

Guide to UCC Electronic Legal Resources

Legal databases are supplied by a number of providers, the best known of which are Justis, Westlaw, Lexis and Bailii.

In terms of **Irish materials**, you will typically need to access:

- cases
 - reported in the Irish Reports (**IR**),
 - reported in the Irish Law Reports Monthly (**ILRM**)
 - unreported judgments (sometimes referred to as transcripts);
- statutes and statutory instruments;
- articles from Irish journals.

You will also need to access UK cases, statutes and articles and EU materials. Case law, legislation and journal articles from other common law jurisdictions may need to be accessed from time to time.

Coverage of Irish cases in legal databases:

[Justis](#) contains the Irish Reports back to 1806 together with a wide selection of reported and unreported cases decided since 1997.

[Westlaw IE](#) contains a range of reported cases such as the ILRMs dating back to 1976 as well as unreported cases going back to 2000, but not the Irish Reports. Also a collection of e books.

[Lexis](#) contains the Irish Reports dating back to 1919 and unreported cases decided after 1967 along with other selected cases, but not the ILRMs.

[Bailii](#) is a free database that contains decisions of the High Court and Supreme Court dating back to 1997 along with selected older cases.

[Stare Decisis](#) contains summaries of up to date law reports on all judgments released by the Irish superior courts with links to full text on Courts.ie

As should be clear from the foregoing description of the main databases containing Irish cases, no single database contains all of the Irish cases you will need to access.

[JustCite](#), which is a portal provided by Justis, can help to overcome the lack of comprehensiveness of the individual databases referred to above. JustCite will indicate where the full text of a case can be found and, in many instances, will link directly to a database which provides the full text of the case.

It is important to note that JustCite is not entirely comprehensive so you will need to familiarise yourself with using the other databases individually so as to ensure that you can access all of the cases you will need. JustCite is however a great place to start if you are not familiar with the contents of the individual databases or if you want to do a broad search. Once you become familiar with the content of the databases, you may find it easier to go directly to an individual database e.g. to go directly to Westlaw IE for a case that you know is reported in the ILRM or to Justis for a case that is reported in the Irish Reports.

JustCite also facilitates access to cases from the UK and the main common law jurisdictions as well as to Irish and UK statutes and statutory instruments, EU case law and Directives, and journal articles.

JustCite should not be used exclusively to search for journal articles as its coverage is limited and journal searching is best done by using individual databases or searching the library catalogue. Further information on searching for journal articles is provided below.

Digests: Note that some databases (e.g. Justis) contain summaries of cases (referred to as Digests) as well as the full text of the cases. You should be clear that you are expected to read the full text rather than the digest.

The databases referred to in this document are accessible via the [Law Faculty website](#) and from the [Library's website](#)

1. IRISH CASES

JustCite

➤ e.g. *Ryan v Attorney General* [1965] IR 294

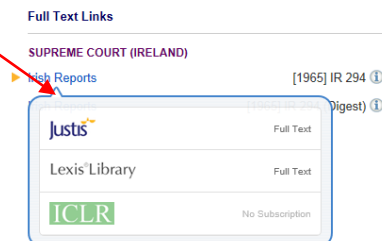
Put the case name in the box at the top of the screen.



The results screen will give you a number of options including links to Full Text



In this case we will follow the link to Justis



Choose the case you want to view and it will bring you to the full text of the case.

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(1962. No. 913 P.)

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Supreme Court.

7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, Feb. 1964 3 July 1964

You can **print, email or download** by clicking the icons on the top right hand corner of the screen.

You can get the **pdf** version of the document, when available, by clicking the icon on the left.

More details of search techniques in Justis are available by clicking on the **Quick** tab from the Justis main search page.

Justis can be searched independently of JustCite.

➤ *McGee v Attorney General* [1974] IR 284

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[WESTLAW.IE](http://www.westlaw.ie)

➤ *Tansey v College of Occupational Therapists Ltd* [1995] 2 ILRM 601

The screenshot shows the WESTLAW.IE search page. The navigation bar includes 'WESTLAW.IE', 'Commentary', 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Court Rules', 'Journals', and 'Current Awareness'. The 'Cases' section is active, showing a search form with fields for 'Free Text', 'Party Names', 'Citation', and 'Terms in Context'. A callout bubble points to the 'Party Names' field with the text 'Put one or more parties into Party Names'. Another callout bubble points to the search results area with the text 'Select Cases'. A third callout bubble points to the 'Free Text' field with the text 'Use Free Text if you don't know party names'.

WESTLAW.IE has a good **Help** section which you can link to from the top right hand side of any page.

[BAILII: British & Irish Legal Information Institute](http://www.bailii.org)

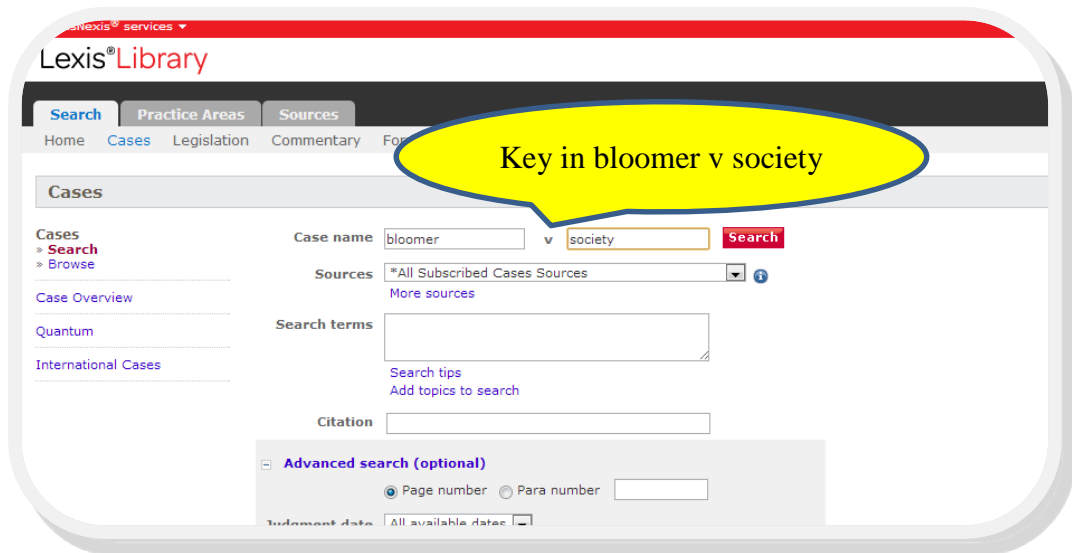
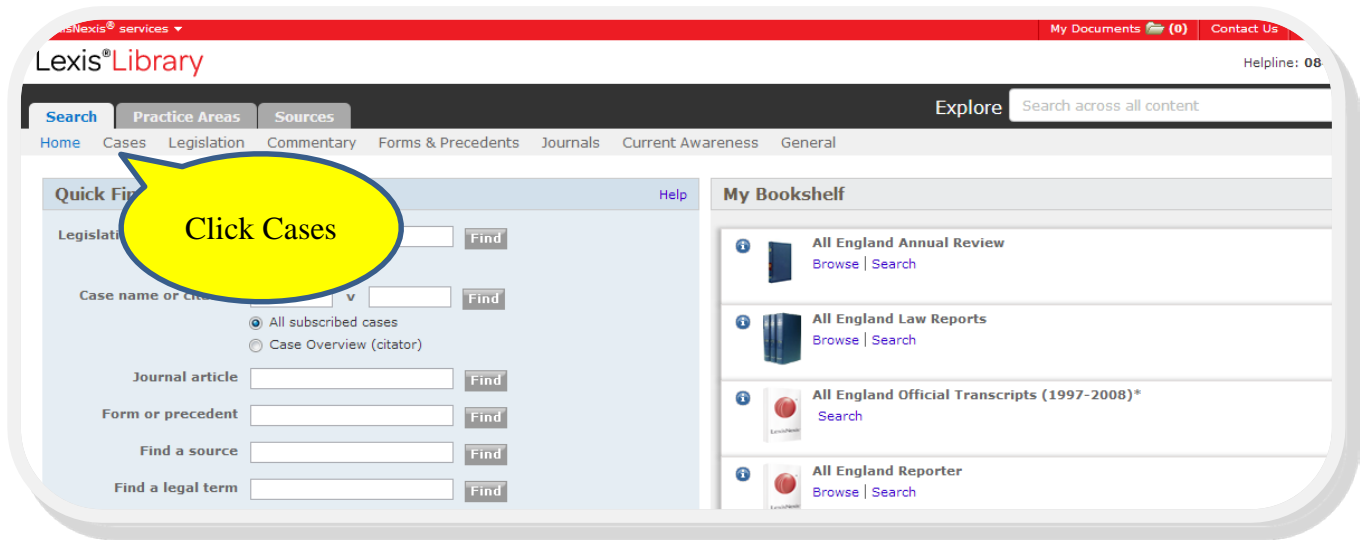
➤ *Irish Bank Resolution Corporation Ltd & Ors v Quinn & Ors* [2012] IEHC 507

