for your selected source.

Help

Help is available by clicking on the help link at the top right of the screen.

Clicking on the information symbol found next to publication titles will give details about coverage and frequency.

Finally, if you get stuck, contact the Law Librarian for help.