NEXIS UNI: INTRODUCTION

Nexis Uni is an online archive of thousands of news, business, legal, and medical publications and sources. Includes newspapers, newsletters, magazines, trade journals, wire services, blog posts and broadcast transcripts. (International sources and several languages represented.) The legal component includes federal and state case law, statutes, secondary sources such as law reviews, and state legal materials. Company profiles include bankruptcy reports and executive compensation information.

HOME PAGE¹

From the Nexis Uni® home page (Fig. 1), you can begin or resume all of your research tasks, such as:

- Defining the terms - simple or advanced - on which you want to search
- Discovering topics that interest you most
- Selecting a search from history to run again

Additionally, the options in the [User Name] drop-down list provide quick access to many frequently used features, such as Alerts, Folders, and Settings.

Here is a brief summary of actions you can perform from the homepage.

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<td>Menu (1)</td>
<td>Select from this drop-down list to return to the search Home page or to view a list of all of the sources available or .</td>
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<td>Change language (2)</td>
<td>Select your preferred language by clicking on the symbol.</td>
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<td>History (3)</td>
<td>Select a search you have run recently to see the results, select View all history to view your search history as a list, or select Research Map to view it in graphic form.</td>
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<td>Search (4)</td>
<td>Enter your search terms in the search bar. (Click Advanced Search or Get a Doc Assistance for additional search options) More about searching the database in the next paragraph.</td>
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<td>All Nexis Uni (5)</td>
<td>Use this drop-down list to browse or narrow your research by content, date, type of case, etc.</td>
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<td>Advanced Search (6)</td>
<td>Displays a form you can use to construct a search with terms and connectors, search in specific segments, and/or a specific content type (such as Cases, Statutes and Legislation, etc.).</td>
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<td>Get a Doc Assistance (6)</td>
<td>Displays a form you can use to retrieve a document by citation or party name, and provides help with citation formatting.</td>
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<td>Guided Search</td>
<td>Use the prompts in this group to help you narrow down the document you want to view. For example, to view information about a specific company, click Company Info (in What are you interested in?), and then enter a company name in the Search in all Company Information for box. Then select the type of company report you want to view (from ...and show me). Note: These options will change depending on which option you select in the What are you interested in? box.</td>
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<td>Discover topics</td>
<td>Click one of the images to view the search page for that specific discipline.</td>
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**HOW DO I SEARCH USING NEXIS UNI®?**

There are several methods you can use to perform your research using Nexis Uni®:

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<td>I want to conduct a single, general search across all content types.</td>
<td>Use the main search box on the home page.</td>
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<td>I want to search the database starting from data I know or I am interested in, e.g. specific dates, specific content type.</td>
<td>Use the Advanced Search form.</td>
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I want to perform a simple search across a particular type of content. Use the guided search form in the task pods. Following are the types of searches you can perform using these tasks:

- Search the news
- Search legal cases
- Search law reviews
- Search company information
- Search a publication

I want to view content that Nexis Uni has already found and curated for Business, Criminal Justice, or Political Science subjects. Tip: These options are helpful for new students who want to learn about a discipline or advanced students who need fast, current awareness within a field of study. Use one of these discipline pages to discover topic-specific news stories, publications, cases, and so forth.

I want to view information about a company or executive. Use the LexisNexis product, Company Dossier, to perform your search.

I want to view patent filings. Use the Patent Filings option from the Menu dropdown list and complete the patent-specific Advanced Search form.

You can perfect your search by using filters and connectors. You can also conduct a Shepard’s® citation search.

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