The screenshot shows the BAILII homepage. The header includes navigation links: '[Home]', '[Databases]', '[World Law]', '[Multidatabase Search]', '[Help]', and '[Feedback]'. The main heading is 'British and Irish Legal Information Institute' with the tagline 'Access to Freely Available British and Irish Public Legal Information'. Below this, there are links to 'DONATE via Virgin Money Giving' and 'DONATE via Charities Aid Foundation - Major Sponsors'. A welcome message follows, mentioning the 'Practical Law Company' and 'The Society for Computers & Law'. The 'SEARCH BAILII' section features a search box, a dropdown menu set to 'All Databases', and a 'Search' button. To the right of the search box are three options: 'Find by Case Citation', 'Find by Case Title', and 'Case Law Search'. A callout bubble points to these options with the text 'Choose an option to search Case Title'.

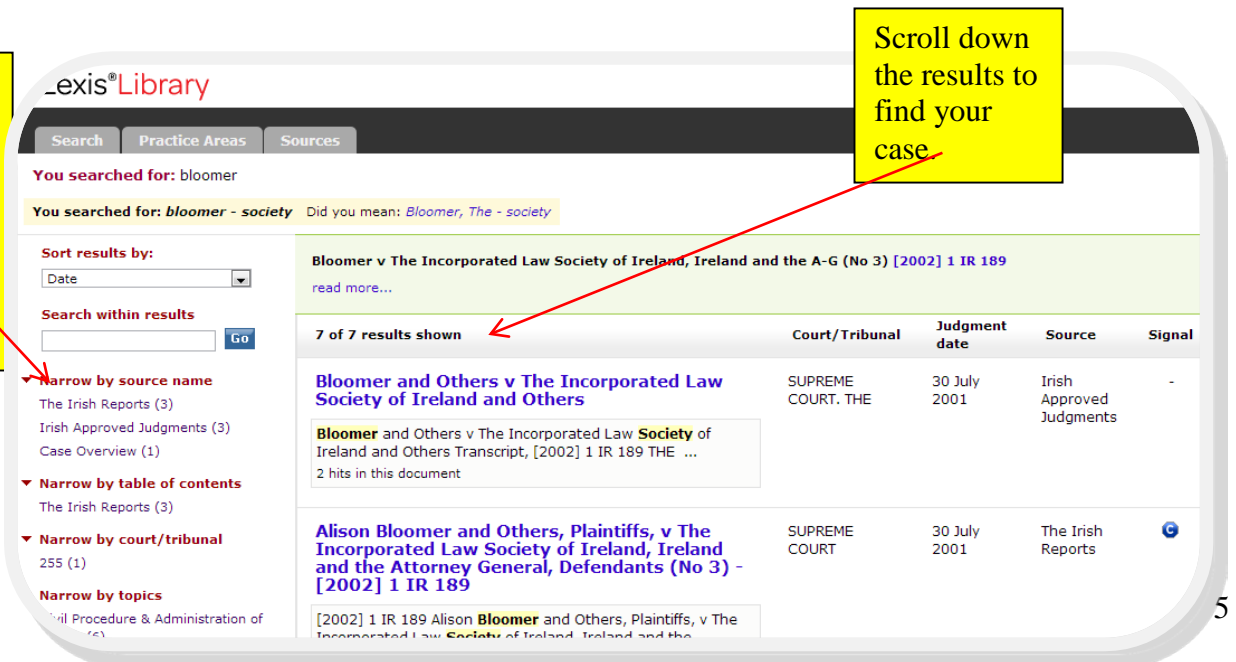
The screenshot shows the BAILII search results page for the case 'Irish Bank Resolution Corporation Ltd & Ors v Quinn & Ors'. The page title is 'Search by title'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'You are here: BAILII >> About BAILII >> Search by title'. The URL is 'http://www.bailii.org/bailii/search_by_title.html'. The 'Case Law' section is active, showing a search form with a dropdown menu set to 'All these words', a search box containing 'bank resolution quinn', and a dropdown menu set to 'BAILII: All Case Law'. A 'Search' button is next to the search box. A callout bubble points to the search box with the text 'Key in party names'. On the right side, there is a 'Related Links' section with links to 'Find by Case Citation', 'Multidatabase Search', 'Help', and 'Browse A-Z title lists'.

Lexis

➤ *Bloomer & Ors v Incorporated Law Society Of Ireland & Ors*, unrep, SC, Feb 6, 1996



Narrow results by choosing source name from the list of options on the left hand side.





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law reports at your fingertips

Click on Search

Further refine your search with these drop-down filters.

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Choose to search by Keyword, Topic, Judge or Court

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Search Results for: Family law

Total cases found: 168. Showing Page 1 of 17 [Next Page](#)



[Husband in divorce proceedings ordered to make discovery of documentation relating to his financial circumstances](#)

SC -v- JB [2015] IEHC 537 (High Court, O'Hanlon J, 08/05/2015)

By: Stare on 24/08/2015

[High Court](#) [O'Hanlon J](#)

High Court, in divorce proceedings, orders the husband to make discovery of all relevant and necessary documentation so as to establish the true extent of his financial circumstances, on the grounds that the court has a constitutional and statutory obligation to ensure that proper provision is made for both spouses prior to issuing a decree of divorce and the documents sought will aid the court, in its quasi-inquisitorial role, to make such proper provision for the parties.



[Refusal to order return of child to United States](#)

FF -v- CB [2015] IEHC 541 (High Court, O'Hanlon J, 14/07/2015)

By: Mark Tottenham BL on 20/08/2015

[High Court](#) [O'Hanlon J](#)

High Court refuses to order return of child to the United States where the child had been retained in Ireland without the consent of the father, on the grounds that the child was well settled in Ireland and that the return to the US would place the child in an intolerable situation.

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Court of Appeal (218)

Court of Criminal Appeal (139)

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JUDGES



[Decision not to recognise Lithuanian divorce in registration system was correct](#)

2. IRISH LEGISLATION

JustCite

In the search box at the top of the page key in the title of the legislation with the year followed by “not si” e.g. Refugee Act 1996 not si (this will exclude statutory instruments- si from your results)

The screenshot shows the JustCite search results for "refugee act 1996 not si". The search bar at the top contains the query. Below the search bar, there are navigation options like "Back to search results" and "Document 1 / 1". On the left, there is a sidebar with "Show all", "Overview & Status", "Citing Cases (66)", and "Articles (4)". The main content area displays the title "Refugee Act, 1996" with a reference to "IR No. 17/1996". It also shows the status and a list of recent citing cases, including "A. [A Minor] v Minister for Justice [Supreme Court] [2013] 3 JIC 1401". On the right, there is a section for "Full Text Sources" with a link to "Irish Acts" and "Irish Statute Book".

