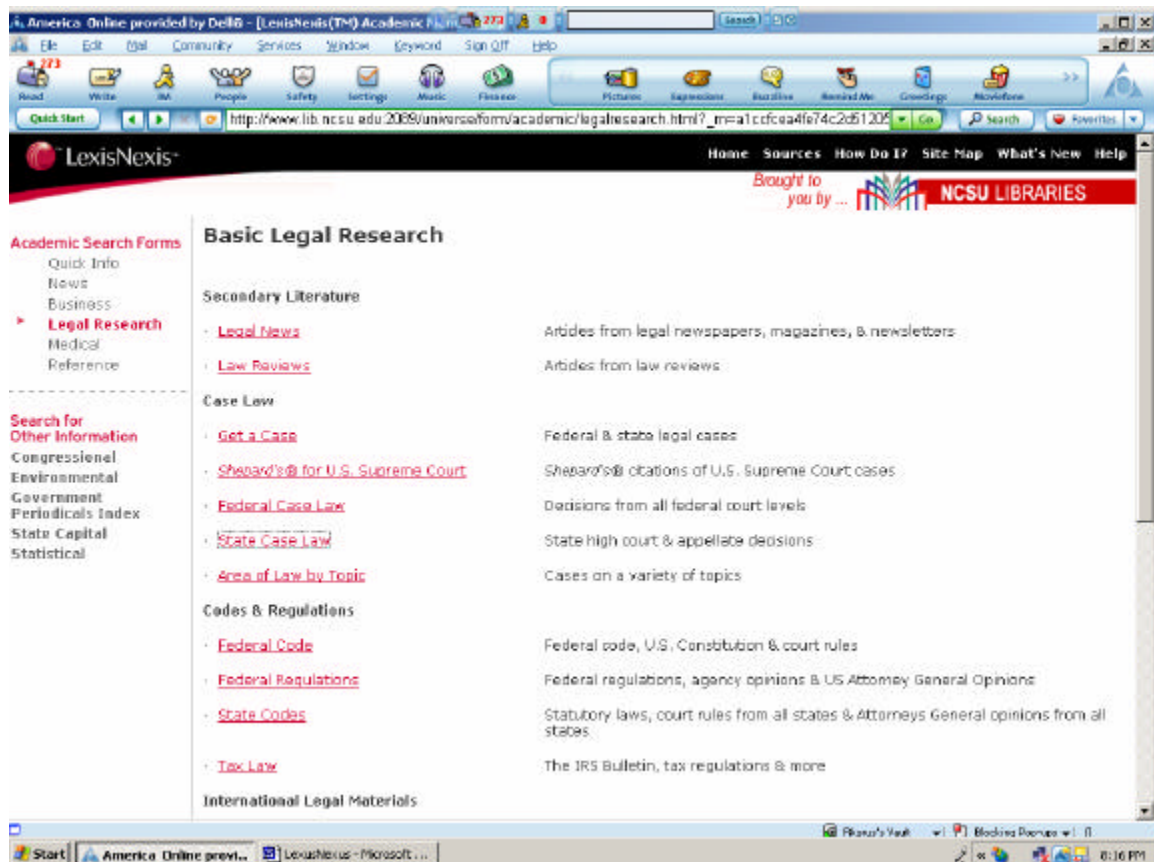


Here are the steps to use the legal database NexisLexis. As a registered student, you are entitled to free use of this (and many other electronic databases).

