

Searching LexisNexis (General)



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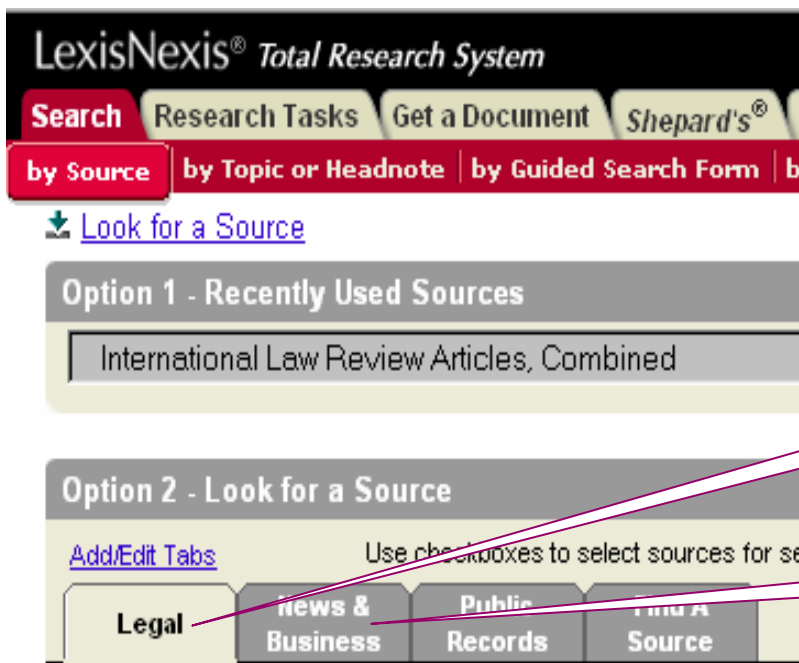
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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with tabs: 'by Source', 'by Topic or Headnote', 'by Guided Search Form', and 'by Dot Command'. Below this is a link 'Look for a Source'. The main search area is titled 'Option 1 - Recently Used Sources' (circled in red). It contains a text box with 'International Law Review Articles, Combined', a dropdown arrow, a red 'Go' button with a right arrow, and a link 'Edit Sources'.

... or take the **Option 2 – Look for a Source** and make your choice by selecting a jurisdiction and practice area, and then the sources to search in:

The screenshot shows the 'Option 2 - Look for a Source' (circled in red) search area. It includes a link 'Add/Edit Tabs', a text box with instructions 'Use checkboxes to select sources for searching across categories, pages, and tabs. Show Me...', and a 'Combine Sources' button. Below these are four tabs: 'Legal', 'News & Business', 'Public Records', and 'Find A Source'.

Search methods:

Terms and Connectors

uses **Boolean** search logic. Enter the **key words** or **phrases** you want to find and optional connectors (**AND**, **OR**, **W/N**) to link your search terms.

Adjacent words (for example, *international relations*, or *responsibility to protect*) are taken as **a phrase** and you do not need to enclose them in quotation marks. But when searching for a phrase containing one or more '**reserved words**', like AND or OR, omit them, for example, if you are looking for "*black and white*" you will need to enter *black white*.

Use **truncation** to include term variations: ex.: *recycl!* finds "*recycle*," "*recycling*" and "*recyclable*"

The LexisNexis automatically searches singular, possessive, plural (but not irregular!), and plural possessive endings. For example, a search on the term *company* finds *company*, *companies*, *company's*, and *companies'*.

Natural Language

Enter words describing your research topic, either as a sentence or a list, enclosing phrases in quotes.

Easy Search

Easy Search is a quick search method similar to popular Internet search engines. Easy Search recognizes citations, docket numbers, boolean connectors, segments, and some phrases. Because the LexisNexis services do not automatically recognize all phrases, enclose phrases in quotation marks.

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