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 - Court decisions
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Searching the Catalogs: LRC Catalog, Circuit, ILL

LRC Catalog

- The Legal Research Center's online catalog links to materials held at the LRC and the Main Library (Copley)
- The catalog can be used to find not just materials in our print collection, but also to access e-books and electronic databases

The screenshot shows a search result for the book "Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy". The search bar contains the title, and there is a "Request it" button. Below the title, it lists the authors: Donald C. Baur, Tim Eichenberg, Georgia Hancock Snusz, and Michael Sutton. It also provides publication information: "PRINT BOOK | American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources | 2015 | Second edition" and notes it is "Available at LRC Reading Room (KF5627 .O273 2015)".

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LRC Reading Room	KF5627 .O273 2015	AVAILABLE	

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PUBLISHED Chicago, Illinois : American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, [2015] ©2015

Description xlv, 898 pages : illustrations, maps ; 26 cm

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- **Access:** You can link to the catalog off of the LRC's webpage <http://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/>



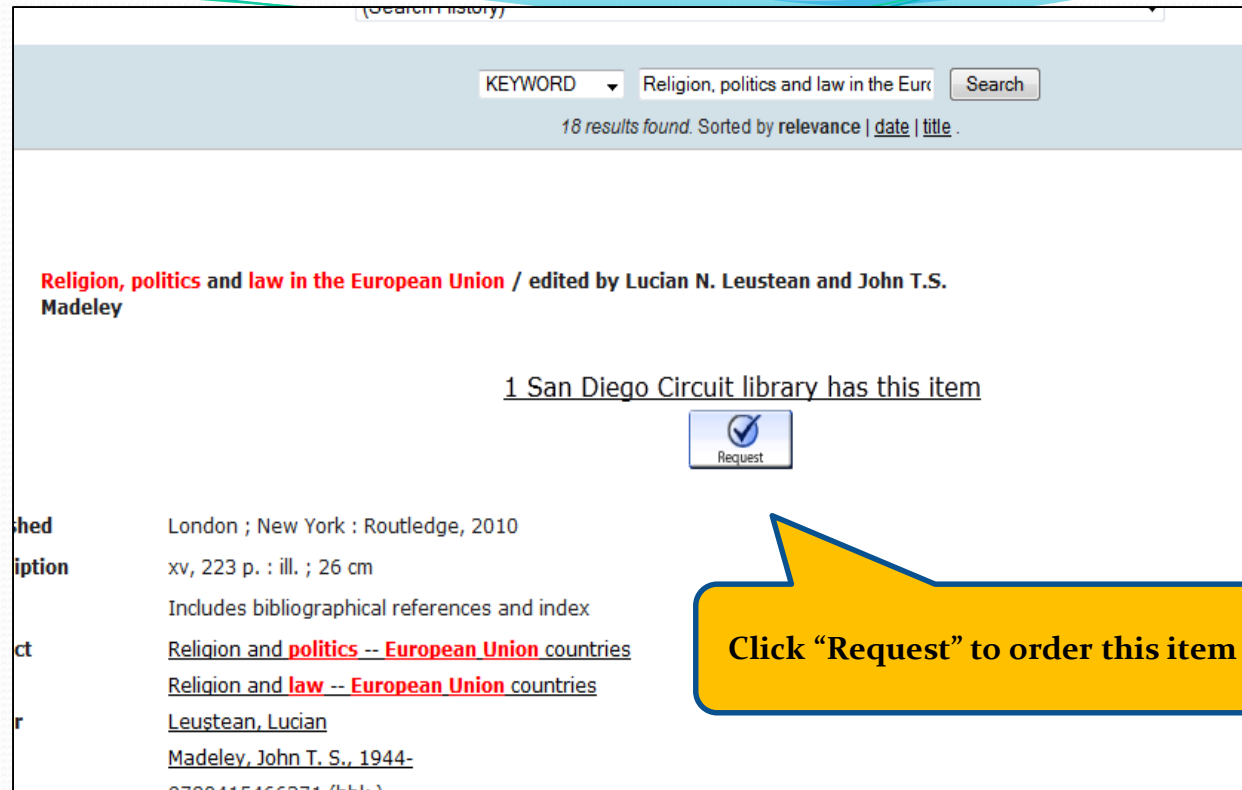
Catalog Examples

- European Union law guide / compiled and edited by Philip Raworth
 - LRC Reading Room KJE 949 E97
- European Union law in a nutshell / by Ralph H. Folsom
 - LRC Reserve Room KJE 949 F55 2005
- European Union law reporter (CCH)
 - LRC Reading Room KJE 923.7 C65
- Common market law reports
 - LRC Reading Room KJE923.7 .C66

Circuit Catalog

Because USD is a member of a library consortium called the Circuit, you can borrow materials from any of the member libraries which include SDSU, UCSD and Cal State San Marcos.

Circuit does NOT include Thomas Jefferson Law School or California Western School of Law.



The screenshot shows a search results page with a search bar at the top containing the text "Religion, politics and law in the Eur" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, it indicates "18 results found. Sorted by relevance | date | title". The main result is for the book "Religion, politics and law in the European Union / edited by Lucian N. Leustean and John T.S. Madeley". It states "1 San Diego Circuit library has this item" and includes a "Request" button with a checkmark icon. The book details include: "London ; New York : Routledge, 2010", "xv, 223 p. : ill. ; 26 cm", "Includes bibliographical references and index", and "Religion and politics -- European Union countries".

