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Check More Than 1,000 Entries
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Check it Out! Many New *www.lexis.com* Additions Total Up to Major Research Convenience

You probably didn't even notice ... the additional link here ... a new icon there. But, just in time for National Library Week April 15 – 21, 2007, **www.lexis.com** has been enhanced with a range of new sources and searching features to make research for librarians and their patrons—novice users as well as powers searchers—more efficient. For example: *(Take a look at the table of contents to find even more details on these and other topics.)*

- **Get much more when you link in case law:** Now in U.S. and state case law, notice that *counsel, company and judges' names are linked*. Click and get access to a range of people and business sources.
- **LexisNexis® Tax Center is easier to access:** When you select the Taxation Area of Law—or your Taxation tab on your *lexis.com*® menu screen—link directly to the LexisNexis Tax Center. No log on or password needed. With LexisNexis Tax Center, you can **conduct a single search across a range of resources**, not only streamlining your research but ensuring you don't miss critical information.

There's more. **LexisNexis Tax Center is adding new resources as well.** *LexisNexis Tax Advisor—Federal Topical* and LexisNexis State Tax Practice Insights for 10 states are now available through the LexisNexis Tax Center.

- **Oops! Make a search error? Let *www.lexis.com* tell you how to fix it:** Enter incorrect search syntax, and the **www.lexis.com** research system will trigger an appropriate error message automatically. More than 20 different messages are available to help researchers.
- **Now search with “noise words”!** Approximately 100 “noise words”—some articles, pronouns, conjunctions and other little words such as “he,” “the,” “because,” etc.—are now considered searchable in **www.lexis.com**
- **More blogs to give you more alternative views:** LexisNexis® recently added more than 50 blogs to its exclusive Newstex Blogs on Demand through **www.lexis.com**



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Browse an Opinion—and Link to Details on the Counsel, Judge and Companies Involved

Here's an additional research help for LexisNexis case law: Now counsel, company and judges' names are linked. Select a link and choose detailed information for that entity. One click and move right to the appropriate results. It really is that easy ... great for novice researchers.

This enhanced linking covers all U.S. and state case law available through the LexisNexis services. (Links appear via www.lexis.com only, not in downloaded copy.) **And there is no additional charge for linking, only the normal search charges for that source.** Researchers will know if a linked resource is outside their subscription. Those resources will be marked with \$ symbols.)

Research results from the link are displayed in a new browser window. (And the search is saved in the user's History log without the Rerun/Edit option.)

Link to more Counsel Information

Now when you view the COUNSEL segment of U.S. and state case law, you'll notice counsel names are linked. Select the drop-down arrow next to the link and move to: *(Options will vary for U.S. and state & local court subscribers.)*

- Additional U.S. and state **case law** where that attorney was counsel.
- **Martindale-Hubbell**® reports on that attorney via *lexis.com* or *martindale.com*®. Some counsel reports from *martindale.com* will include a **new Martindale-Hubbell rating icon**.
- **LexisNexis**® **Analyzer** report on that attorney. (LexisNexis Analyzer reports can show you how often the attorney has appeared before a particular judge, whether he settles most of his cases, wins them on motions, or goes to trial. And much more. LexisNexis Analyzer will search cases, *Brief Reporter*, law reviews, Mealey's™ legal news, verdicts and settlements, etc.)
- **LexisNexis**® **CourtLink**® **Strategic Profile** for that attorney. (Strategic Profiles search the vast CourtLink® docket database and help you pinpoint whether the attorney has argued similar cases or cases before a specific judge. Also gain insights into prior strategies employed, including case resolution.)

Link to More Company Information

Just as you can link to more information about counsel, you can link to vital details on companies in case-law documents—those listed as parties as well as those mentioned in the opinion. Company names will be linked through the document for added navigating convenience.

