Citators

Legal Research Center Video Series



Melissa Abernathy



Why do researchers use citators?

- To find the <u>direct history</u> of a case
- To find <u>negative</u> treatment
 - Note what point of law is being treated negatively
- To find <u>positive</u> treatment
 - Identify similar cases or useful secondary sources
- Citators can also be used to update <u>statutes and law</u> <u>review articles</u>

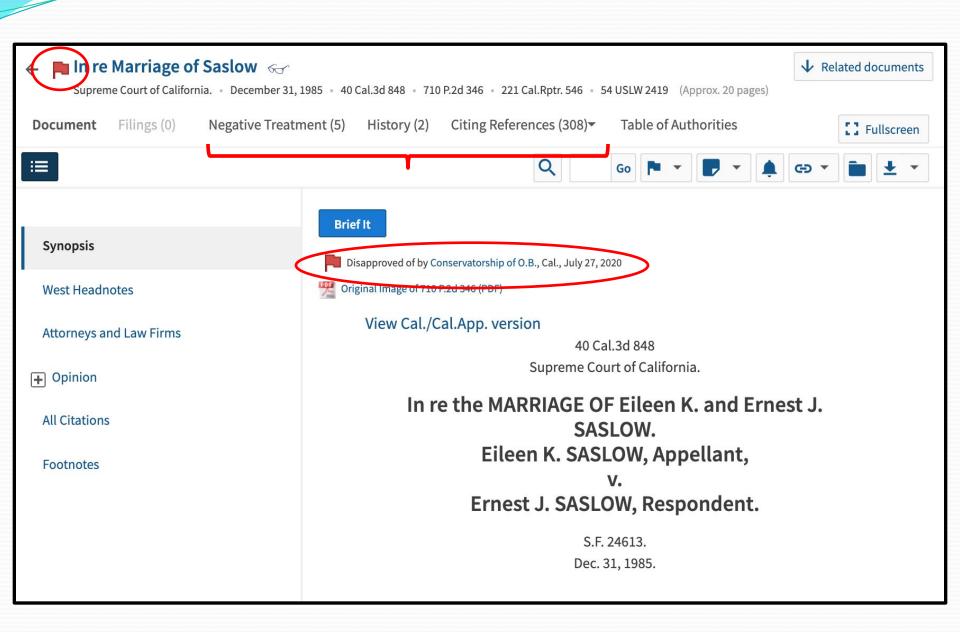
THOMSON REUTERS KeyCite. WESTLAW EDGE

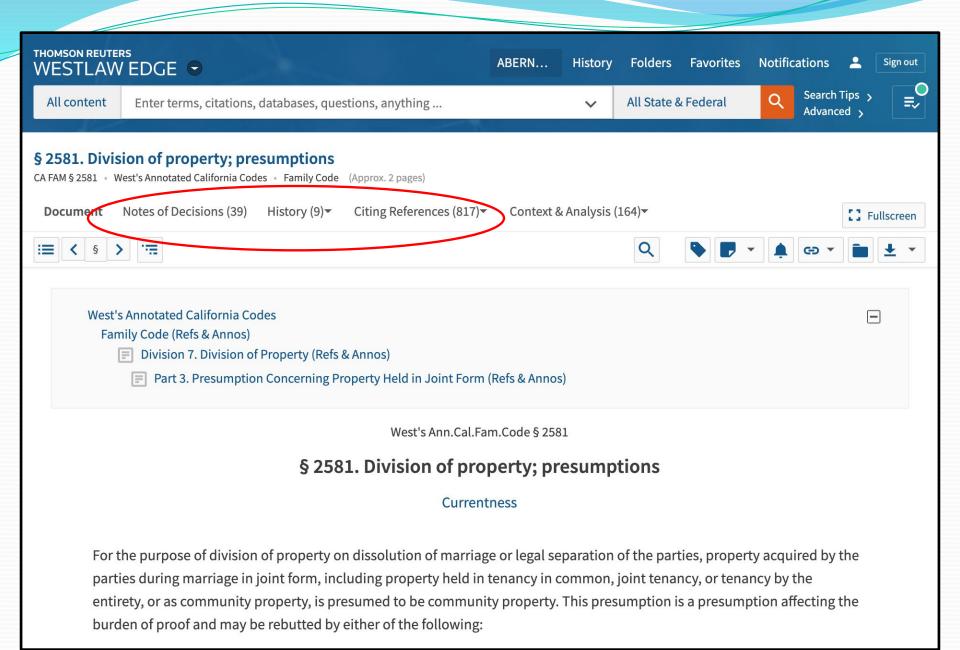


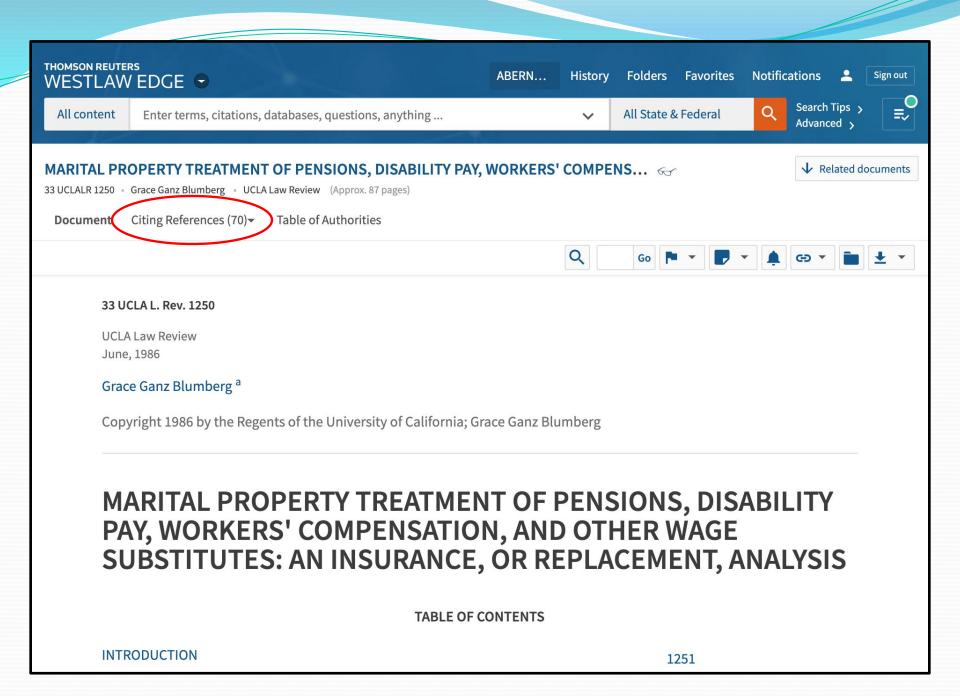
Keycite's signals & analysis phrases

	Signal	Analysis phrases
 	The document is no longer good for at least one point of law.	Overruled by; Abrogated by; Judgment Vacated by,
<u> </u>	Some negative treatment but not overruled or reversed; proposed legislation	Distinguished by; Declined to extend; Disagreement recognized by
Λ	Overruling risk	
	(no flag) Positive	Examined by; Discussed by; Cited by; Mentioned by
	Document has been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court	

https://legal.thomsonreuters.com/blog/westlaw-tip-of-the-week-checking-cases-with-keycite/