Irish Statute Book

To find an Act or Statutory Instrument use the search boxes on top of the page. Insert the name of the Act or SI, click drop-down menu in **Type** box and choose Acts or SIs and click search button. For more search options, choose Advanced Search.

- E.g. search for the Refugee Act 1996

The screenshot shows the homepage of the eISB (electronic Irish Statute Book). The page features a navigation menu with "Home", "Legislation", "Constitution", "External Resources", and "FAQ". A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area includes a "Survey on Access to Information about EU and member state legislation" and a "Most Recent Legislation in PDF" section. The "Most Recent Legislation in PDF" section lists several Acts, including "S.I. No. 450/2016 - European Union Identification of Unlawful Documents (No. 7) Regulations 2016", "S.I. No. 451/2016 - Sea Fisheries and Marine Aquaculture (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2016", and "S.I. No. 452/2016 - Election of Members for Government of the Republic and Unlawful Documents (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2016". There is also a "Frequently Asked Questions & Helpdesk" section.

From the Irish Statute home page you can also access:

Legislation: tracks changes to primary legislation from the pre and post 1922 periods and secondary legislation from 1922 onwards.

External Resources:

Revised Acts which covers over 100 pre-2006 Acts and all Acts enacted from 2006 onwards that have been textually amended (with the exception of Finance Acts and Social Welfare Acts).

The Classified List which includes all Acts of the Oireachtas (Acts enacted since 1922) that remain in force (over 2,000 Acts as of March 2015). 1 The Classified List also includes over 100 of the most used Acts that were enacted before the State was established in 1922 and which remain in force.

Bills from 1997.

Westlaw.ie provides access to Irish Consolidated legislation i.e. to up to date version of legislation that includes any amendments made. Select the **Legislation** tab at the top of home page to begin searching.

3. IRISH JOURNAL ARTICLES

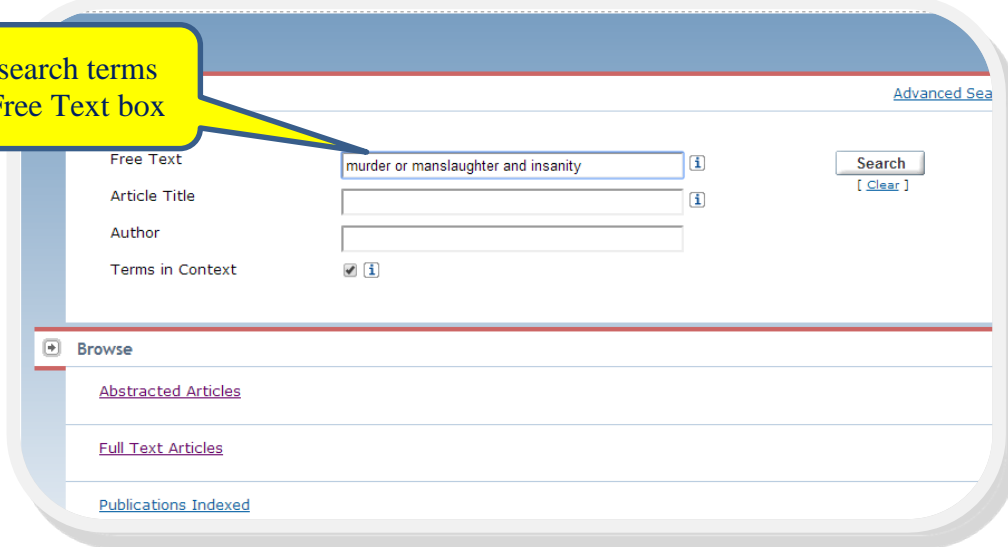
Westlaw IE

- Keyword search across all journal titles e.g. murder or manslaughter and insanity

Click Journals tab

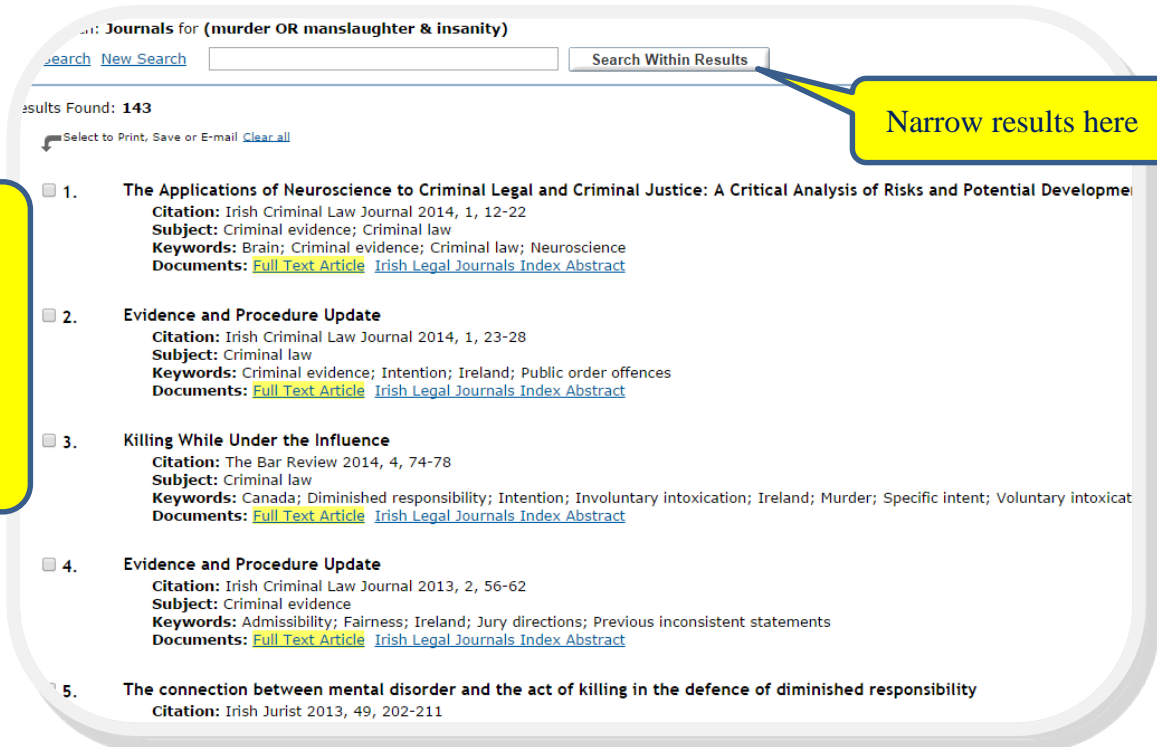


Key search terms into Free Text box



Narrow results here

Scroll through results & mark to print, save or email



➤ To search across a particular title e.g. “separation of powers” in the *Bar Review*

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Enter keywords into free text box

4. UK CASES

[JustCite](#) can be used in the same way to search for UK cases as explained above for Irish cases.

[Lexis](#) – Select ‘*Cases*’ tab and key in case details.

- E.g. search for *Anns v Merton L.B.C.* [1978] A.C. 728

[Westlaw UK](#) & [Justis](#) can also be used to search for UK cases.

5. UK LEGISLATION

[JustCite](#) can be used in the same way to search for UK Legislation as explained above for Irish Legislation.

