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Spring Legal Research Refresh: Utilizing Advanced Search Techniques

Legal research can feel overwhelming, but a well-planned approach and the right tools can lead to better results. If you hit a dead end, don't get discouraged—step back and reassess your strategy. This guide will help refresh your skills and ensure you've covered all aspects of legal research.

Identify the Problem

Start by asking: "**What question am I trying to answer?**" Clearly defining your question helps determine which sources and research tools will be most useful.

Utilizing Your Question

Break your question into key search terms. Think of relevant keywords and concepts, and consider using synonyms or variations of words to expand your search. For example, if your term is liable, also search for liability.

Terms, Connectors, and Truncation

Terms and connectors and truncation, oh my! Seeing those three words together may seem like a headache. However, they are useful for retrieving relevant information.

- Connectors define relationships between your terms and can broaden or narrow your search.
- Boolean searches use AND, OR, or NOT.
- Truncation allows searches for multiple word endings. Use an asterisk (*) as a placeholder (e.g., deprecia** to find depreciate, depreciation).
- Exact matches can be searched using a pound symbol (e.g., #depreciation).

This distinction of Boolean searches and terms and connectors searches varies between databases, so be sure to check their help section. Each database should also have a list of connectors with an explanation on how to use them.

Knowing When to Stop

If your search leads nowhere, take a break and reassess. Consult the Law Library for help in finding alternative sources or databases. If you still don't find an answer, consider that one may not yet exist.

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Using Secondary Sources in Legal Research Webinar

Join legal reference librarian Olivia Kane-Cruz for this informational and interesting webinar on using secondary sources to conduct legal research.

When

March, 11, 2025
1:00 pm – 12:00 pm EDT

Where

Online via Zoom

Cost

FREE

Register here: [https://](https://tinyurl.com/LawLibOfCongressWebinar)

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FREE Database Spotlight: NLRB Research

On January 2, 2025, labor lawyer and public policy analyst Matt Bruenig launched a self-updating comprehensive database for researching legal questions related to the National Labor Relations Act and National Labor Relations Board. The **NLRB Research** database compiles all legal documents released by the NLRB and includes:

- Supreme Court Decisions
- Circuit Court Decisions
- Published and Unpublished Board Decisions
- Administrative Law Judge Decisions
- Appellate Briefs
- General Counsel and Advice Memos
- Agency Manuals

NLRB Research remains current by automatically downloading newly released documents from the NLRB website. Users can search by date, name, case number, or legal citation, allowing a single query to match across Supreme Court decisions, NLRB rulings, advice memos, and case handling manuals. No other legal research service, including Westlaw and Lexis, offers this comprehensive cross-search capability. Bruenig designed the database to be widely accessible, eliminating the high costs associated with commercial legal research tools. The database also includes a guide on searching, including instructions on Boolean queries.

Visit the database here: <https://nlrbresearch.com/>

Database Refresh: How To View & Use Fastcase Cert Report

1. View the Case Cert—Click the **Exclamation** on the toolbar.
2. Sort Cases – By **relevance, recent, or most citations**.
3. Filter by Jurisdiction – Narrow results as needed.
4. Identify Negative Treatment – Highlighted cases appear **first**.

Automated Templates On Lexis+ Now Available At The Law Library

Patrons can now access Lexis+ inside the Law Library, which offers an extensive collection of add-ons to enhance legal research and productivity. On Lexis+, users can search for Automated Templates, filtering results by practice area and jurisdiction.

These templates generate complete documents by answering questions in an interview and include drafting notes and a Q&A summary. Visit the Law Library to try out Lexis+ and discover how these templates can streamline your document drafting.



Clio Offers FREE Document Drafting CLE

Join Barron Henely, partner of Affinity counseling, in simplifying your legal drafting process. In this free CLE-eligible* webinar, you will learn:

- How to use document automation to cut down on errors and effort.
- What tools you can use to help simplify and speed up drafting, from built-in word processor features to advanced automation software.
- How to create MS word templates.

When

Thursday, March 6th, 2025
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Register here: <https://www.clio.com/events/webinar-tools-to-simplify-document-drafting-clio-draft/>

* If you meet the participation requirements, you'll receive a CLE/CPD affidavit from mcle-clio@americanbar.org for each completed webinar. Submit the affidavit to download and receive your certificates via email.



new eBooks

Anderson's Ohio Domestic Relations Practice Manual

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/2010944>

Anderson's Ohio Elder Law Practice Manual

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/title/5908944>

Anderson's Ohio Family Law

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/2010945>

Bender's Forms of Discovery

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/501535>

Collier on Bankruptcy

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/501576>

Couse's Ohio Form Book

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/501910>

Employment in Ohio

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/title/999744>

McGrady on Social Media Aspects of Employment Law

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/title/5789220>

Weissenberger's Ohio Evidence Treatise

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/title/4473747>





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DID YOU KNOW?

Each week Stark County Law Library staff summarizes the opinions from the Ohio 5th District Court of Appeals?

If you would like to receive the most recent opinion summaries in a weekly email, please contact us at: inform@starkcountyohio.gov.

The summaries are also available on the Law Library's Member Research page at: <https://tinyurl.com/5thDistCaseSummaries>

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MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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