Click the down arrow next to the company name and choose: *(Options will vary for U.S. and state & local court subscribers.)*

- Recent **news (last 90 days)** on the company
- **SEC filings** on the company from the last two years
- Federal **agency decisions** involving the company
- Company **Profiles and Reports**
- **U.S. and state cases** where the company is a party
- **International** company profiles and reports
- LexisNexis® **Company Dossier Profiles** *(not available to law school customers)* (LexisNexis Company Dossier compiles the best intelligence available through the LexisNexis services—past and present litigation, up-to-date company news, key business and financial data, and intellectual property details.)
- LexisNexis® **Industry Dossier Profiles** *(available to Tax and Corporate Legal customers only)* (LexisNexis Industry Dossier puts industries into sharper focus with the latest economic and sales reports, recent mergers, and pending legislation that could affect an industry.)
- **Hoover's Reports** on the company *(Available to Tax, Corporate Legal and Law School customers only)*

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Total Research System interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: My Lexis™, Search, Research Tasks, Search Advisor, Get a Document, Shepard's®, Alerts, and a Help icon. Below the tabs is a search bar with 'FOCUS™ Terms' and a search button. The main content area displays a case opinion for 'Porter v. Cont'l Airlines, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 72037'. The 'COUNSEL' section lists 'Jessica R. Alexander' as the plaintiff's attorney. A dropdown menu is open next to 'Continental Airlines', showing options: 'Recent news (last 90 days) involving this company', 'SEC filings (last two years) by this company', 'Retrieve Federal Agency decisions involving this company', 'Search Company Profiles & Reports', 'Federal and State Cases with Company as a Party', and 'Search International company Profiles & Reports'. The opinion text below discusses the court's decision on summary judgment for Continental Airlines.

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Search a Wide Range—Or Just Your Favorites— With LexisNexis® Tax Center

Now, if you have transactional access to www.lexis.com, you also have access to the LexisNexis Tax Center.

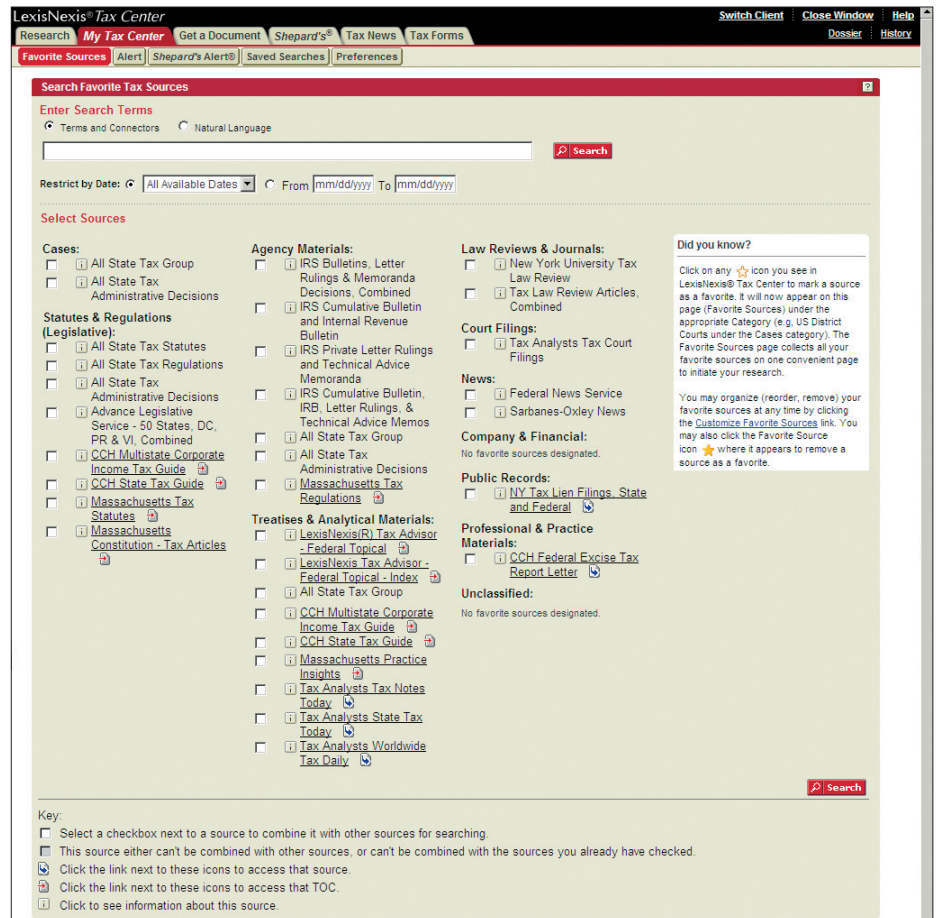
The LexisNexis Tax Center, featured in June 2006 *LexisNexis Information Professional Update*, is a new research interface that combines cases, codes, regulations and a wealth of exclusive analytical materials, including CCH®, Tax Analysts Inc., Matthew Bender®, Kleinrock and more. Combine and search as your tax research requires.