For UK Statutes you can also go to [Legislation.Gov.Uk](#)

Use **Search all legislation** option at the top of the page.

- E.g. search for the Human Rights Act 1998

legislation.gov.uk

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Search All Legislation

Title: Human Rights Act

Year: 1998 Number:

Type: All Legislation (excluding draft)

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Westlaw UK, Justis and Lexis also provide access to UK Legislation.

6. UK JOURNAL ARTICLES

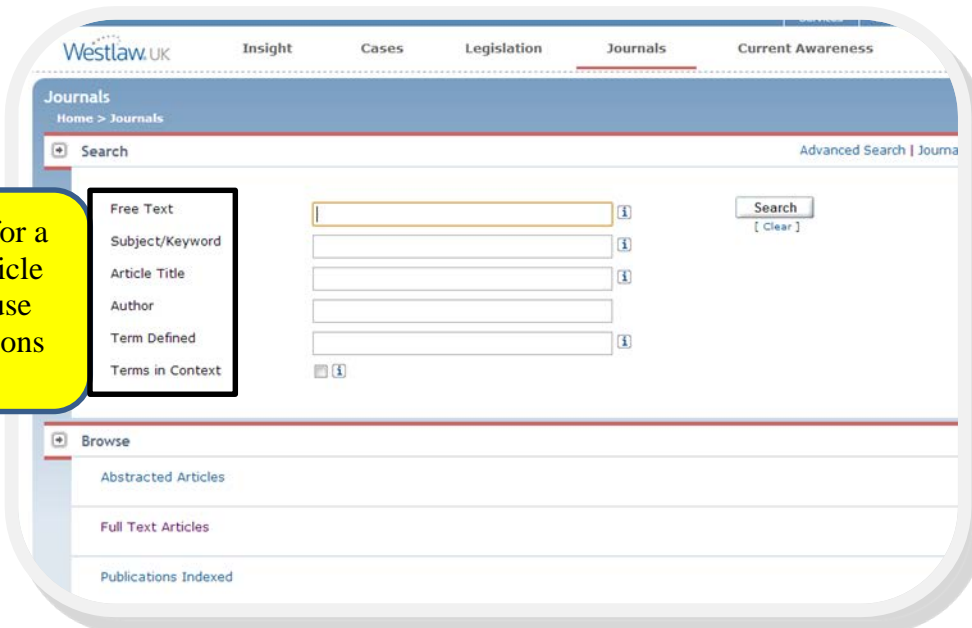
There are two main sources, Westlaw UK and LEXIS. Westlaw has a much larger selection of UK journals than LEXIS does but both are worth a visit.

Westlaw UK:

For full text articles select **Journals** tab

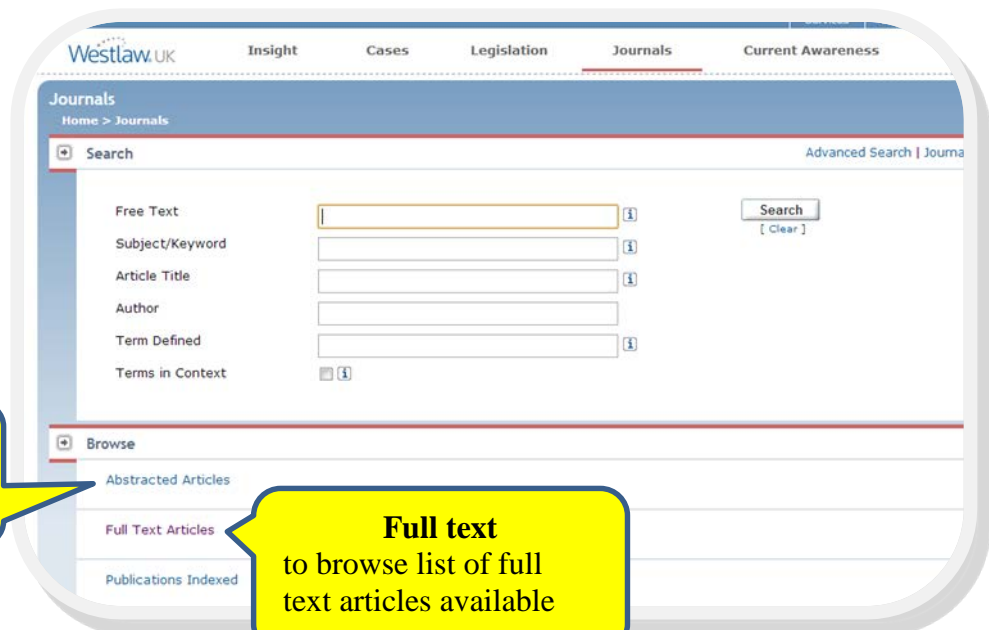


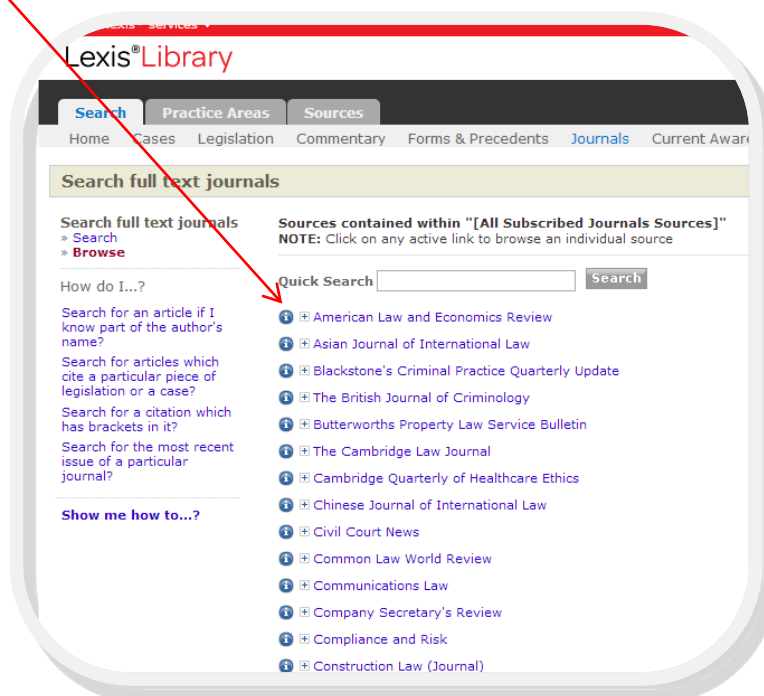
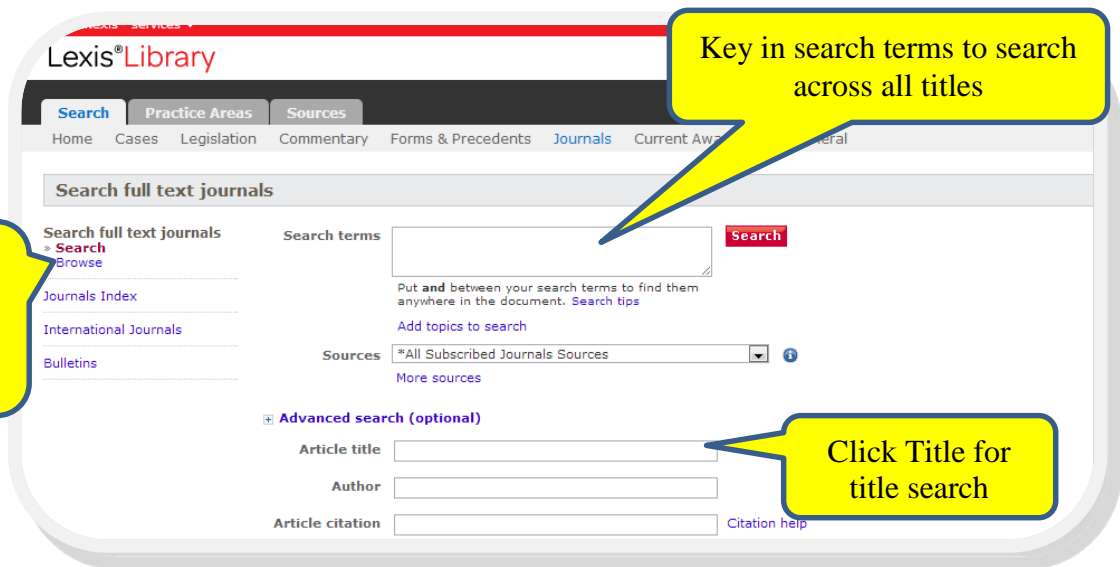
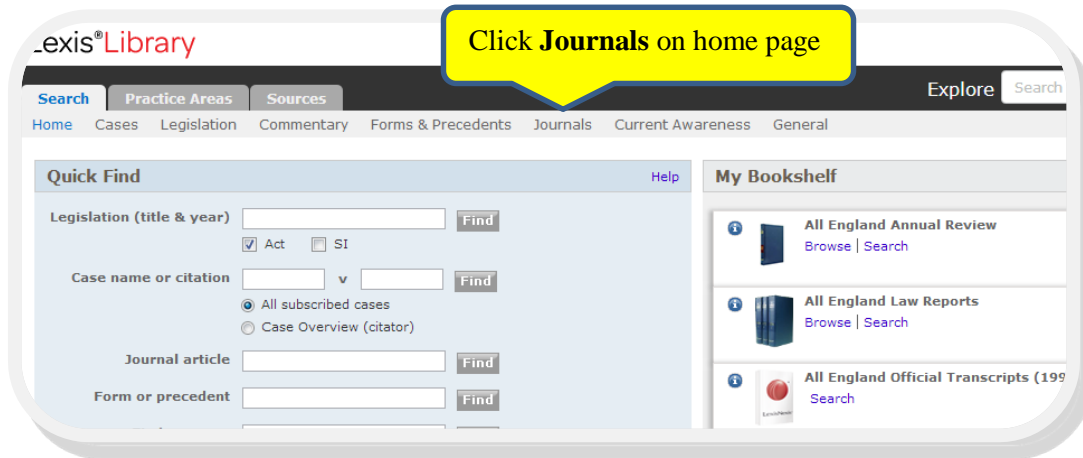
To search for a specific article or subject use Search options



