# Access to Legal Databases

## Who May Access LexisNexis and Westlaw

The Kathrine R. Everett Law Library subscribes to the commercial legal databases LexisNexis and Westlaw. Under the subscription contract, access is restricted to UNC Law faculty, students, and staff. However, other UNC patrons can use LexisNexis Academic or Westlaw Patron Access (WestPac) to access many of the resources available in LexisNexis and Westlaw.

### Restrictions on the use of LexisNexis and Westlaw

Students may only use LexisNexis and Westlaw for academic purposes. Except as set forth in "Summer Use of LexisNexis and Westlaw" below, academic purposes do not include work projects related to full-time/part-time jobs or summer clerkships.

## Obtaining LexisNexis and Westlaw passwords

### UNC Law Students

IDs and passwords are distributed during first-year orientation. Students who have misplaced or forgotten their password should contact Reference Librarian Tim Gallina at tgallina@email.unc.edu or 919-843-4787.

### Transfer Students

Students who transfer to UNC Law should contact Reference Librarian Tim Gallina at tgallina@email.unc.edu or 919-843-4787.

### Law School Faculty, Visiting Law School Professors, Scholars, and Staff

Law school faculty, visiting law school professors, scholars, and staff at the law school are entitled to LexisNexis and Westlaw access. If you need access, please contact Reference Librarian Tim Gallina at tgallina@email.unc.edu or 919-843-4787.

LexisNexis has migrating most of its law content to Lexis Advanced. But some content still remains most easily available in Lexis.com, the old platform. That older Lexis.com site is still available. Here is a 2 minute video showing how you can access it.

## Printing & Technical Support for LexisNexis and Westlaw

### Printing

LexisNexis provides free printing for Carolina Law Students. The printer is located near the rumpus room outside of the student organization offices. If you have questions regarding your Lexis account, please contact Shanda Lewis (shanda.lewis@lexisnexis.com) or Reference Librarian Tim Gallina (tgallina@email.unc.edu).

Westlaw does not provide printer service to law schools. In the absence of a printer, WestlawNext and Westlaw Classic offer a number of alternative document delivery options, including folders, download and email. If you have questions regarding your Westlaw account, please contact Denise Stewart (denise.stewart@thomsonreuters.com) or Reference Librarian Tim Gallina (tgallina@email.unc.edu).

### Technical Support

- LexisNexis: 800-45-LEXIS (800-455-3947)
- Westlaw: 800-WESTLAW (800-937-8529)

# Summer use of LexisNexis and Westlaw

## Lexis Advance

Carolina Law students will have full access to Lexis Advance all summer for both educational and work purposes. Students may use their Lexis Advance IDs to conduct research for their summer positions at law firms, courts, government agencies and public interest organizations (including internships, externships and clerkships). There is no longer a summer access registration requirement, so students who have already registered for Lexis Advance will not have to take any additional steps to continue using their IDs over the summer. If you have any questions about Lexis Advance registration, please contact Reference Librarian Tim Gallina (tgallina@email.unc.edu).

## Westlaw/WestlawNext

Access to Westlaw/WestlawNext is suspended during the summer months unless students register for a summer password extension through the Westlaw law school homepage.

Non-graduating law students are eligible for a summer password extension if they are participating in a qualifying summer activity, such as:

- Summer law school classes
- Law Review or Journal work
- Project for a professor
- Moot Court
- Unpaid/non-profit public interest internship/externship or pro-bono work required for graduation

*** Students working for judges, district attorneys, public defenders, corporations, or law firms cannot extend their Westlaw passwords to conduct research for their summer jobs.*

Graduating students will have access to job search content on Westlaw for 18 months after graduation. Also, graduates can register for a password extension to prepare for the bar exam. After requesting an extension, May graduates will have 60 hours of access to academic content each month from June-November. December graduates will have 60 hours of access each month from January-May.

# Bloomberg Law Available to UNC Law Faculty and Students

UNC Law faculty and students are eligible for access to the Bloomberg Law database. Bloomberg offers a variety of legal content, including primary law, federal dockets, current awareness tools and sample transactional documents. Users can also find information about specific corporations (current and past litigation, SEC filings, etc.) through the Bloomberg "Companies and Markets" page.

To request a password, please contact Reference Librarian Tim Gallina (tgallina@email.unc.edu).

# Access to CasemakerX & Versuslaw by UNC Law Faculty, Students, and Staff

## CasemakerX

CasemakerX now provides all Casemaker products to students at no charge. Students can also use this site for professional networking. To create an account, you will need to use your **HeelMail** e-mail account. Create an account by following the steps at http://www.casemakerx.com/ and click on **signup**. Follow the prompts to create your account. It is not necessary to complete all of the personal information to create an account.

## Versuslaw

Versuslaw is a low cost legal service with national coverage. Content is limited in comparison to LexisNexis and Westlaw. Versuslaw is available to UNC Law faculty, students, and staff through the Law Library. Access requires individual registration.

Versuslaw Access: From the VersusLaw home page, scroll down to the "Special Groups" category and select "Law School." Click on "New Account Registration" link. The user agreement screen will appear next. Accept the terms and conditions and you will arrive at the Law School Program personal profile screen. An automatically generated password will be emailed to you.

## Access to LexisNexis Academic by non-law Students, Faculty, and Staff

The University of North Carolina Libraries have a contract with LexisNexis for educational access to LexisNexis Academic for non-law students, faculty, and staff. Access to LexisNexis Academic is available through the UNC Libraries E-Research Tools page.

## Access to Westlaw Patron Access by non-law Students, Faculty, and Staff

Westlaw Patron Access (WestPAC) provides access to North Carolina state and federal cases, Strong's North Carolina Index, Thorp's North Carolina Trial Practice Forms, the North Carolina Journals and Law Reviews and much more. WestPAC is available to all patrons on the two workstations directly across from the Reference Desk in the fourth floor reading room. Access instructions and a WestPAC guide are available at the workstation. Printing is available for a nominal fee with a library copy card.

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