And now when you select the Taxation Area of Law—or your Taxation tab on your *lexis.com* menu screen—you can link directly to the LexisNexis Tax Center—no log on or password needed. (The last client ID or matter number will be transferred automatically.)

With LexisNexis Tax Center, you can conduct a single search across a range of resources, not only streamlining your research but ensuring you don't miss critical information. No other online research offering includes this broad combination of expert sources. (Of course, you can always conduct simple, one-step tasks, such as Get a Document and requesting a *Shepard's*® Citations Service report.)

Plus the LexisNexis Tax Center arranges the valuable analytical resources by major tax topics—right on the main Tax Center screen. Specifically find materials for:

- Business Entities
- Gift, Trusts and Estates
- Exempt Organizations
- Pensions & Benefits
- IRS Practice & Procedures
- Specialized Tax Planning



Or choose one of the Tax Center tabs. **Federal** resources is the default tab. But you can also select tabs for:

- State research
- International research
- Accounting & SEC research

And novice researchers who need to pinpoint their tax topic can move to the Tax Topic tab that takes them to the Lexis® Search Advisor for tax topics. Move through the tax table of contents to find the right topic/code section of interest, step by step. Then find primary law—cases, statutes and regulations, IRS and state department of tax materials—as well as analytical materials on that topic. No search needed.

LexisNexis Tax Center also has an invaluable tool for librarian and power researchers who use resources and special research combinations on a regular basis: My Tax Center.

My Tax Center is your “favorites” page. Not only can you save your regular sources to a special page, you can also save your regular searches.

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Task-Based Research: Because Not All Researchers are ‘Wired’ Alike

by Bridget MacMillan, LexisNexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant

For many librarians, the systematic organization of information is one of the most appealing aspects of librarianship. We appreciate it when information is organized in a fashion that allows us to find what we need intuitively and precisely.

LexisNexis offers such a system, with resources arranged methodically with overarching subjects containing discrete sources. We call this organization the library/file method. An example is the NEWS library offers the *Chicago Tribune*® file. And we can understand this hierarchical structure quickly. If authority is critical to that resource, as in case law, the most authoritative resources are shown at the top of menu screens. In other areas, such as news, the list of sources may be alphabetical or determined by users, i.e., the most-often used sources listed first.

This structure makes sense to librarians; we think in terms of sources and hierarchies. But with the advent of the Web, and search engines like Google™ and Yahoo!®, the vast majority of searchers no longer think of a source first. Today's generation of Google users may not find the LexisNexis hierarchical structure as intuitive.

LexisNexis is accommodating this new generation of searchers through the creation of task-based interfaces. These interfaces are designed around the tasks common in specific practice areas. For example, let's look at the LexisNexis Research Tasks pages. They are located under the RESEARCH TASKS tab on the main *lexis.com* menu screen. The pages are organized according to Area of Law, Litigation and Jurisdiction. Choose the Medical Research Tasks page, and the first screen task box is titled **Search Medical Sources** and lists the five most-used sources, including the venerable *Attorney's Textbook of Medicine*. (I got there in two clicks—**Research Tasks** page and then **Medicine**.)