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Access: You can link to the Circuit catalog through the LRC catalog or <http://circuit.sdsu.edu>



WorldCat and Interlibrary Loan

- If you're looking for an item and can't find it in the LRC Catalog or the Circuit, then check [WorldCat](#) to see if it can be interlibrary-loaned from a participating member of a worldwide network of libraries.
- To request an ILL, click [here](#) (check with a reference librarian first).



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Journal Databases & Indexes



Journal Databases & Indexes

- [Westlaw](#): Journals & Law Reviews (JLR) & [Lexis-Nexis](#): Law Reviews & Journals (Lawrev)
- [Google Scholar](#): Click on Settings and add USD to your library links to access all of our subscription databases
- [Hein-Online](#) is a database that contains digital (PDF) images of law reviews from U.S. law schools. Access through the our [Legal Research Databases](#) page.

EU Institutions



EU Institutions

- **European Commission** – serves as the executive branch of the EU, managing policies and the annual budget
- **European Parliament** - composed of 751 members directly elected by the EU's citizens, the Parliament represents the interests of the citizens
- **Council of the European Union** – composed of twenty-eight ministers (one per state), the “Council” shares its legislative power with the European Parliament
- **European Court of Justice** – serves as the judicial organ of the European Community
- **European Court of Auditors** – The Court consists of one member from each country and is charged with monitoring the EU budget



EU Institutions (cont.)

- The **European Council** is the group of heads of state or government of the EU member states. It meets four times a year to define the Union's policy agenda and give impetus to integration
- The **European Central Bank (ECB)** is the central bank for the eurozone (the states which have adopted the euro) and thus controls monetary policy in that area with an agenda to maintain price stability.

EU Law Making Institutions

The **Commission** proposes legislation and policies

The **Court of Justice** enforces the legislation.

