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LexisNexis Academic for Legal Research: Law Reviews & News

LexisNexis Academic is a research database for criminal justice, legal ethics, nursing and other fields of study. Law Reviews are the scholarly journals of law, and are available in full text. Legal news articles from sources like *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* are also available.

Getting Started

- Begin at the library web page: <http://www.qcc.mass.edu/library>
- Click on **Online Databases**.
- Use the **Databases by Title A-Z** link and scroll to **Lexis-Nexis Legal Research**.
- If you are **Off campus**, you will be prompted to type in your library barcode number and your last name. For more information, there is a separate Remote Access guide.

You will see this page. Click on “**Law Reviews**.”

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Finding Law Review Articles

Step one: Enter Search Terms

Articles can be found by using key terms, entering an exact citation, or searching the specific law review. The searches can also be limited by journal (law review) name or by date.

In the “**Enter Search Terms**” field you can use Boolean connectors like “**and**” or “**or**” as well as operators that search proximity.

In this example, we are looking for articles about child custody when the parent is gay or lesbian. As in the previous sentence, **gay** or **lesbian** is within 2 words of **parent**.

Results:
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child custody and (gay or lesbian) w/2 parent

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You could also use the Natural Language button and just type in a phrase like “**custody for children with gay parents**” as in the example below:

Results:
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custody for children with gay parents

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Required Terms (Optional) Specify terms that must be found in retrieved documents:

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The length of the result list will be different according to the kind of search you are doing.

Step two: View Search Results

The brief result list is displayed on the right side of the screen and shows individual articles. Click on the title link to see the full text.

The “**Result Groups**” on the left side show smaller sets of results based on the kind of journal or news source where the article appeared.

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10 Copyright (c) 2007 American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law, 2007, 15 Am. U.J. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L. 379, 17296 words, ARTICLE: THE PARENTAGE PUZZLE: THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN GENETICS, PROCREATIVE INTENT, AND PARENTAL CONDUCT IN DETERMINING LEGAL PARENTAGE, Deborah H. Wald, Esq.*

11 Copyright (c) 2006 American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law, 2006, 14 Am. U.J. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L. 177, 33211 words, Article: MANY ARE CHILLED, BUT FEW ARE FROZEN: HOW TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING IN POPULAR CULTURE, CHRISTIANITY, AND SCIENCE WILL LEAD TO THE EVENTUAL DEMISE OF LEGALLY SANCTIONED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SEXUAL MINORITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, Susan J. Becker *

12 Copyright (c) 2003 American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law, 2003, 11 Am. U.J. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L. 13, 4574 words, HOMOPHOBIA IN THE HALLS OF JUSTICE: SEXUAL ORIENTATION BIAS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS WITHIN THE LEGAL SYSTEM DISSECTING AXES OF SUBORDINATION: THE NEED FOR A STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS, Darren Lenard Hutchinson*

The full text display:

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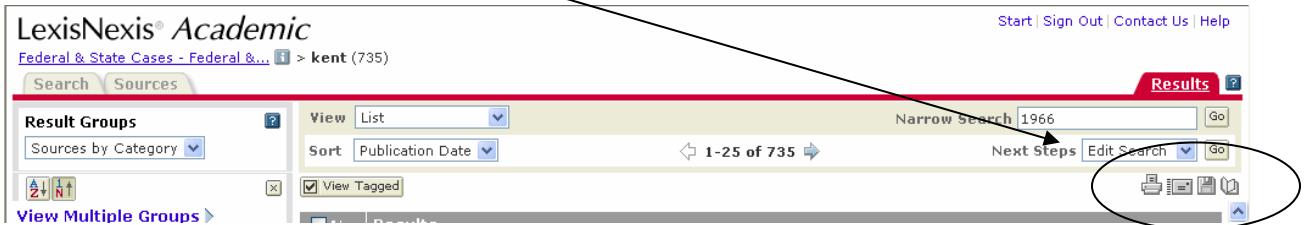
... The crusade against sexual minorities currently being executed by militant conservatives in the United States provides renewed meaning for this scripture. ... Governmental policy and public opinion about sexual minorities are "unsupported by scientific research or basic logic," but are justified because so-called "homosexual practices" are classified "under the shadow of abnormality. ... The assumption that sexual minority status is a choice that individuals can reject by simply abstaining from the "immoral" sexual behaviors is also taken as fact. ... Conservative Christians' condemnation of sexual minorities emanates from a view of the Bible that rejects the possibility of CSRA and transformative learning and which animates behavior-identity compression. ... Regardless of science's eventual conclusion (if any) on the nature-nurture debate, public assimilation of this scientific information may trigger CSRA leading to positive transformative learning about sexual orientation, especially relating to the choice aspect of behavior-identity compression. ... The significantly greater legal protections available to sexual minorities in Canada and Great Britain than in the United States, and the public's more positive attitudes towards gay rights in those countries compared to this country, may be directly linked to the Canadian and English belief that sexual orientation is not a volitional condition, and thus not appropriate justification for discriminatory treatment. ...


