

Introduction to Boolean Searching on Lexis

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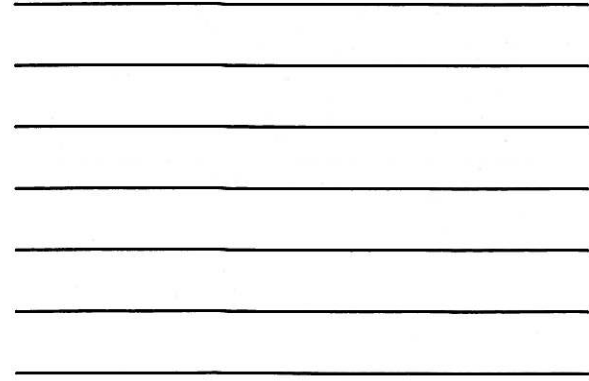
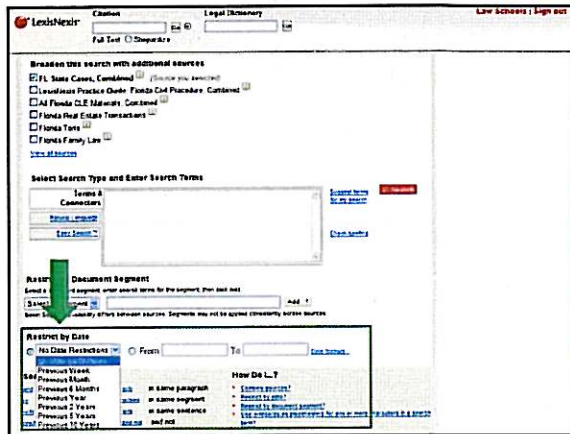
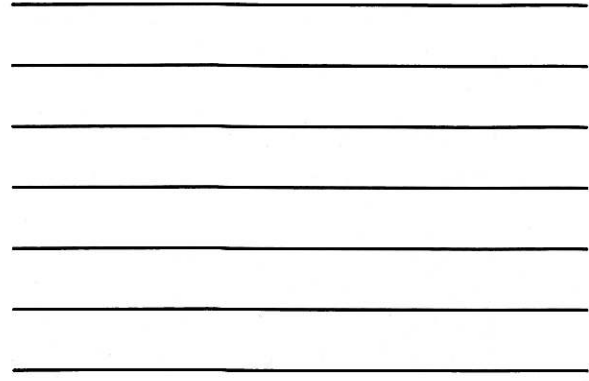
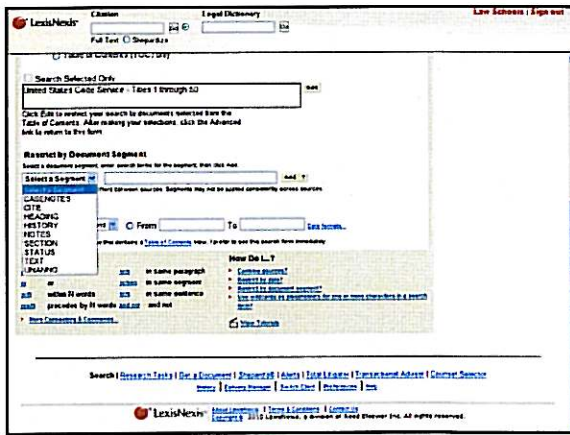
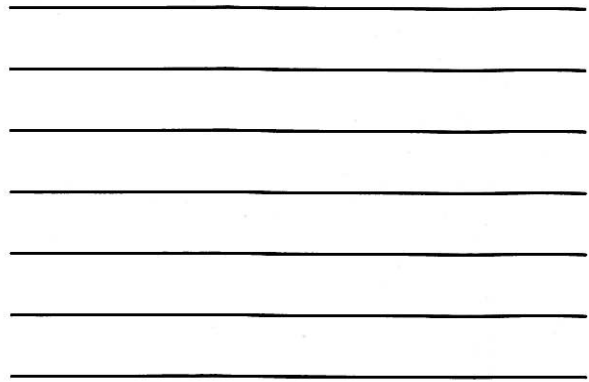
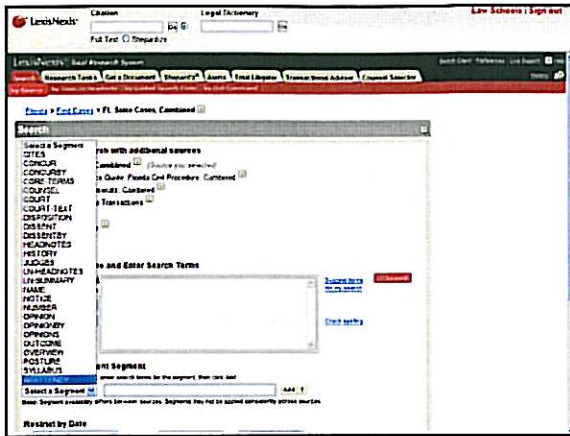
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- The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of Boolean searching on Lexis.
- This presentation will discuss specifics of Boolean searching on Lexis, introduce you to segment searching, and show you an example of a Boolean search on Lexis.

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Home', 'Legal Dictionary', and 'Law Schools | Sign out'. Below this is a search bar with a 'Full Text' dropdown and a 'Search' button. The main area is titled 'Select Search Type and Enter Search Terms' and contains a large text input field. To the right of the input field are buttons for 'Search', 'Check results', and 'Check syntax'. Below the input field is a section for 'Restrict by Document Segment' with a dropdown menu and a 'Show Key' link. At the bottom, there is a 'Search Connectors' section with a table of operators and their functions. The table is as follows:

Search Connectors	How Do I...?
and	in same paragraph
or	in same segment
within 10 words	in same sentence
preceded by 10 words	and not
not	

At the bottom of the page, there are navigation links for 'Search | Research Tools | Get a Document | Support | About | Trial & Demo | Terms and Conditions | Contact Us' and the LexisNexis logo.



Research Question

It is your first day as an intern for the State Attorney's Office in Florida. You are assigned to the criminal misdemeanor division. Your supervising attorney drops a file on your desk and asks you to review the case. She explains that the defendant is charged with DUI because he was found passed out and slumped over the steering wheel of his car which was parked in a restaurant parking lot. The defendant had his car keys in his hand. His breath test result was .250. She explains that for the State to prove the DUI, the State must show the defendant drove or was driving; or was in actual physical control of the vehicle. She needs you to pull case law for court this afternoon on what is needed to prove actual physical control of the vehicle.

Research Question

- › What is the jurisdiction?
 - Florida State
- › What is the area of law?
 - Criminal law
- › What is it that is needed?
 - Case law
- › Determine what database to search.
 - Florida State Cases Combined



Synonyms and terms

- DUI, Driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated, drunk driving
- Actual physical control
- Vehicle, automobile, car, truck
- Passed out, asleep, sleep!

Putting the Search Together

DUI or driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated or drunk driving
and
(actual physical control) /10 (vehicle or automobile or car or truck)
and
passed out or asleep or sleep!