The **Council** approves legislation and can propose legislation of its own

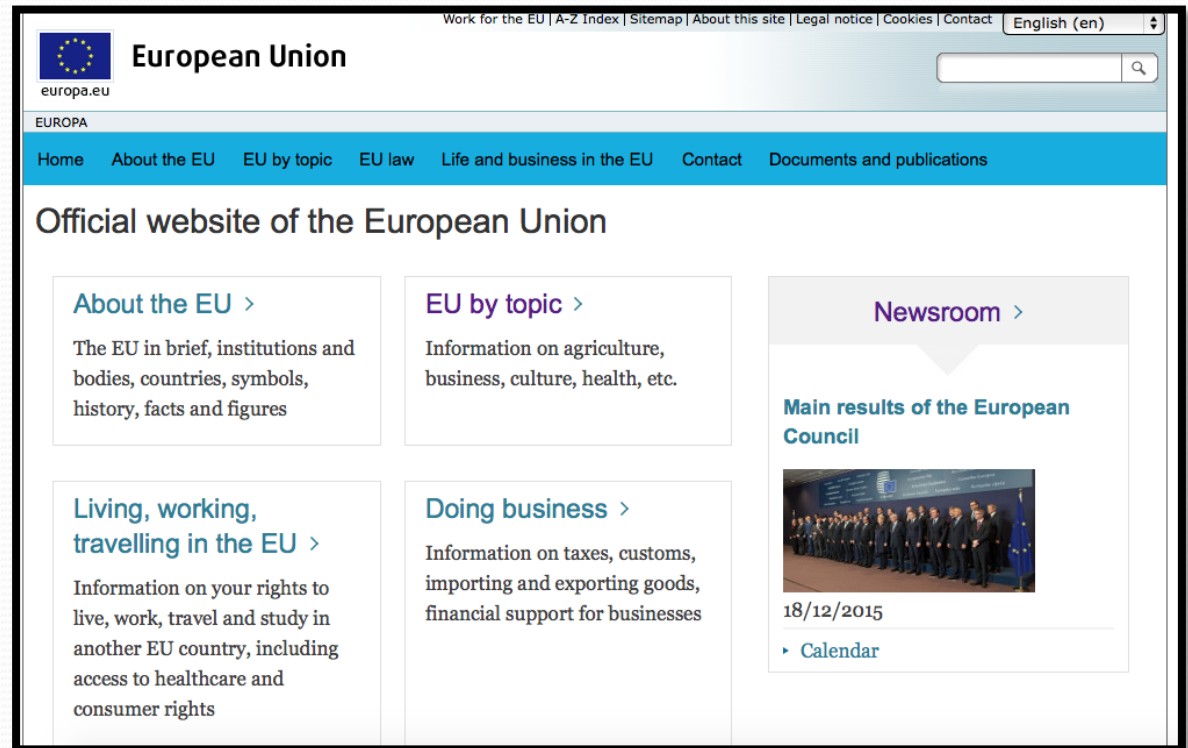
The **Parliament** gives its opinion on proposals, amended proposals, and addresses questions to the Commission.

Finding EU Documents

EUROPA

EUROPA is the official website of the European Union.

- Gateway to EU Institutions and Agencies.
- Basic information on how the EU works
- Search by Policy Area if you know what you are looking for or do a site-wide search if you don't



- **Access:**
http://europa.eu/index_en.htm

Eur-Lex

EUR-Lex provides access to:

- the Official Journal of the European Union
- EU law (treaties, legislation, preparatory acts, case law)
- National Law from EU states
- other public documents

The screenshot shows the EUR-Lex website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EUR-Lex logo and the text 'Access to European Union law'. To the right of the logo are links for 'About EUR-Lex', 'Site map', 'A-Z', 'FAQ', 'Help', 'Links', and 'Legal notice'. A search box is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'EUROPA > EU law and publications > EUR-Lex'. A main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Official Journal', 'EU law and related documents', 'National law', 'Legislative procedures', and 'More'. A featured section for the 'Official Journal' shows the current issue 'L270 - C308 C309' with a 'More >' link. A 'Quick links' section lists various resources such as 'How to link to us', 'Types of documents in EUR-Lex', 'Summaries of EU Legislation', 'EU legislation on statistics', 'Budget', 'Legislative drafting guide', and 'Latest developments on EUR-Lex'. A search section is prominently displayed, offering 'Simple' and 'By document reference' search options. The 'By document reference' search includes input fields for 'Year' and 'Number', and a 'Type' dropdown menu with radio button options for 'All', 'Regulation', 'Directive', 'Decision', 'EU court case', 'COM document', and 'SEC or SWD document'. A 'Search' button and a link to 'Advanced search' are also visible. A message from the website states: 'EU law and other public EU documents, authentic electronic Official Journal of the EU - in 24 languages. We thank you for your feedback on this new version of EUR-Lex. While we continue to work on improving its functionality, the previous version of EUR-Lex remains accessible for all content except the Official Journal from 1st April 2014. For the latter, only the bibliographical notices are accessible but not the texts themselves. Please continue to send us your comments using our contact form. To stay informed, send us your contact details and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.' Social media icons for Twitter and Facebook are provided.

