

Legislative History Research, Lexis Learn, (8:50)

https://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/lnmo/p/lexislearnmyclasses_pp.aspx (Lexis Learn > Preview Modules) (last visited May 5, 2023).

Subject

Basics of legislative history research on Lexis

Learning Objectives

1. Know what documents comprise a legislative history
2. Understand when it can be important to find legislative history to make or support a legal argument
3. Be able to complete the basic steps of finding legislative history documents on Lexis.

Features Identified on a Platform [Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg, etc.]

History of statute; notes specific to subsections of statute; keyword searching in legislative history materials;

Level of Difficulty: [0-4, 4 being the highest.]

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Interactivity [0-4, with 4 being the highest.] Is it sufficient?

1 - sufficient for its purposes

Transferability to Print

Not really transferable, no print features or correlaries are discussed

Use of Relevant Examples

The problem presented is an extension of the Senator Hatfield problem. It presents a statutory issue related to the assault of the senator by his neighbor. Although the statute in question does not provide a private right of action, the hypothetical research problem requests a briefing on the application of the statute to the facts presented. This is a realistic and relatable use of legislative history.

Level of Detail

The level of detail is appropriate for an introductory tutorial.

Relevance to Students

The demonstration of the research process, starting with the statute itself, then using it to link to legislative history documents, is very relevant to students.

Appropriate Terminology

The terminology related to the legislative process was generally well-defined. I appreciated the deeper explanation of conference committee reports and public laws.

The Graphics

The graphics were appropriate for the subject.

Length of the Video

The length is well-suited for an introduction to researching legislative history on Lexis.

Marketing the Product Versus Teaching

This module does not market Lexis.

Reviewers Comments

Reviewer

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