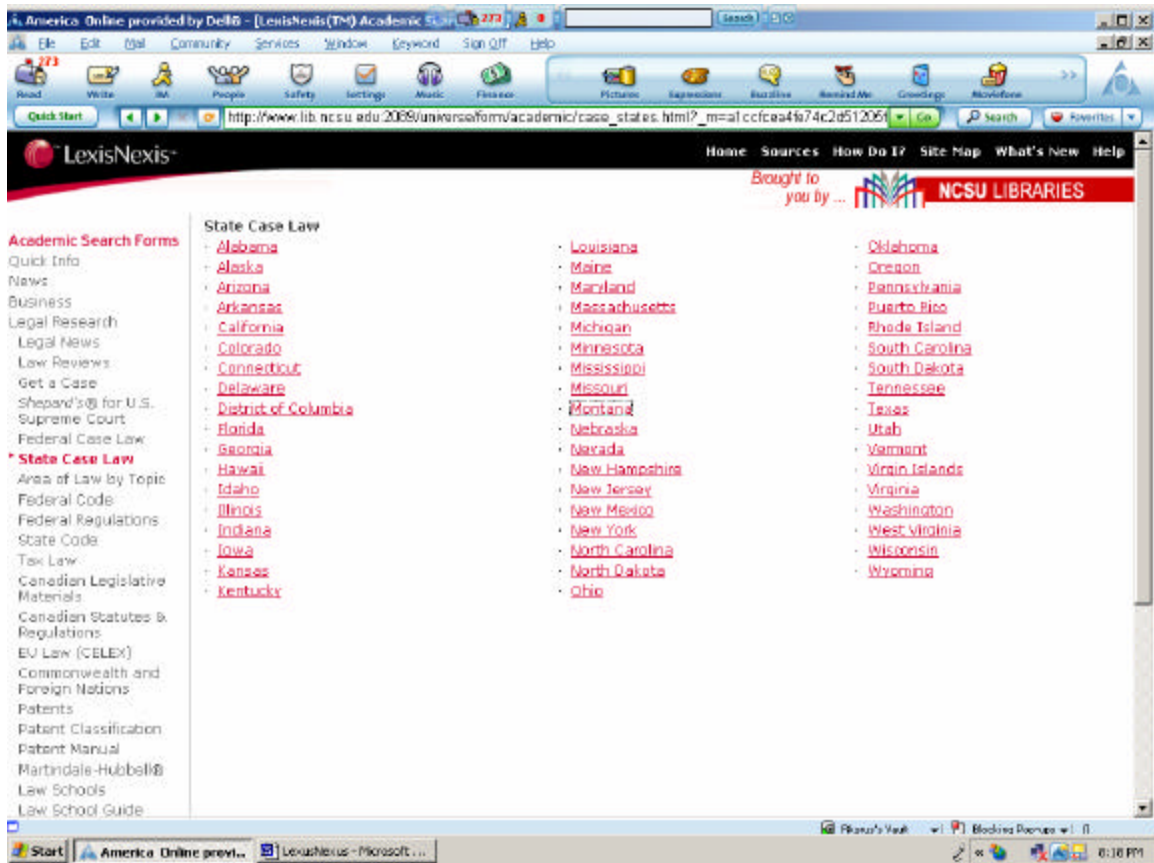
Steps:

1. Go to NCSU libraries - <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/>
2. Login using your university ID and password as needed
3. Select Database Finder; select “L” for ‘LexisNexis Academic’
4. Select Legal Research

Peruse Case Law (see screen capture). The State Case Law takes you directly to each of the fifty states. Others are fairly explicit (e.g., you can search federal case law, cases specifically heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, etc.).



For example to search for all murder cases in Montana →



then enter 'murder' in the search term; you can have a secondary search term as well in the 'narrow search with additional terms field' (e.g., a county) →

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the LexisNexis Academic Search interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/2009/universaform/academic/s_case3.html?ST_CD=MT&ST_NM=Montana. The page title is "State Case Law: Montana". The search form includes a "Search terms:" field with "murder" entered, and a "Narrow search with additional terms:" field with "accountant OR CPA" entered. The "Date:" field is set to "All available dates". Below the search form, there is a "Tips" section with the following text:

Tips

This form searches Montana All Courts.

Please review the [Finding Information](#) section of the help pages to learn how to build a successful search. You will learn more about [state case reporters](#), [how to read a citation](#), and [footnotes and star pagination](#). Using Help, you will also learn how you can use [connectors](#) (AND, OR, etc.) and [wildcards](#) (* and |) to help express your search.

Keyword

You do not need to enclose phrases within quotation marks.

Example: professional negligence

You can refine your criteria from the initial crime selection (e.g., murder, in this case) to robbery, fraud, and other types of crime. Follow the 'TIPS' section to help you in your search.

Here is one screen of the previous search for all cases of 'murder' in Montana. A total of 684 cases are listed from this search. Many from the 1800's are quite interesting reading, as are more modern cases.

You can click on a case to read it. Also you can send yourself the file as a PDF file that the database will send to your e-mail account. This takes only a few minutes. Of course everything can be searched electronically.



The opinion rendered is accompanied by a summary of the testimony provided. The following is from citation 609 State v. Geddes as follows:

STATE, RESPONDENT, v. GEDDES, APPELLANT.

No. 1308.

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22 Mont. 68; 55 P. 919; 1899 Mont. LEXIS 5

