

Legal Research Bootcamp 2013

Cost Effective Research: Fee Based Sources

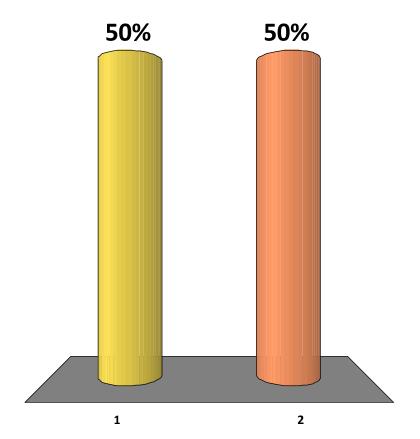
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True or False?

Since the client is billed for legal research, the costs incurred are basically inconsequential.

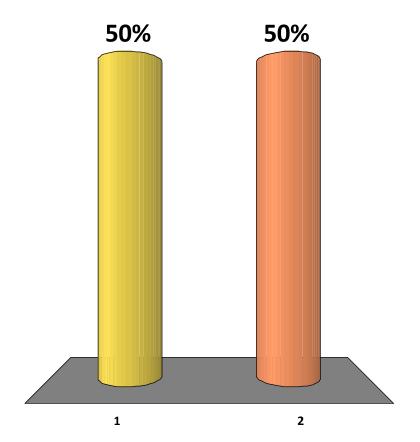
- 1. True
- 2. False



True or False?

If my employer has a flat-rate contract with Lexis or Westlaw, it doesn't matter how much I use it.

- 1. True
- 2. False





How do you know when to use fee-based instead of free sources?

- 1. names
- 2. unique terms
- 3. combined terms/concepts
- 4. narrow legal topics
- 5. specific fact patterns
- 6. new topics
- 7. verification



Wexis: 3 Fee Structures

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- 1. Flat Rate
- 2. Transactional Pricing
- 3. Hourly Pricing

Remember the 8-Minute Rule!



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Hourly Pricing Is Best:

Transactional Pricing is Best:

- to retrieve a list of documents for later review
- to read retrieved documents online
- to research an issue from many angles
- to retrieve many documents after making one search
- to run multiple searches in a database
- if performing multiple tasks with other software
- to retrieve many documents by citation



So now you know your employer's pricing plan....

What else do you need to know?

- available print resources
- databases covered in the firm's subscription plan
- employer's cost-recovery plan
- available less-expensive alternatives



Other Limitations to Consider...







- your deadline(s)
- your client
- idiosyncrasies of assigning attorney

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When in doubt...

...ask about money for research....

...ask about time for research....



Outline Your Project Goals ... on Paper!



- precise question to answer/research
- expected answer?
- client facts: when? where? who? what?
- state or federal issue...or both?
- given starting point?
- familiar area of law? background research needed?
- statutory, regulatory, common law, or combo?



Plan Your Strategy Before You Logon



- print sources v. online sources
- free Internet sources?
- which fee-based source?
- proper search terminology
- databases to search within Wexis?
 - Jurisdiction
 - Subject matter
 - Type of Resource
 - Name of the Resource



Using Wexis Efficiently

- Targeted searches can help you streamline your research:
 - Get a Document/Find
 - Get & Print/Find & Print
 - Focus/Locate
 - History/Research Trail
 - Segment/Field Searching
- Printing for less \$