- Access: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>



Official Journal

The bulk of EU law documents are published in the Official Journal of the European Union (referred to as OJ), which is also available through [EUR-Lex](#)

Examples: 1998 O.J. L 179

2010 O.J. C 83

- “L” series (Legislation)– part of where primary and secondary legislation appears
- “C” series (Communications) – draft legislation, notices, reports



EU Documents

- **Primary legislation:** Founding treaties plus amendments, Accession treaties
- **Secondary legislation:** Directives and Regulations (most important), Legislative decisions, opinions, and recommendations (less important)
- **Documents Related to the Legislative Process**
- **Case law**



Primary Legislation



Treaties in Force

- Current treaties in force:
 - Treaty of Lisbon (2007) - OJ C 306 (2007)
 - Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Consolidated version 2012) - OJ C 326 (2012)
 - Treaty on European Union (Consolidated version 2012) - OJ C 326 (2012)
 - Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Consolidated version 2012) - OJ C 327 (2012)
 - Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2012) - OJ C 326 (2012)
- The full text of the [Consolidated Treaties](#) can be found on EUR-Lex



Accession Treaties

- The EU has grown significantly since its founding by admitting additional nations. New members of the EU must sign and ratify an accession treaty in order to join the EU. Examples:
 - Treaty of Accession of Croatia, April 24, 2012, 2012 O.J. (L 112)
 - Accession to the European Union of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania, April 25, 2005, 2005 O.J. (L 157)
- The full text of the [Accession Treaties](#) can be found on EUR-Lex.

Secondary Legislation

Regulations

Directives

Other Documents (Legislative Decisions,
Opinions, and Recommendations)



Regulations

- Regulations are directly applicable to Member States and require no further action to have legal effect.
- Published in the Official Journal, L Series, for example:

[Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 207/2012 of 9 March 2012 on electronic instructions for use of medical devices, 2012 O.J. L 72/28.](#)



Directives

- Directives are addressed to and are binding on Member States, but each Member State chooses the form and method for **national implementation** (national implementing legislation)
- Published in the Official Journal, L Series, for example:

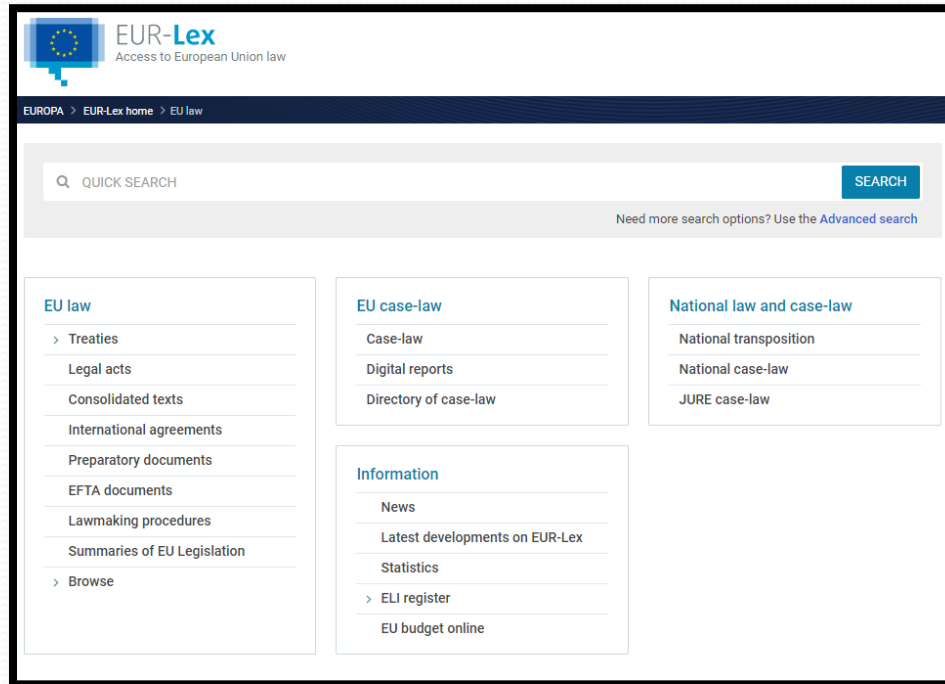
Council Directive 2011/96/EU of 30 November 2011 on the common system of taxation applicable in the case of parent companies and subsidiaries of different Member States, 2012 O.J. L 345/8.



