

Index to Legal Periodicals and Books

Database
guide

Education Services

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To access this database go to the Law Library Homepage: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/services/library/subject/law/index.html>

Select: Databases, Journal databases, select Index to Legal Periodicals and Books

You can also access this database from the Electronic Library link of the University of Newcastle Library homepage.

Index to Legal Periodicals & Books has an American bias and cites articles from legal periodicals and indexes law books published from 1993 onwards. This is not a full text or abstract database.

This database has a 4 user licence, meaning only four students can access the database at once.

Basic Search

To search for specific terms:

1. Select one or more databases.
2. Enter a word or phrase.
3. Click **Start**.

To use natural language:

1. Select one or more databases.
2. Enter a phrase or a complete sentence.
For example:
hudson river contamination
or
Is the Hudson River contaminated?
3. Click **Start**.

To use search / Boolean operators:

1. Select one or more databases.
2. Enter a constructed search string.
For example:
<phrase>(water and contamination) <and> (feature <in> dt)
3. Click **Start**.

Advanced Search

To construct a search:

1. Select one or more databases.
2. Enter a word or phrase.
Do not use truncation symbols or other special characters when using the **ALL** query. The Wilson **ALL** query will automatically search those options. Simply type the word or phrase that you are interested in and click **Start**. The search results will automatically show the most relevant articles at the top of the set.
OR: Focus the search on specific fields by selecting from the drop-down menus.
3. To formulate a Boolean search within specific fields, select **and**, **or**, or **not**, and enter additional terms in the second entry area. You can also use a third entry area for a more complex search. If desired, modify your search by selecting from the available on-screen options for sorting, limiting, article types, and physical descriptions
4. Click **Start**.

Browse the Database

1. Select one or more databases.
2. Enter a term or a few letters of any word.
3. Select a field in the drop-down list, or choose Free Text (All Fields).
4. Click **Start**.

Search History

This results screen reports your search(es) as **Active Searches**, with each search displayed in literal query syntax. The report includes the number of records found and the date that the search was last run. You can combine and search any query as a Boolean search, and you can modify any search in the text area. You can also create a new search in the available text box, or eliminate a search entirely, or save a search for future reference and updating. WilsonWeb retains saved searches for up to 6 months.

To update a previously saved search:

Click **New Results**.

To combine searches:

1. Click the check box to select the first search you want to include.
2. Click the radio button to the right and select a Boolean operator.
3. Click the check box to select the next search you want to include.
4. Click **Start** to search.

To remove searches:

1. Click the check box to select the search you want to eliminate.
2. Click **Delete**.

WilsonWeb keeps track of each search in a session and can save searches for future reference and updating.

Print Email Save

To email records:

1. Select **Email** under **Destination**, choose all other relevant options.
2. Enter email address.
3. Enter email subject.
4. Click **Start**.

To print your search results:

1. Click a radio button to choose the **Print** destination.
2. Select the relevant options under **Include**.
3. Click **Start** to print records.

To save records:

1. Click the **Save** radio button under **Destination**.
2. Select the relevant options, including record count and format.
3. Click **Start**