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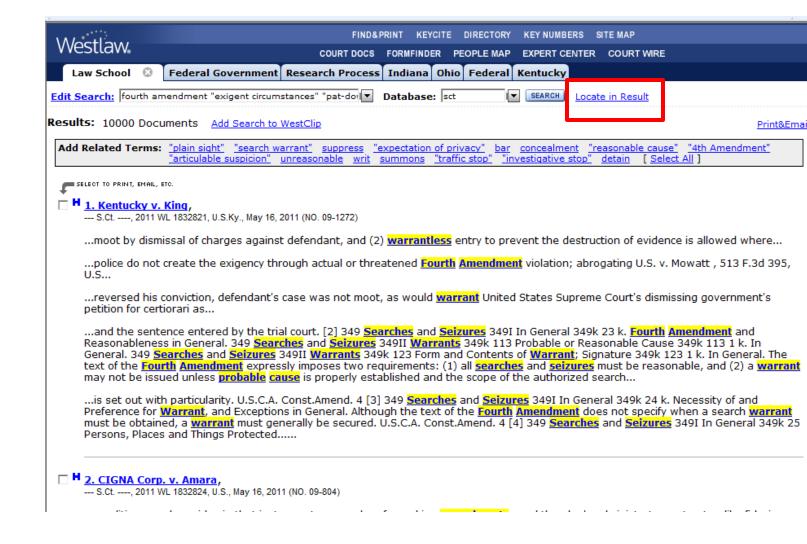
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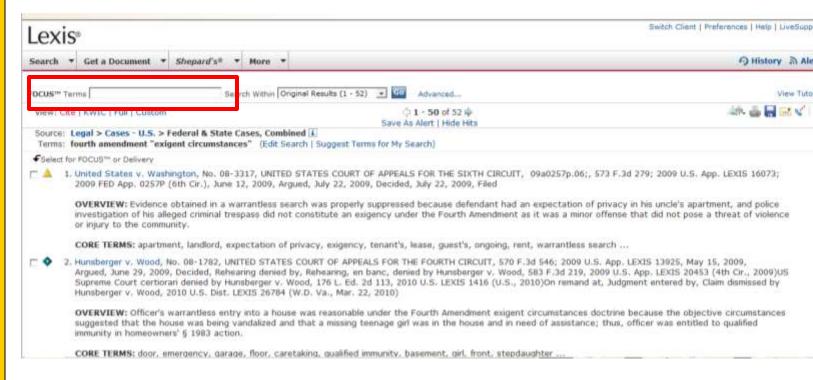
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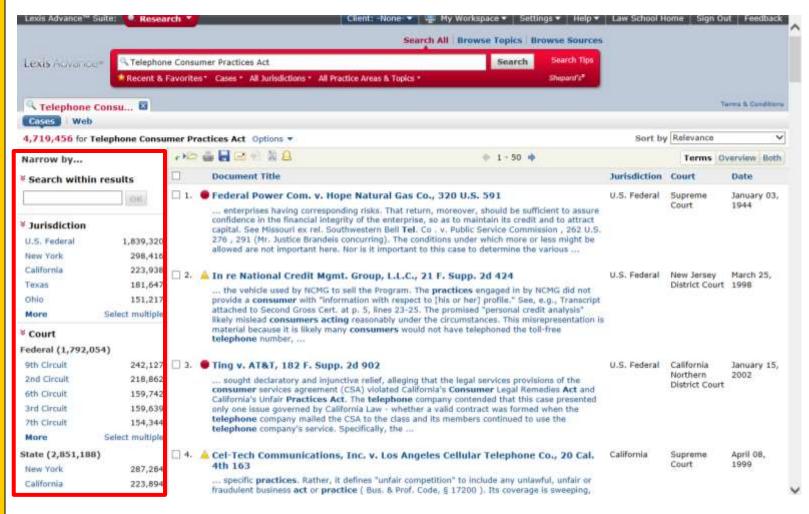
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Practice Makes Perfect....

- Practice, Practice
 - Tutorials (Westlaw e-Learning)
 - Vendor Trainings
- When stuck...step back
 - Think outside the Box
- Never rely on only one source
- Use Help Services



When using Lexis or Westlaw is not an option...





Casemaker

- Divided into Federal and State Libraries
- Search terminology is different use the Help section to learn search techniques
- CaseCheck+
- CasemakerDigest summary of recent decisions



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Remember...

- Exhaust free/cheap resources first!
- CALR Searching
 - Plan search before going online
 - Choose the smallest database
 - Use segment/field searching
 - Use shortcuts
 - Get a document; Find feature
 - Find & Print