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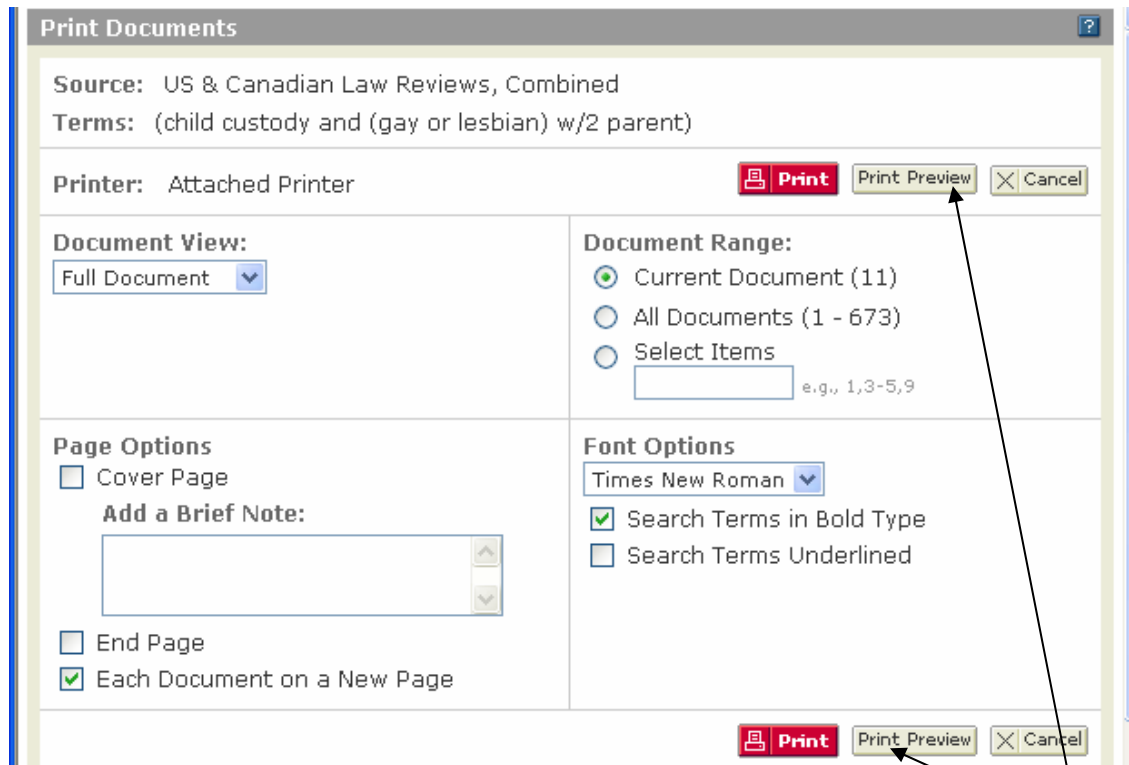
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Step three: Print, Save, Email

Options to Print Email and Save the cases are provided by icon links on the right side above the result list or full text display.