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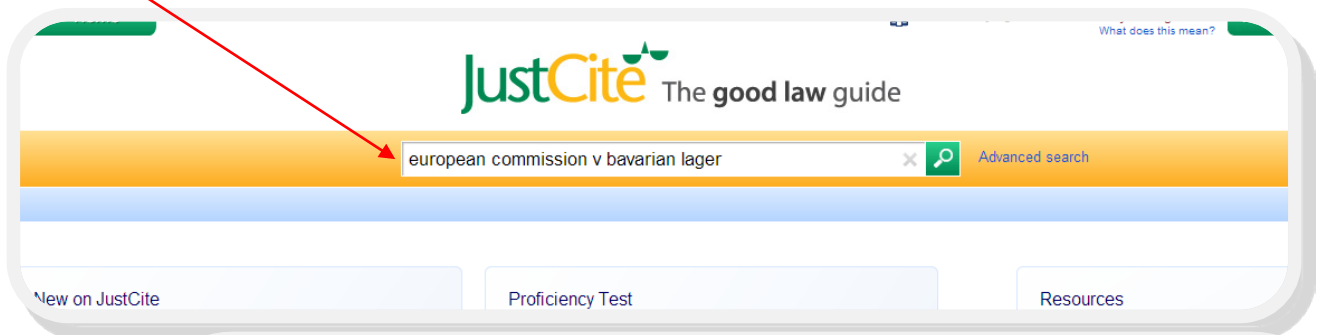


7. EU CASES

JustCite

- E.g. search for *European Commission v The Bavarian Lager Co. Ltd* [2010] ECR I- 06055

Key case name into the search box



Use text filter to narrow results e.g. year 2010



Scroll down to find case. Click on link to view



Full text options will be shown. These databases can be searched independently if required

8. EU LEGISLATION

[JustCite](#) - As above key in search term and scroll down to find results

[JUSTIS](#) – Select **EU** tab and then insert the Document Type (i.e. Directive, Regulation etc) along with the year and the number of the document.

- E.g. search for the data protection directive i.e. Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data.



See also [EUR-Lex](#) & [Westlaw UK](#)

9. EUROPEAN CONVENTION HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR) CASES

JUSTIS – Select **Cases** tab. Then select **Human Rights Case Law** only. Put the name of one or more of the parties in the **Parties** box.

- *O’Keeffe v Ireland* no. 35810/09, 28 January 2014

The screenshot shows the Justis website search interface. The 'Cases' tab is selected. The 'Parties' field contains 'ireland' and 'o'keeffe'. The 'Data Sources' dropdown menu is open, showing 'European' and 'Human Rights Case Law' selected. Callout boxes highlight these selections.