LexisNexis Research Tasks pages were among the first LexisNexis attempts at organizing and presenting sources in a way different from “library/file.” And the Research Tasks pages have been embraced by many searchers. Building on this success, LexisNexis has created an interface that is task based—and walks users through each search task step by step. Welcome to LexisNexis® Total Litigator!

In LexisNexis Total Litigator, tasks in the litigation process are presented sequentially as well as the steps within each task. Under the **Early Case Assessment** tab, there is the task called *Research Judges*. Choose that task, and move to a screen with two steps. Enter the name of the judge in Step 1, and select the report you need in Step 2. The choices are clear ... no guesswork.



Bridget MacMillan

Another example of task-based interfaces is the LexisNexis® Tax Center. (There is a feature article on LexisNexis Tax Center on page 07:047 of this issue.) This interface reflects the type of tax work done by tax practitioners, i.e., federal, state, and international. Another benefit is that a user can create “My Tax Center” and select an even more exact group of sources that they rely on—and have them in one handy area. It's a wonderful feature that completely removes the chore of source selection (and retracing your clicks to get to the right source time after time).

LexisNexis recognizes that the library/file hierarchy is not intuitive for all users. By removing the need to select a source first, and by thinking about the tasks of various practitioners, LexisNexis hopes to increase the comfort and intuitiveness of many users—through different interfaces built around tasks or targeted source lists—so that results are on point.

Interested in seeing any of these interfaces in depth? Contact your LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant. Who knows? You may also be inspired to rethink your filing system or desk layout.

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Newest LexisNexis InfoPro Page Tailored Just for Librarian Success

National Library Week is a great opportunity to shine, but promoting the value of your library takes more than a week, doesn't it?

With that belief in mind, the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group has created *Promoting You and Your Library*, a special resource page now available on the LexisNexis InfoPro Web site at www.lexisnexis.com/infopro

Celebrate, promote and reaffirm the importance of the library and librarians in today's world—and *Promoting You and Your Library* can help. Not only will you find applications great for National Library Week—links to puzzles, games and bookmarks—but you'll also discover detailed assistance for market basics such as **Creating a Marketing Plan** and **Event & Party Planning**.

The *Promoting You and Your Library* page is listed under the Training & Tutorials section of the InfoPro Web site. Once there, you can click on subject categories. For example, select **Creating Your Marketing Plan** and find links to detailed explanations, step-by-step guides and detailed workbooks from major librarian organizations and marketing experts.

Or click **Peer and Employee Recognition** and learn that recognizing staffers—on a grand scale or a small scale—all contribute to promoting your valuable library. Check out articles for rewarding and recognizing people successfully.

The **Librarians to Librarians** link on *Promoting You and Your Library* brings you a collection of recent articles written for major librarian publications—*AALL Spectrum*, *Law Library Lights*, *LLAGNY Law Lines* and more—by your colleagues in the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group. For example, if you haven't read it yet, don't

miss clicking to *Generational Differences in the Private Law Firm: Workplace Issues*, by LexisNexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant **Gayle Lynn-Nelson** and **Kit Hartnett**, Director of Library Services at Proskauer Rose LLP (New York).

There is even a link [just for you](#) at *Promoting You and Your Library*. Just click **Life Balance**. Find Web bibliographies on:

- **Health and Exercise**—healthy cooking, stress relief and management, exercise—even yoga and Zen meditation.
- **Organization, Training and Inspiration**—Find links to helpful tips from Franklin Covey, Ken Blanchard, Dale Carnegie and more.

Happy National Libraries Week—and here's to making every week a great one in your library!