Other documents

- **Decisions** are only binding upon the particular Member State(s) or individuals to whom they are addressed.
- **Recommendations and Opinions**, which have no binding force.
- Published in the Official Journal, L Series if they are legislative, or C Series if non-legislative.

Searching EUR-Lex by Citation



- If you have an exact citation, start with either the Home tab and enter in the directive or regulation number and year, or start on the Official Journal (O.J.) tab and use the Official Journal citation.



Searching EUR-Lex without a Citation

- **Directory of European Union Legislation**
Allows you to browse through topical areas
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/browse/directories/legislation.html>
- **Summaries of EU Legislation**
Written for a general, non-specialized audience
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/browse/summaries.html>
- **Institutions and bodies**
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/browse/institutions/institutions-intro.html>



Example

- Locate Directive 2011/7/EU. What is it about?
- Is it published in an official source?
- Find the national implementing measures for Spain.

Documents Related to the Legislative Process

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- COM (European Commission) documents
- Council Documents
- Parliamentary Documents and Reports
- Proposed Legislation



COM (Commission) Documents

- Commission Documents, also known as COM documents, print include legislative proposals, communications and reports such as "green papers" or "white papers"

Example: COM (2005) 484, Green Paper - Improving the mental health of the population - Towards a strategy on mental health for the European Union.

- Commission documents are available under the [Preparatory Acts](#) page on Eur-Lex.

Council Documents

- A [Register of Council Documents](#) is available online since January 1999. The register is searchable and some documents are available full-text.

Documents and publications

Public register of Council documents

The register has references to or the contents of the Council documents **from 1999 onwards**.

- > [Search for documents](#)
- > [Latest documents added to the public register](#)
- > [Key documents by category in the public register](#)

Request a document

If the document you are looking for is not available in the Public register, you can request it.

- > [Request a Council document](#)



Parliamentary Documents





As part of the legislative process, the European Parliament generates documents such as committee reports and floor debates that are of interest to legal researchers.

[EuroParl](#) – Official website of the European Parliament

- Parliamentary [Reports](#)
- [Debates](#) of the European Parliament
- [Parliamentary action on legislative proposals](#) (OEIL the Legislative Observatory)
- [Session Documents](#) (Series A, B, and C)

Proposed Legislation

- For a subject outline of proposed legislation, see the [Directory of European Union Preparatory Acts](#). You can search by topic, dates, etc.

Directory of European Union preparatory acts     Share

Browse by **subject** to find documents used to prepare EU legislation, produced during the various stages of the legislative and budget process.

