Using Westlaw UK and LexisLibrary to find journal articles: quick tips

You should always search both Westlaw UK and LexisLibrary when looking for information for your assignments; you may miss vital information is you only use one.

Westlaw UK

You can search for journal articles using the main search bar, just select journals from the list of resources.

You can also go to the Journals tab at the top of the screen.

Then select Full Text Articles at the bottom of the screen to ensure your results only contain items that contain full documents (rather than just an abstract).

On the next screen you can then search for your term(s):
Westlaw orders search results by date so you will need to click **Sort by Relevance** on the right hand side to get the most relevant results at the top of the list.

If you are still finding that the results aren’t what you need then you may want to try searching for more terms during your initial search or you can add in terms using the “Search Within Results” box at the top of the screen.

If you are searching for a phrase e.g. common law husband you need to put the whole phrase in speech marks: “common law husband” it will then search for those words in that order which will help to make sure the results are relevant.

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**LexisLibrary**

You can search for journal articles using the main search bar, just select **journals** from the list of filters.

You can also go to the **Journals** tab at the top of the screen.

**Lexis**Library

Enter your search term(s) into the search box and click search:
Remember to sort your results list by Relevance

You can add in additional terms using the “Search Within Results” box on the left:

There are more user guides and tutorials for Westlaw UK and LexisLibrary on the Law Subject Guide: [http://hud.libguides.com/law](http://hud.libguides.com/law)

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