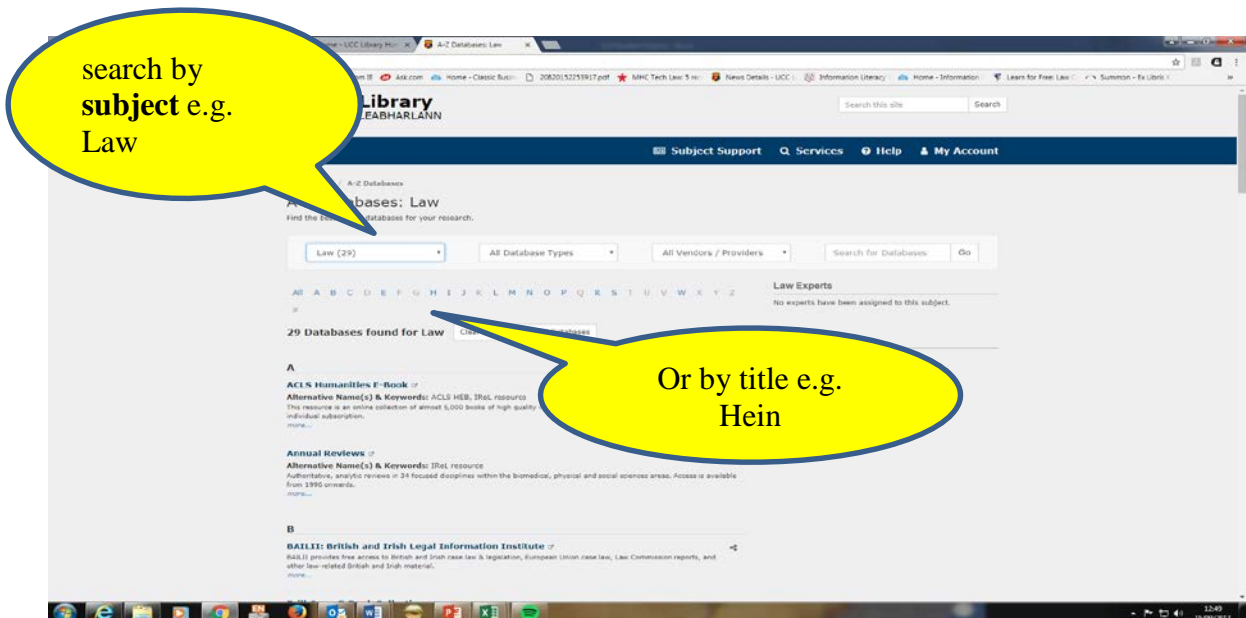
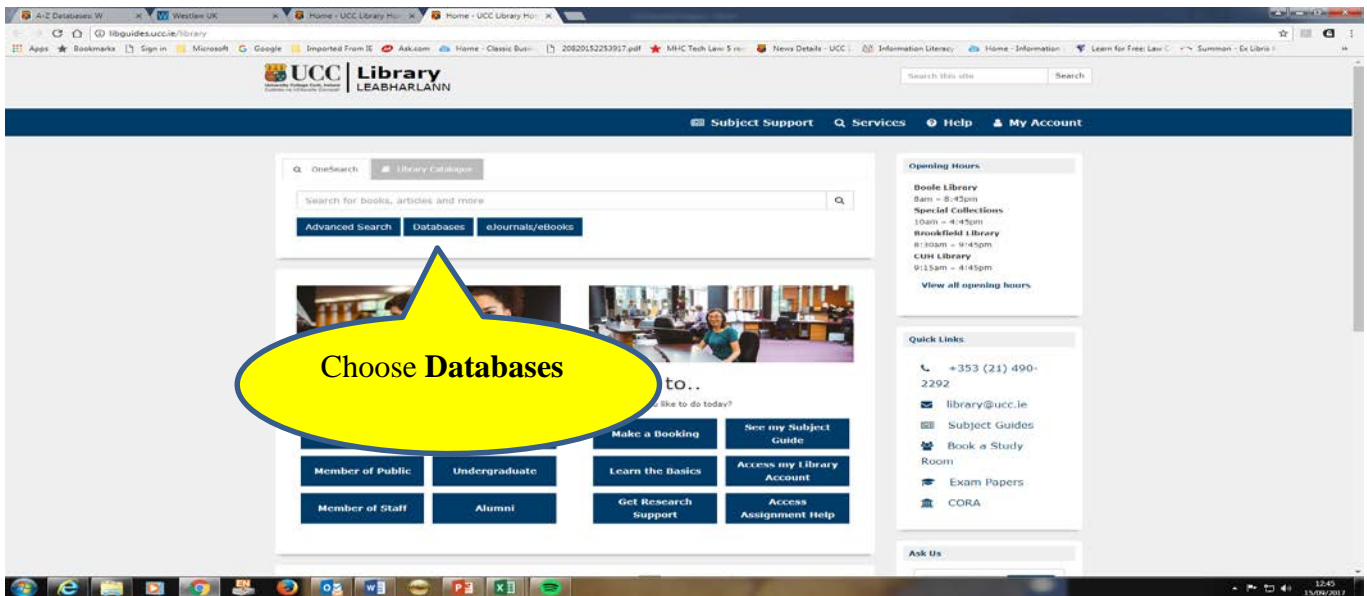
The screenshot shows the full text of the *O'Keeffe v. Ireland* judgment. The title is 'EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS GRAND CHAMBER CASE OF O'KEEFFE v. IRELAND'. The date is '28 January 2014'. The text includes 'JUDGMENT STRASBOURG' and 'PROCEDURE'.