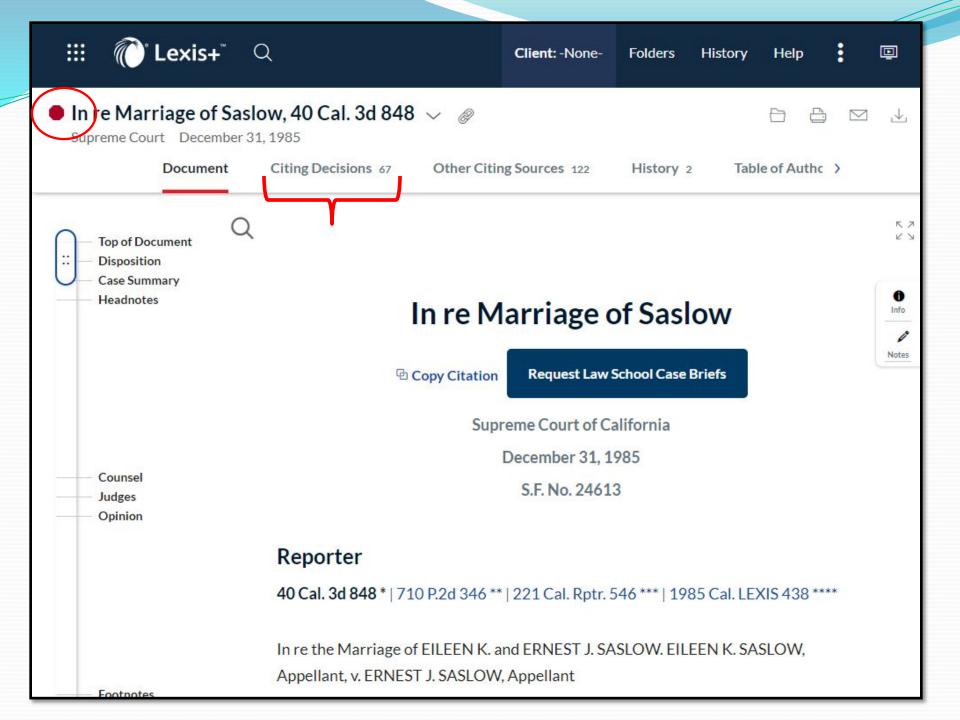


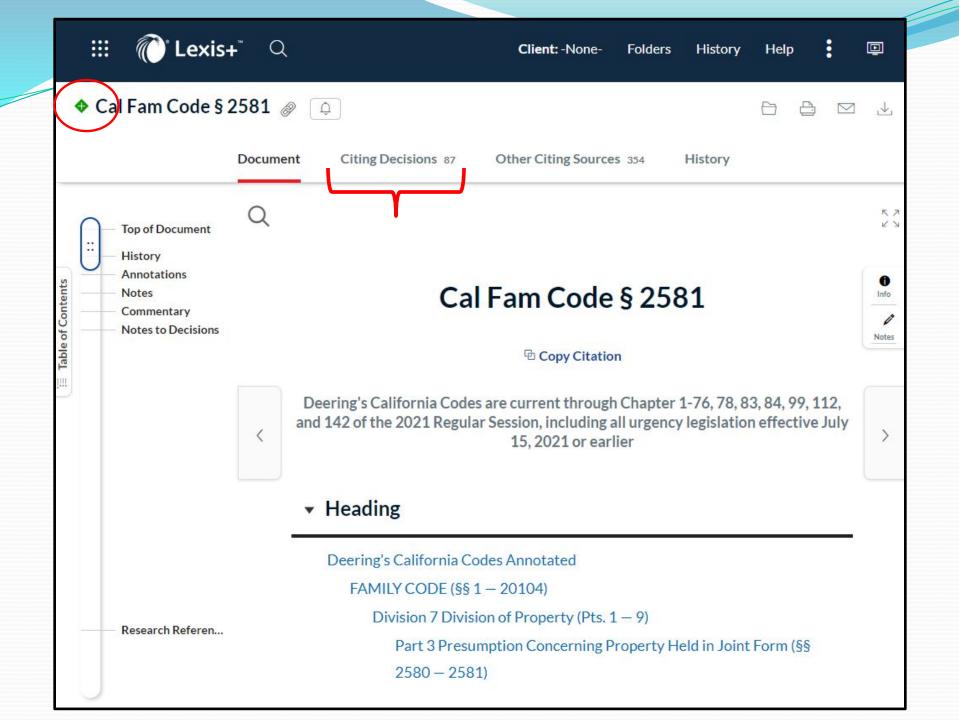


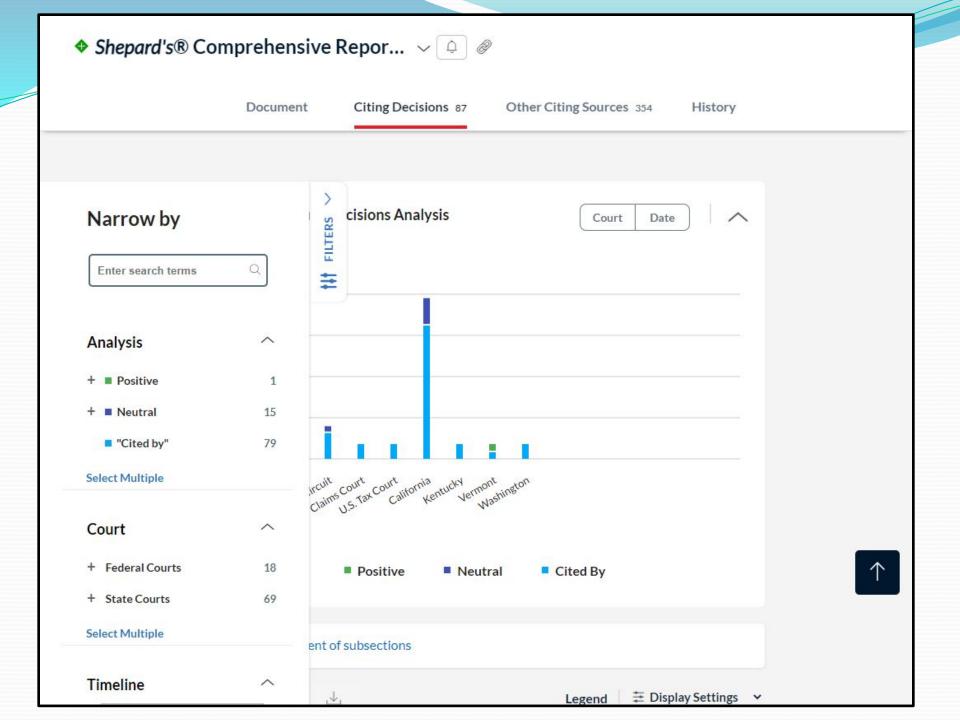
Shepard's signals & analysis phrases

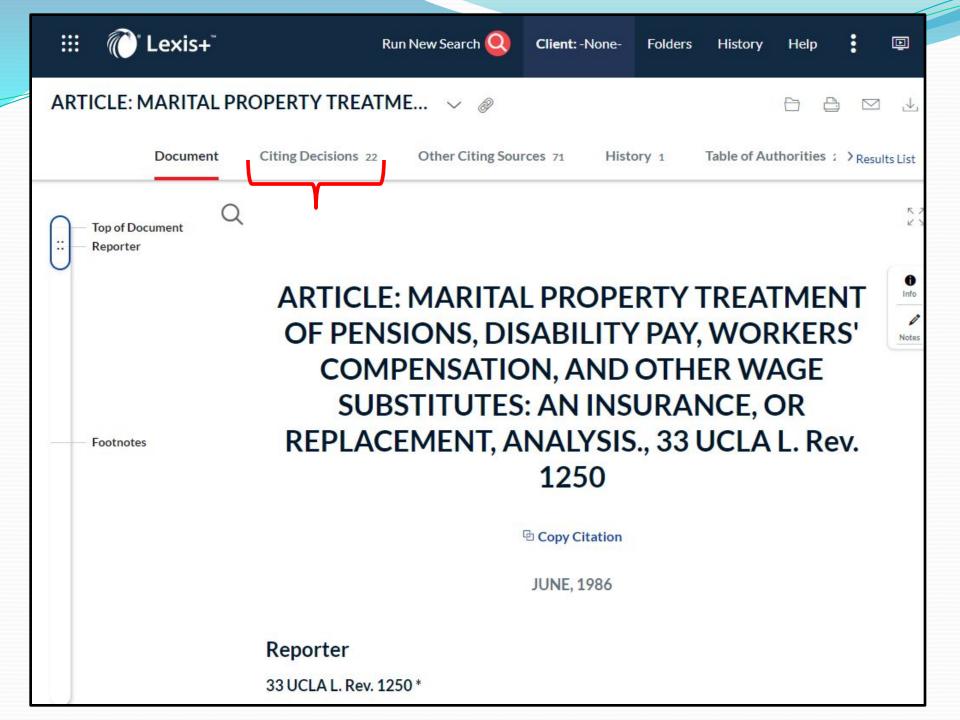
Signal	Analysis phrases
Positive treatment indicated	Followed by
Warning: Negative treatment is indicated	Overruled by; Abrogated by; Superseded by