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Link to More **Judge Information**

Judges listed in case law are also linked. Find the links in the JUDGES, OPINION, OPINIONBY, CONCURBY and DISSENTBY segments as well as the first and possibly second paragraphs of the opinions. (*Options will vary for U.S. and state & local court subscribers*)

- **U.S. and state case law** by the judge
- **LexisNexis Analyzer** report on that judge. (This report will help you determine the judge's experience with opposing counsel, biases, etc. LexisNexis Analyzer will search cases, *Judicial Staff Directory*, *Martindale-Hubbell® Law Directory*, verdicts and settlements, and more.)
- CourtLink **Jurisdiction** Profile

- CourtLink **Strategic Profile** for that judge. (This report searches the CourtLink docket database to help you determine a presiding judge's experience in a specific area of law or how the judge has handled similar cases.)
- **Martindale-Hubbell** report for that judge via martindale.com

Search Syntax Slip? Get Immediate Online Help for Some Errors

Take a look at this search request: *dog AND date aft 2/30/2006*

See the problem? Of course you do. But you can't be everywhere, can you? That's never more apparent than when you have an entire organization of researchers of all experience levels. But for you, and for the researchers who often need help, there is now some additional online assistance.

Now when a LexisNexis user makes some common mistakes or a beginning researcher enters incorrect search syntax, the www.lexis.com research system will trigger an appropriate error message. (For example, the search above would generate "An invalid date was specified.") More than 20 different messages are available to help researchers, along with a reminder on how to contact LexisNexis Customer Support.

Plus users will find a [Feedback on Your Search](#) link on the search results screen. (Right next to the [Edit Search](#) and [Suggest Terms for My Search](#) links.) Click the feedback link, and get more detailed search assistance.

Take Note: "Noise Words" Now Searchable

Approximately 100 "noise words"—some articles, pronouns, conjunctions and other little words such as "he," "the," "because," etc.—are now considered searchable in www.lexis.com

While you still probably will not use these words regularly in your Boolean research requests, please note that they are processed as part of the search request, that is, "noise words" will be counted in proximity searches. For example, *dog /10 cat* will find dog within 10 words of cat—10 words, including "noise words." Please consider this—and possibly smaller answer sets—as you develop your proximity searches.

Also KWIC™ (Key Words in Context) windows in displayed documents will be smaller, as "noise words" will be counted in the window of 25 words on each side of the search words. If you choose, once you display a document in KWIC, you can adjust the KWIC window. Click the KWIC+25 link and enter any number between 1 and 999.

CourtLink® Adds Four Florida Circuits and Counties

CourtLink coverage for Florida has just expanded to include:

- Hillsborough County Circuit and County Courts: Search, set Alerts and Tracks, and request Strategic Profiles for civil, family and probate cases from 1/2000.
- Lee County Circuit and County Courts: Search, set Alerts and Tracks, and request Strategic Profiles for civil, criminal, probate, domestic and traffic cases and appeals from 1/1996.
- Leon County Circuit and County Courts: Search, set Alerts and Tracks, and request Strategic Profiles for civil and family cases and appeals from 1/1986.
- Palm Beach County Circuit and County Courts: Search, set Alerts and Tracks, and request Strategic Profiles for civil, family and probate cases from 1/1986.

More Blogs Mean More Real-Time Insights

LexisNexis recently added more blogs to its exclusive Newstex Blogs on Demand through www.lexis.com. Blogs offer a unique resource for researchers exploring outside mainstream media channels.

Newstex licenses influential blog content directly from bloggers, often experts in their subject matter. Newstex blogs include full-text posts on a wide variety of subjects.

The 50+ new additions cover Business, Banking & Finance, Government & Politics, Marketing & Advertising, Media & Publishing, Computers & Technology and Medical & Health. New titles include:

4 Drivers Only
7.62mm Justice
Allergizer
Are you a beauty?
Daily Diabetic
Digital Music The Future
Georgia Politics Unfiltered
Gonzaga Basketball
Hospital Impact
Make The Logo Bigger
Mark Evans
Mediangler
Michael Geist
Nanotech Buzz
New Perspectives Quarterly
Next Level Biz Tips
NH Insider
P2P Filesharing
Random Jottings
Right As Usual
Small Biz Unplugged
Small Business Trends
Social Networking Weblog
SOX First
Straight From the Doc
Strategic Legal Technology by
Prism Legal Consulting, Inc.