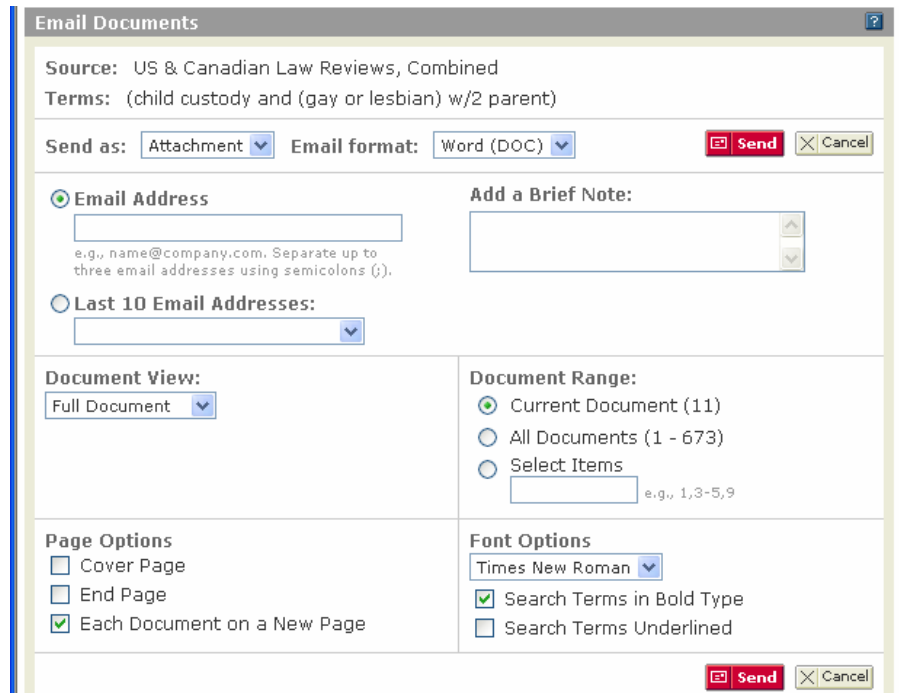
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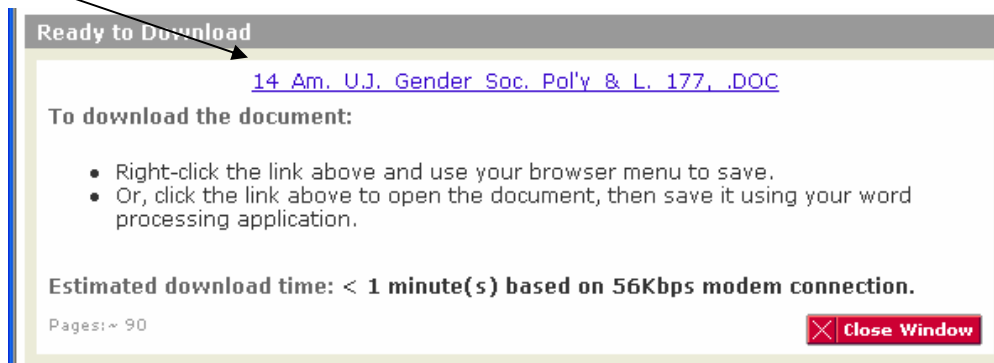
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 Documents can be emailed as attachments or as part of the body of the email. Formats for the attachments include as MS Word documents, html, PDF, or text files.



 Clicking on the **Save** icon brings up an additional step with the document displayed as a hyperlink and instructions for how to save.



Citing the article in a bibliography

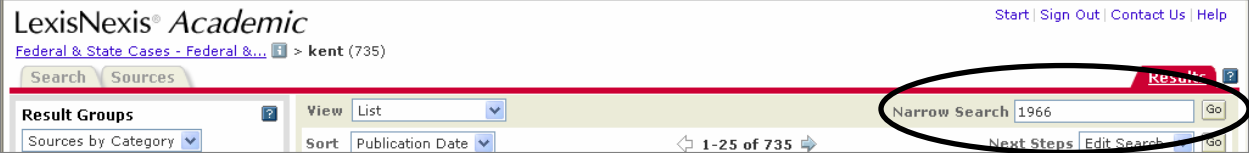
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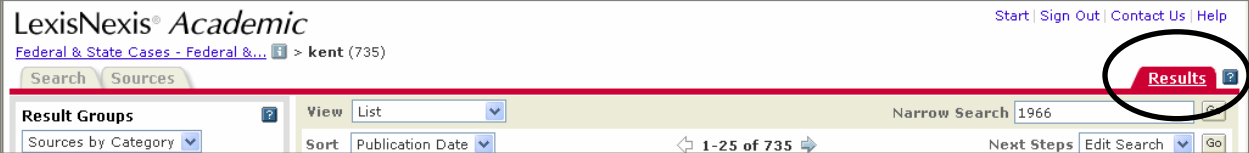
The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, found in Reference at REF KF 245 .B58 2000 or consult guides for citing legal cases in MLA style or APA style.