Warning: Negative treatment is indicated for statute	Unconstitutional by; Void or invalid by
Questioned: Validity questioned by citing references	Questioned by
Caution: Possible negative treatment indicated	Criticized by; Distinguished by
Neutral: Citing references with analysis	Explained by; Cited in dissenting opinion; Interpreted or construed by
Cited by: Citation information available	Cited by

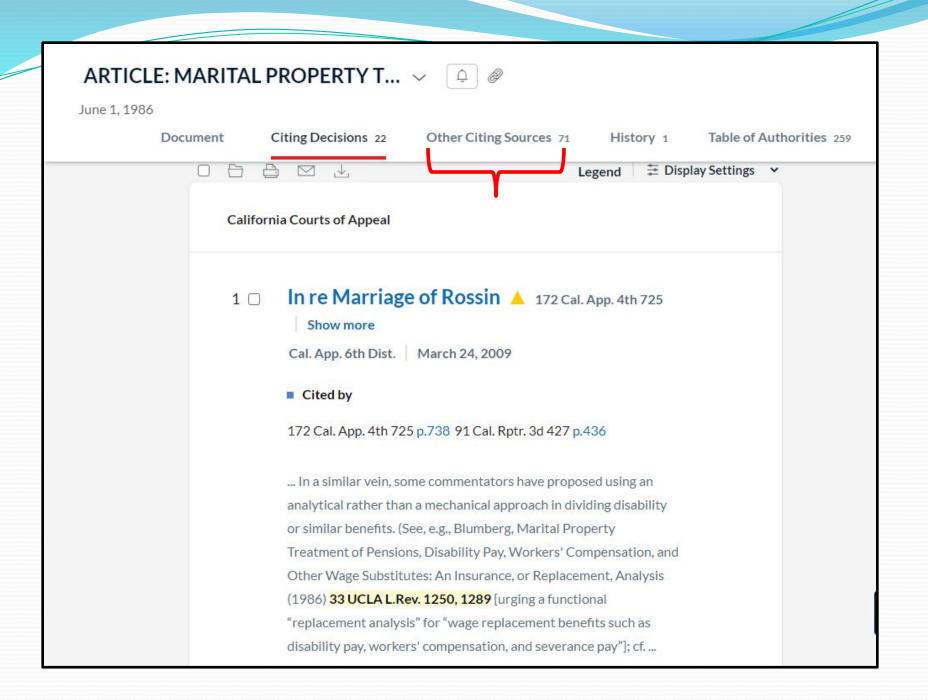
https://www.lexisnexis.com/pdf/lexis-advance/Shepards-Signal-Indicators-and-analysis-phrases-Final.pdf











LRC Reference Desk

- Other videos:
 - https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/research-trainings/lwr-trainings.php
- Chat: http://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/
- <u>lrcrefer@sandiego.edu</u>
- **•** 619.260.4612