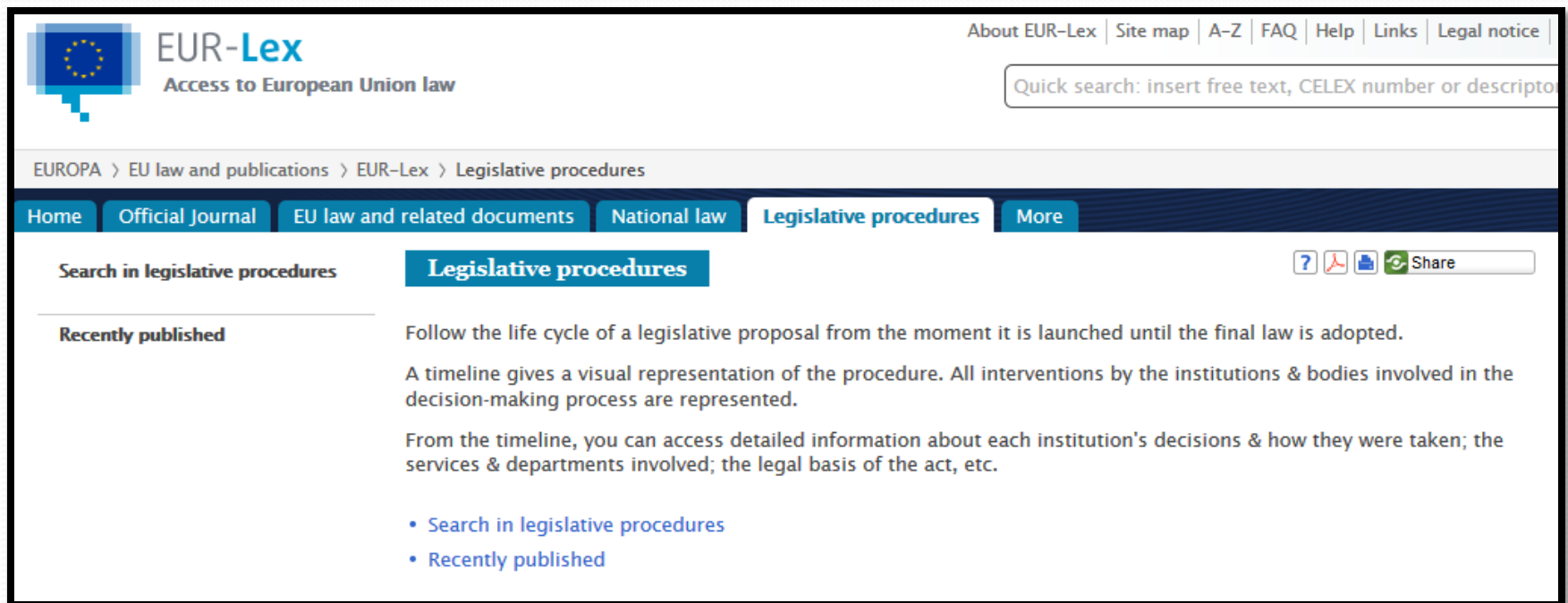
Main document types

- Commission - legislative proposals
- Council - common positions
- European Parliament - legislative and budgetary resolutions and initiatives
- European Economic and Social Committee - opinions
- Committee of the Regions - opinions

Find out more about [document types](#).

Proposed Legislation

- To search by keyword, use the [Legislative Procedures tab](#) in EUR-Lex.



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Search in legislative procedures

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Case Law



European Court of Justice & the General Court

- Curia is the official website for the European Court of Justice and the General Court (known as the Court of First Instance prior to 2010). It provides a description of the institutions and their history and composition.
- It provides access to the decisions of both courts, 1954-current. Full-text searching begins with 1973
- Court's website: http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/j_6/