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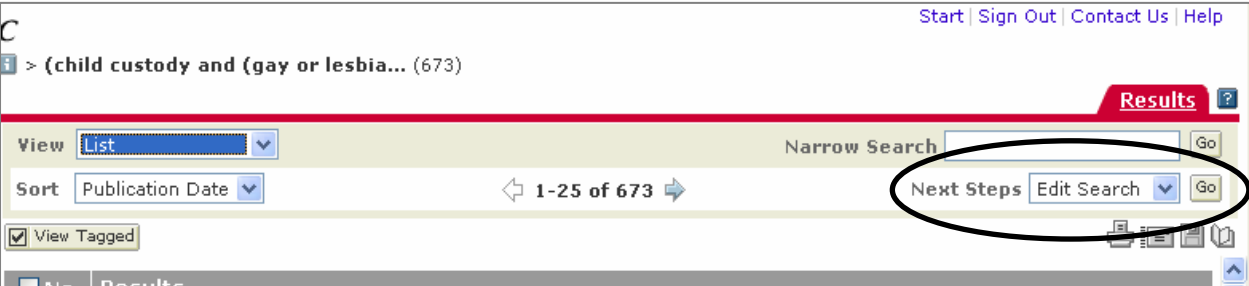
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To return to the list of articles, use the **Results** tab.



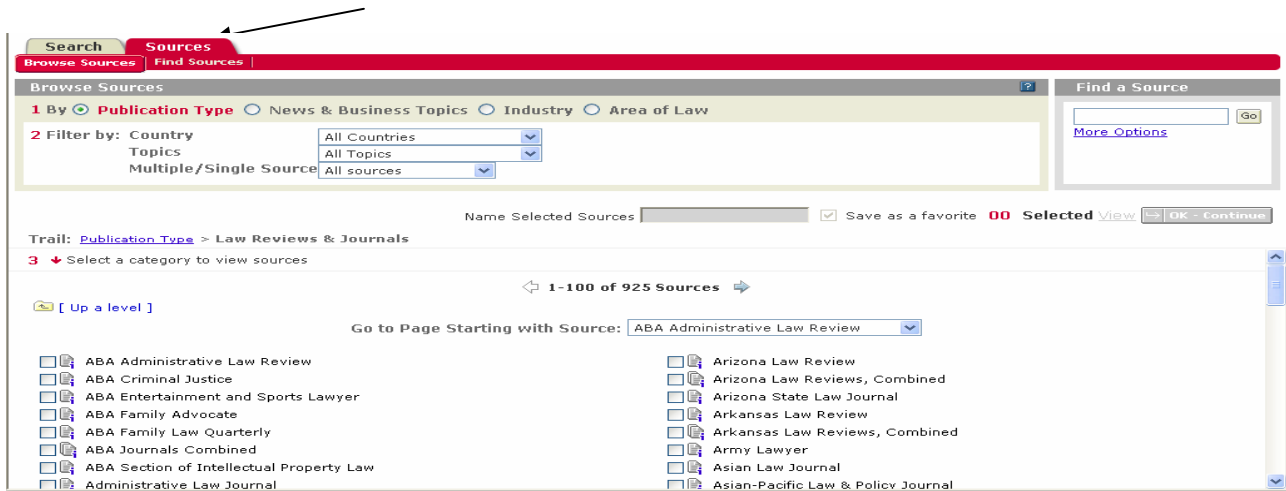
To change your existing search, click on "Go" next to **Edit Search**. You will find search terms already in the fields at the main search screen.



