

Introduction to Westlaw UK and Lexis Library: journal articles and foreign & international materials

Practical exercises

These questions are for you to work through in your own time. The answers and method are provided below. If you need help using Westlaw or Lexis Library, contact the library at ials@sas.ac.uk.

Westlaw: Journals

1a. Run a free-text search in the Journals section of Westlaw UK for articles containing the *exact phrase* “financial transaction tax”. How many results are there?

1b. Among the first few results is an article titled ‘EU watch: Member States pick up the pace’. Is the full-text article available, or just an abstract?

2. Look for the article by Graham Taylor titled ‘How do construction claims happen?’ What journal was it published in and in which year?

Westlaw International Materials

3. On Westlaw International Materials, find the *Singapore Year Book of International Law*. Search the Year Book for articles that mention self-determination. How many results are there?

4. On Westlaw International Materials, search the World Journals collection for articles that mention grexit. How many results are there?

Lexis Library: Journals

5. Using the Lexis Library Journals page, find the article ‘The Public Figure Doctrine and the Right to Privacy’ (2019). Who is the author?

6. Search for all articles that mention twitter AND defamation. How many results are there?

Lexis Library: International

7. How many issues of New Zealand Law Journal were there in 2018? [Hint: Journals are under ‘secondary materials’ in Lexis Library International]

8. Find the Hong Kong case *HKSAR v TPD* [2018] 4 HKC 262. What court was the case in?

Answers

Westlaw: Journals

1a. Run a free-text search in the Journals section of Westlaw UK for articles containing the *exact phrase* “financial transaction tax”. How many results are there?

Answer: 261 [as at 14 September 2021]

Method

Westlaw UK > Journals Search

Free Text search: “financial transaction tax” – make sure to include the words in double quotation marks to ensure it is searched as an exact phrase

1b. On the first page of results is an article titled ‘EU watch: Member States pick up the pace’. Is the full-text article available, or just an abstract?

Answer: Just an abstract

Method

See under *Availability*

2. Look for the article by Graham Taylor titled ‘How do construction claims happen?’ What journal was it published in and in which year?

Answer: Construction Law Journal, 2016

Method

Westlaw UK > Journals Search

Article Title search: How do construction claims happen > See information under *Journal title* and *Citation*

Westlaw International Materials

3. On Westlaw International Materials, find the *Singapore Year Book of International Law*. Search the Year Book for articles that mention self-determination. How many results are there?

Answer: 35 [as at 14 September 2021]

Method 1

Type in search bar: Singapore Year Book of International Law > Select publication title (under ‘Looking for this?’) > Use search bar to search the Year Book for **self-determination**

Method 2

Jurisdictions > Other International Jurisdictions > Singapore > Singapore Year Book of International Law > Use search bar to search the Year Book for **self-determination**

4. On Westlaw International Materials, search the World Journals collection for articles that mention **Grexit**. How many results are there?

Answer: 62 [as at 14 September 2021]

Method

Click on World Journals (right-hand side of Westlaw International Materials homepage) > Search for *Grexit* in the search bar > See 'All results', on the left, for total number of articles

Lexis Library: Journals

5. Using the Lexis Library Journals page, find the article 'The Public Figure Doctrine and the Right to Privacy' (2019). Who is the author?

Answer: Kirsty Hughes

Method

Lexis Library > Journals

Article title search: The Public Figure Doctrine and the Right to Privacy

6. Search for all articles that mention twitter AND defamation. How many results are there?

Answer: 124 [as at 14 September 2021]

Method

Lexis Library > Journals

Search terms: Twitter AND defamation

Lexis Library: International

7. How many issues of New Zealand Law Journal were there in 2018? [Hint: Journals are under 'secondary materials' in Lexis Library International]

Answer: 11 issues

Method

Lexis Library International > Browse Sources > New Zealand

Content Type: Secondary Materials > Click on New Zealand Law Journal > Scroll down and expand 2018 from Table of Contents on the right of the screen

8. Find the Hong Kong case *HKSAR v TPD* [2018] 4 HKC 262. What court was the case in?

Answer: The Court of Appeal

Method

Lexis Library International > Click on drop down in search bar and select Hong Kong Cases > Search Hong Kong cases for *HKSAR v TPD* > select case with correct citation > the court is noted at the top of the report