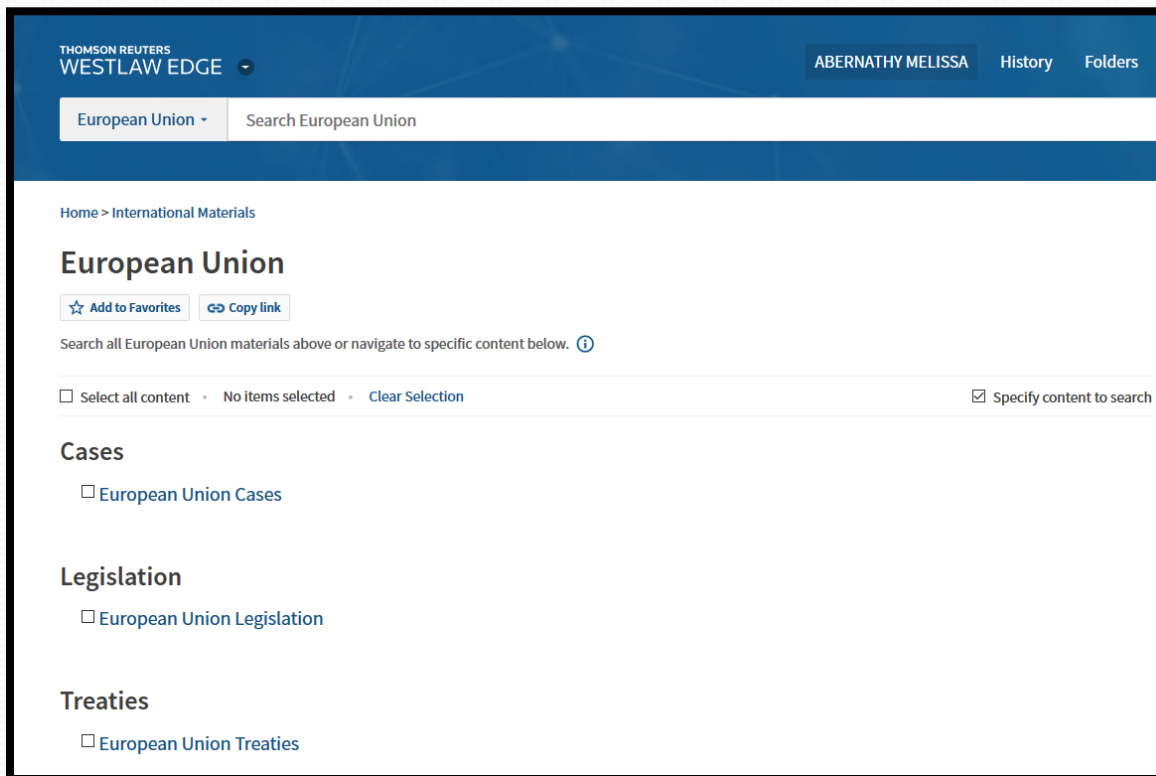
European Court of Justice & the General Court

- Browse cases by subject using the [Directory of EU Case Law](#) via EUR-Lex
- Other online resources:
 - [HeinOnline](#) (PDFs)
 - [Westlaw](#)
 - [Lexis](#)

Westlaw and Lexis

Westlaw

- The easiest way to access European Union materials is to click on International Materials on the bottom of the Westlaw homepage. Then click on European Union



The screenshot displays the Westlaw Edge user interface. At the top, the header includes 'THOMSON REUTERS WESTLAW EDGE' on the left, and the user's name 'ABERNATHY MELISSA' along with 'History' and 'Folders' links on the right. Below the header is a search bar with 'European Union' selected in a dropdown menu and the text 'Search European Union'. The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail 'Home > International Materials' followed by the title 'European Union'. There are two buttons: 'Add to Favorites' and 'Copy link'. Below this is a search instruction: 'Search all European Union materials above or navigate to specific content below.' A selection bar shows 'Select all content', 'No items selected', and 'Clear Selection' on the left, and a checked 'Specify content to search' checkbox on the right. The content is organized into three sections: 'Cases' with a checkbox for 'European Union Cases', 'Legislation' with a checkbox for 'European Union Legislation', and 'Treaties' with a checkbox for 'European Union Treaties'.

Lexis

- The easiest way to access European Union materials is to click on the International tab under Content then click on All Countries and select the European Union.

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