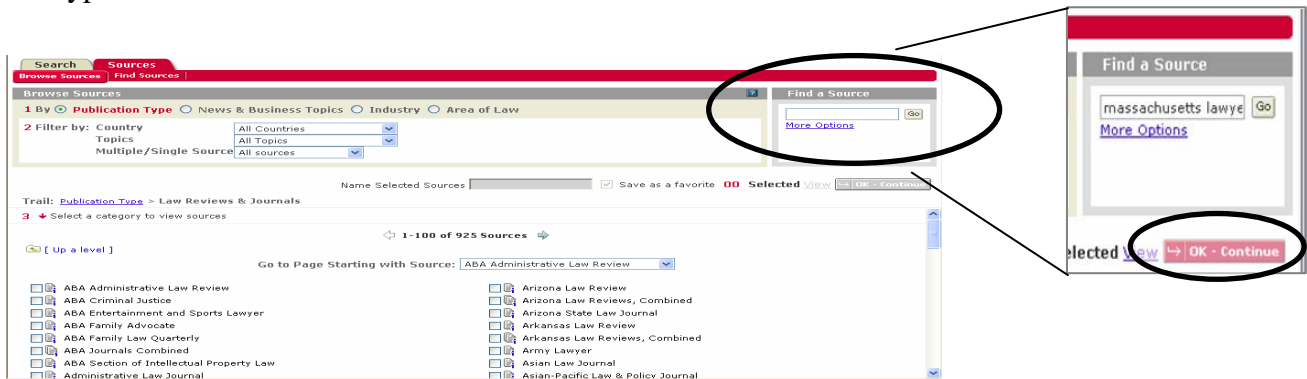
To begin a new search at the main search screen, use the **Search** tab.



To find a list of law reviews by title, select from the list of publications in the **Sources** tab

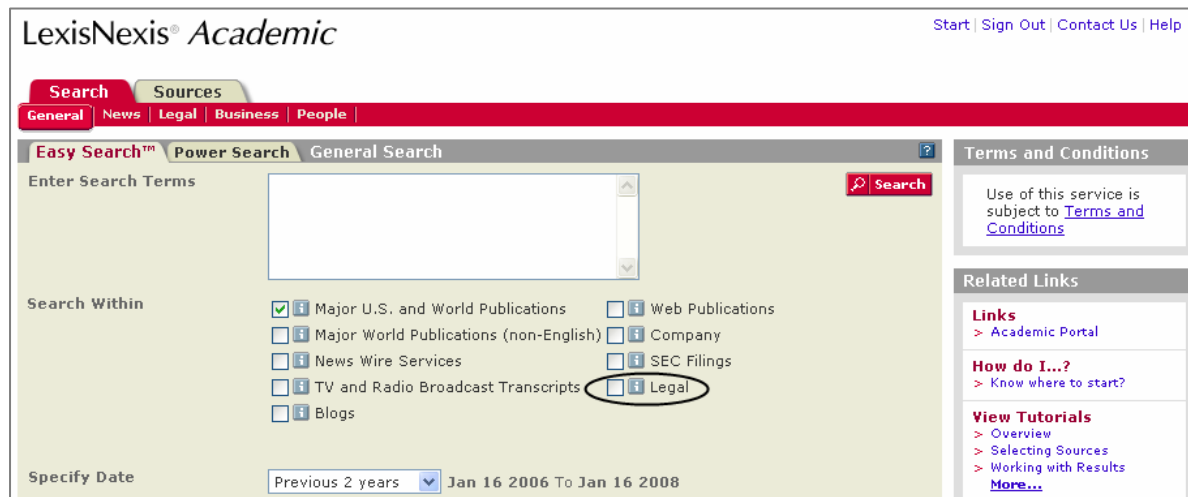


OR type in the source name.



Click on **Continue** to move the selected source into your search. The **Find More Sources...** link will allow you to add other titles, if you want more than one news or journal source.

If you find yourself at the default main search page, you can execute a search in legal sources by clicking the check box next to legal research. Be sure to change the search date if you are looking for articles older than the past two years.