See also the [Council of Europe’s website](#): select **European Court of Human Rights**, then **Case-Law**.

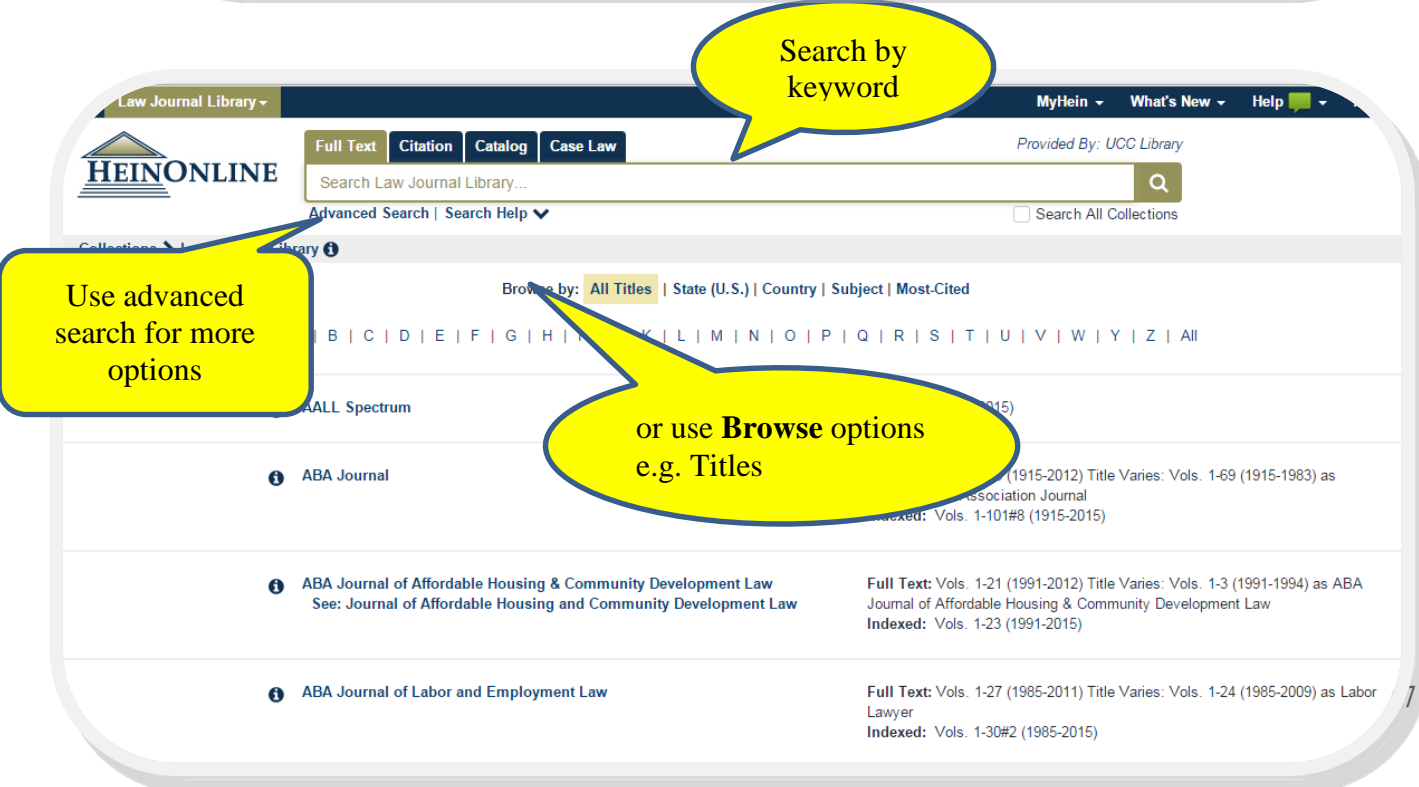
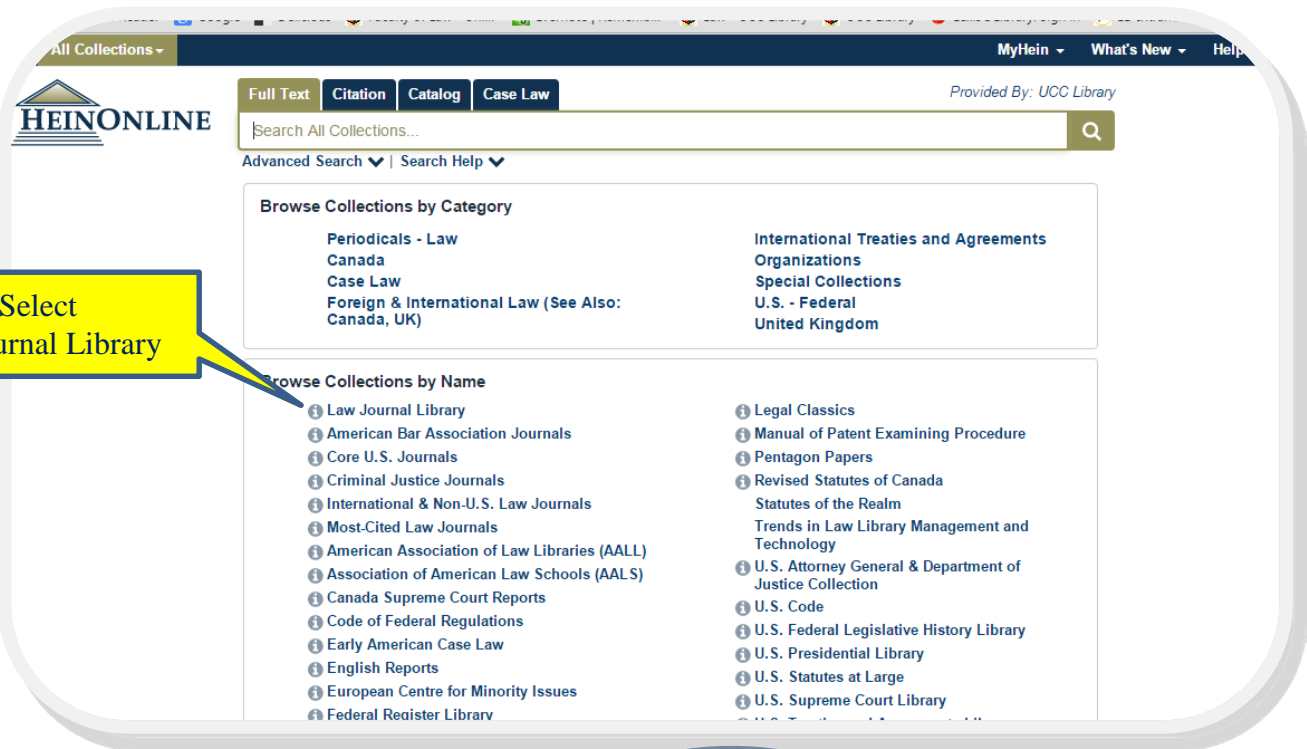
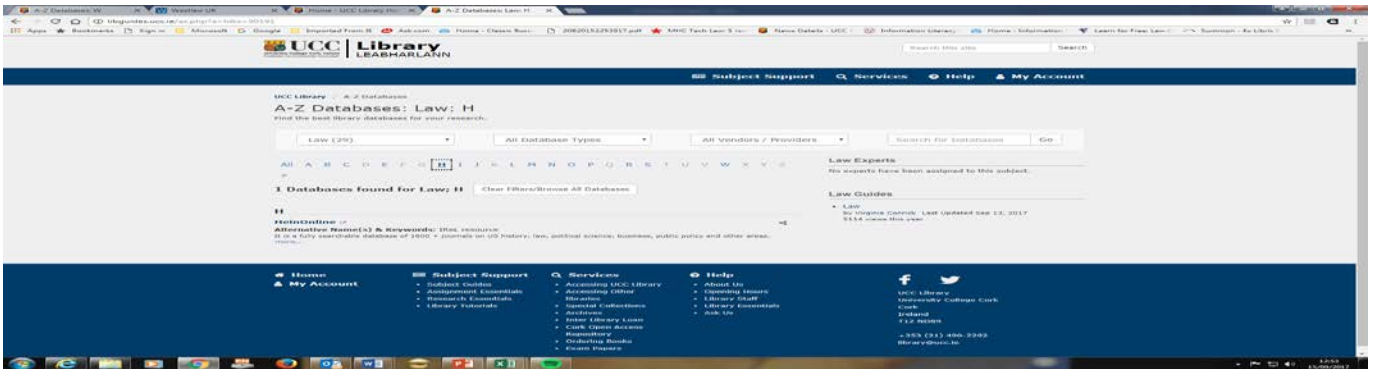
10. JOURNAL ARTICLES from the US and other jurisdictions