TalkLeft the Politics of Crime
The Biotech Weblog
The Constant Observer
The Gadgets Weblog
The RFID Weblog
The Smart PDA
Video Journal
Voice in the Wilderness
Wireless Weblog
Blogcritics.org Gaming
Desicritics.org
How Appealing
It's Almost Supernatural
Lessig Blog
Media Orchard
Patent Baristas
PoliBlog
Action Economics Alerts
Central Banks
Economic Forecasts
Economic Reports
Fixed Income Trader
FX Trader
Sovereign Debt Supply
Surveys
Technicals

All available Newstex blogs are in the Web Blogs group source (short name NEWS;BLOGS). To select, click **News & Business tab > Combined Sources**. Web Blogs are also part of most commonly used group sources and Mega news group sources, including Mega News, All (short name NEWS;ALLMGA). Plus Newstex blogs are also available in subject group sources, i.e.:

- Newstex **Business** Blogs (short name NEWS;NTXBUS)
- Newstex **Financial** Blogs (short name NEWS;NTXFIN)
- Newstex **Government & Politics** Blogs (short name NEWS;NTXG&P)
- Newstex **Marketing** Blogs (short name NEWS;NTXMKT)
- Newstex **Media** Blogs (short name NEWS;NTXMDA)
- Newstex **Computers & Technology** Blogs (short name NEWS;NTXCTC)
- Newstex **Medical & Health** Blogs (short name NEWS;NTXMDH)

Individual blogs from Newstex are not available as individual sources. Find specific sources by adding the PUBLICATION segment in a group search, e.g., *AND PUBLICATION(biotech weblog)*

For the updated list of individual Newstex Web Blogs available via www.lexis.com, go to:
<http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/training/reference/Research/Newstextbloglist.pdf>

**Search a Wide Range—Or Just Your Favorites—
With LexisNexis Tax Center**—continued from page 07:47

To add a source to your “favorites” pages, just click on the gold star outline next to the source listing. A solid gold star tells you a source is on your “favorites” list. Then go to the My Tax Center tab. All of the favorite sources are neatly arranged by category. (And, if you select the Preferences tab under My Tax Center, you can set your My Tax Center page as the default start page.) Click the sources you need, enter your search and go.

But there’s more! As you view your search results, just click the [Save Search](#) link at the top of the results screen. Save your search—give it a specific name for your reference if you choose—and the search and the source combination are saved. Go to the Saved Searches tab under My Tax Center to manage your searches—view, edit, rerun or delete them. You can even organize them under folders you set up with titles you choose.

New Practice Insights Resources Join LexisNexis Tax Center

LexisNexis Tax Advisor—Federal Topical and LexisNexis State Tax Practice Insights for 10 states are now available through the LexisNexis Tax Center. The 33-volume ***LexisNexis Tax Advisor—Federal Topical*** covers federal income, gift & estate tax, plus international tax and federal tax procedure. The chapters are written by more than 140 tax attorneys, professors and CPAs from across the nation, including Kleinrock tax experts. Find thousands of hypothetical examples, practice insights, drafting checklists and other helpful tools.

The State Tax Practice Insights series—California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas—supply concise and original pieces of practical insight and analysis that help practitioners navigate the vagaries of state tax law. Written by authorities from the state’s top firms, you’ll find:

- tips for dealing with complex issues;
- practice/planning strategies, lessons and illustrative case examples;
- risks and benefits of certain actions;
- alerts to certain practice mistakes;
- perspective on issues that have divided courts;
- insights to save you time and your client’s money;
- drafting guidance; and more

Indexes for each publication are also available. Browse or search the *index* without charge. (There is a charge for browsing the Electronic Table of Contents (ETOC).) When you search the indexes, you only pay when you move to a full-text publication section.

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