Finding Legal News Articles

When you have entered a search and are viewing the result list, it is possible to select from several types of sources. Click on **“Legal News”** to limit the set of articles displayed to those of interest from sources where the legal community finds its news.

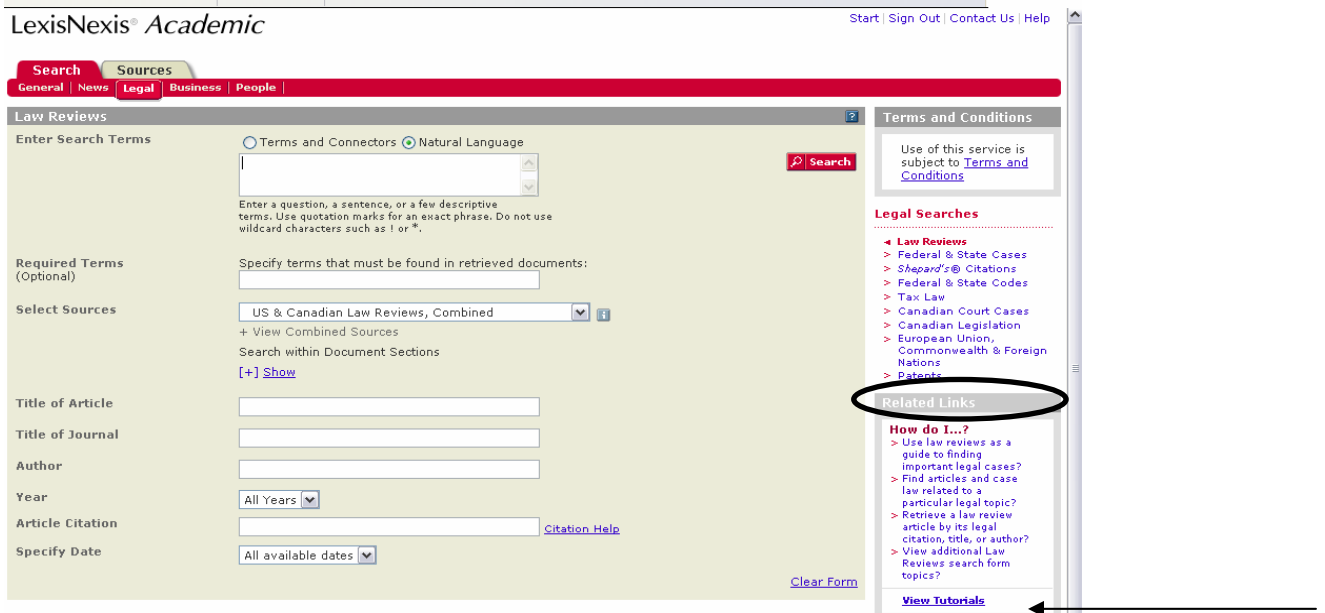
The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic search results page. The search term is "(no child left behind)" with 1000 results. The "Result Groups" sidebar on the left is expanded to show "Legal News (7)", which is highlighted with a red bar. An arrow points to this selection. The main results area displays a list of five articles, each with a checkbox and a "Results" link. The selected group is "Legal News" and a link to "View All Results" is provided. The browser status bar at the bottom shows "Done" and "Internet".

If you wanted to read a particular issue of a legal news source, such as *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, see the previous page for ways to select a single publication. Then, rather than enter search terms, you can view articles from the most recent issue by changing the **“Specify Date”** dropdown to **“Previous week”** (for a weekly) or **“Previous month”** (for a monthly publication).

The screenshot shows the LexisNexis Academic search page. The search term is "*Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly". The "Specify Date" dropdown is set to "Previous month" and shows the date range "Feb 24 2008 To Mar 24 2008". An arrow points to this dropdown. The page includes a search bar, a "Search" button, and a sidebar with "Terms and Conditions", "Related Links", and "View Tutorials".

Finding Help in LexisNexis Academic

There are many ways to search for news articles and to find help in conducting your research in LexisNexis Academic. For Help, consult the “**Related Links**” or use the online tutorials.



A sample screen from the online tutorial.



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