A range of databases which give access to journals many fulltext are accessible via the library's website at: libguides.ucc.ie/

Searching generally for articles on any subject



Hein Online – Articles from all major US law journals as well as many non-US journals.



LEXIS – US and Canadian Journals

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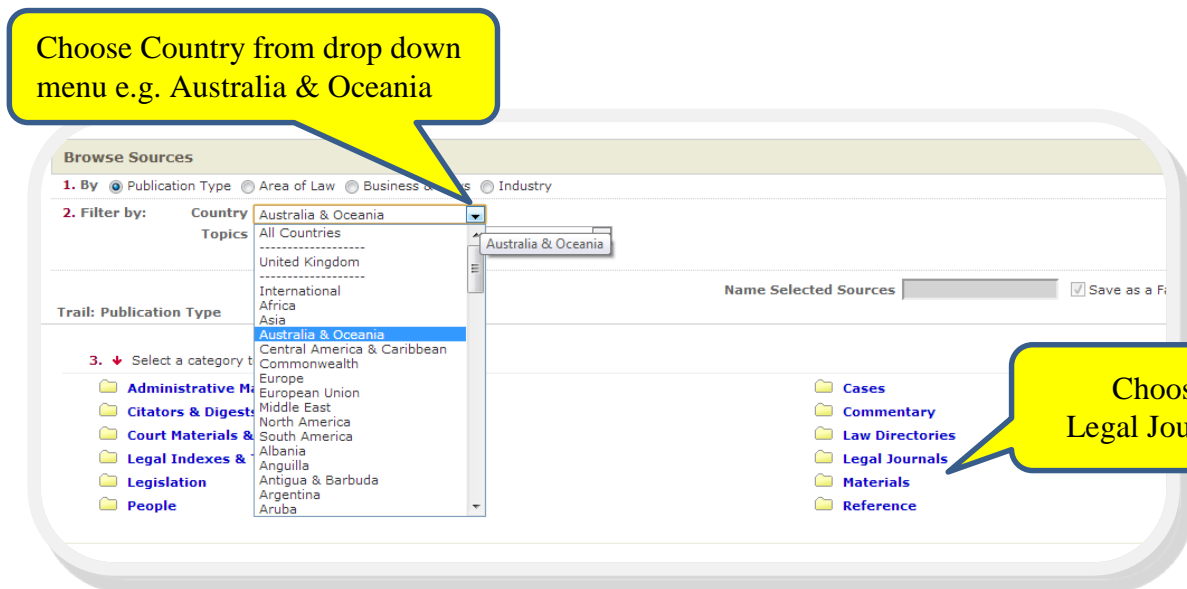
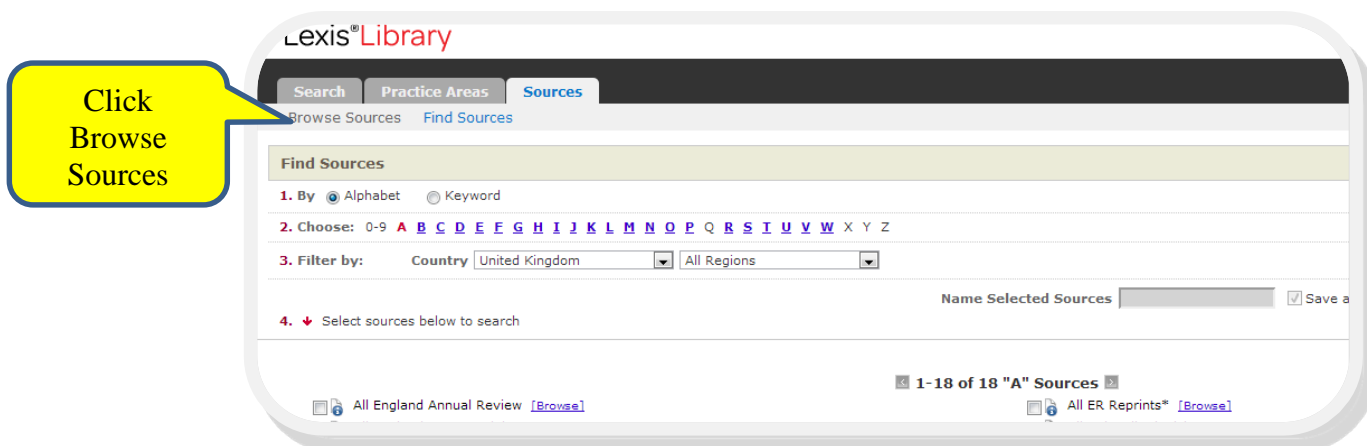
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- *Stanford Law Review
- *Torts Law Journal
- *The Tulane Maritime Law Journal
- *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law
- *US & Canadian Law Reviews, Combined
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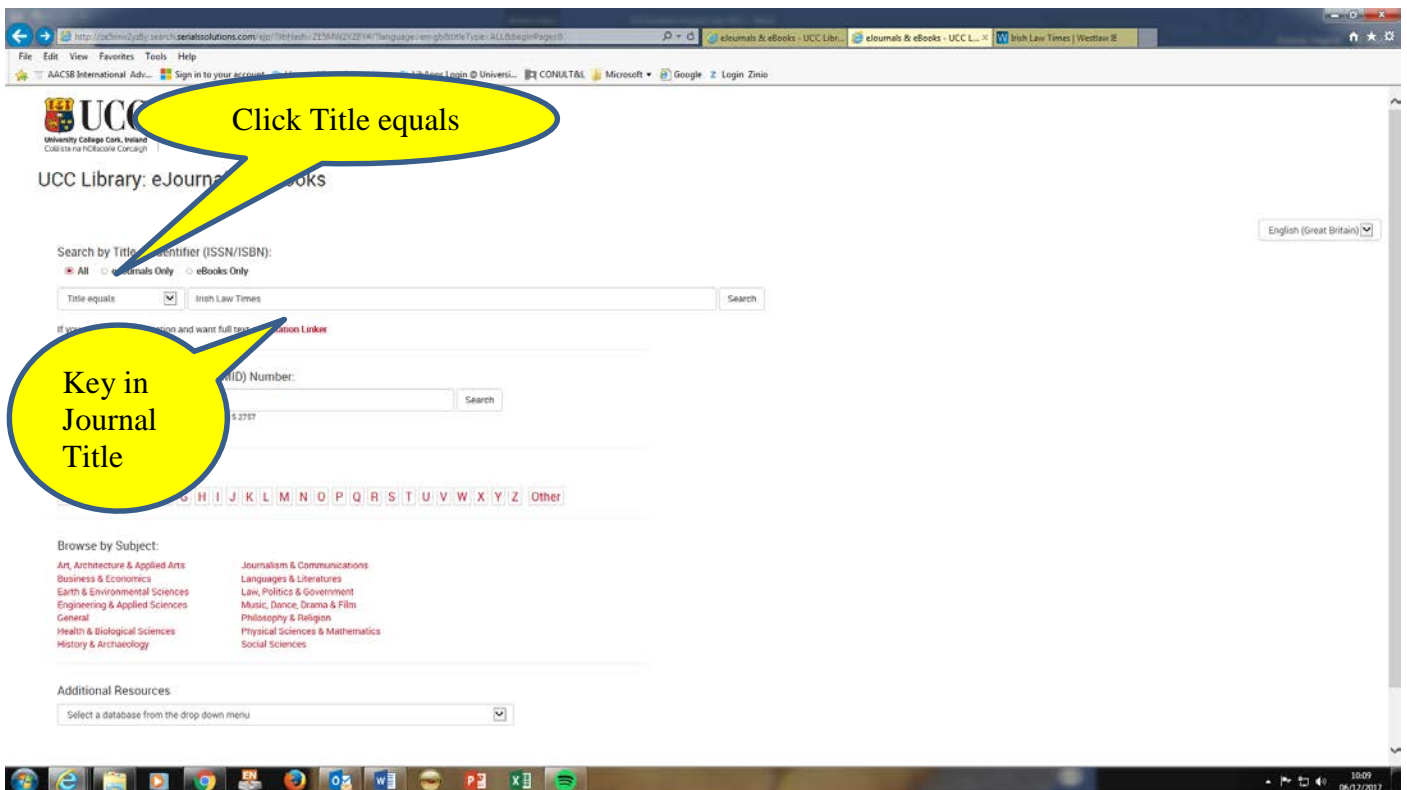
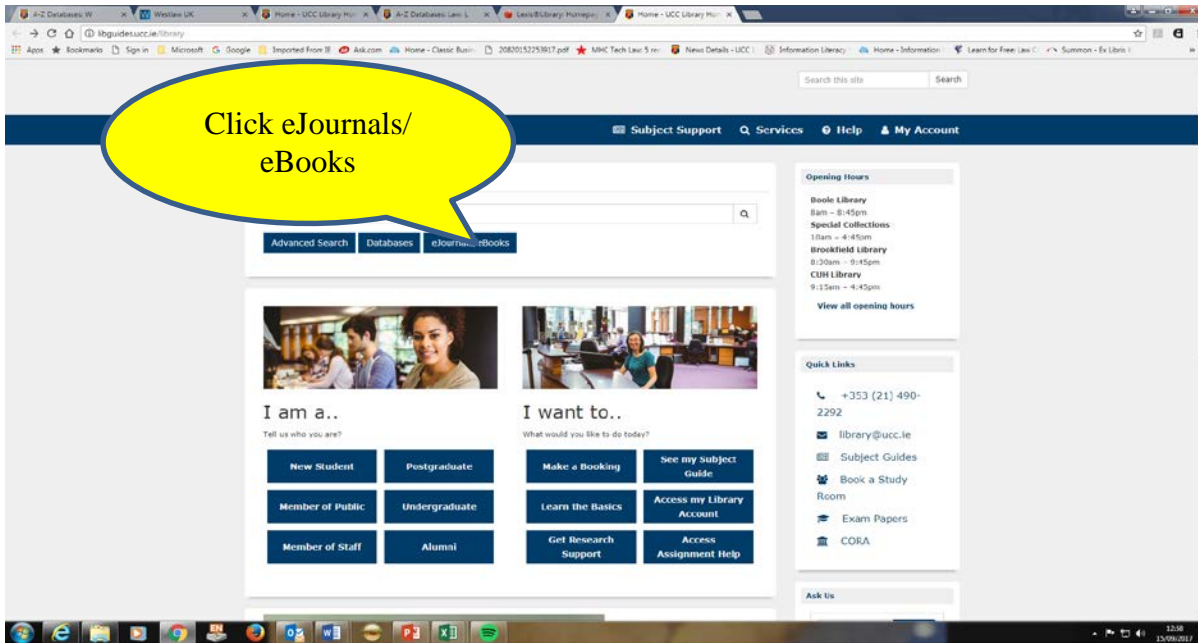


Note: The library catalogue does not always give details of or links to journals that are available via LEXIS so to undertake a comprehensive search you should also search using LEXIS.

11. FINDING JOURNALS USING THE [UCC LIBRARY CATALOGUE](#)

The journals portal searches for a journal title across all of UCC Library's databases and lists all your options for accessing it.

- E.g. Search for Irish Law Times
- E.g. American Business Law Journal



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Home > Journals > Full Text Articles > Irish Law Times

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Legal Abbreviations

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