

# ONLINE AND ONDISC

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## ONLINE SERVICES

### LEXIS-NEXIS News

LEXIS recently announced that they were making parts of their database in the US available to practitioners for a flat fee of US \$65 per month. Known as Advantage for the Web, it would allow practitioners unlimited searching of their state and federal caselaw, statutes and codes using standard WWW browser software. LEXIS is considering a similar plan for Australian material.

Several new law reports have recently been added to the AUST library. These are:

*Administrative Law Decisions* from 1973 (file: AALD)

*Australian Corporations and Securities Reports* from 1989 (file: ACSR)

*Australian Intellectual Property Reports* from 1982 (file: AIPR)

*Motor Vehicle Reports* (file: AMVAR)

Recent additions to the LAWREV library include:

*Columbia Human Rights Law Review* (file: COLHRT)

*Boston College International and Comparative Law Review* (file: BSNTIC)

*Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* (file: INJGLS)

*Journal of Law and Economics* (file: JLAWECE)

*Journal of Legal Studies* (file: JLGLST)

*Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy* (file: NDJELP)

*UCLA Journal of Environmental Law & Policy* (file: UCJELP)

*Wisconsin International Law Journal* (file: WISILJ)

*Women's Rights Law Reporter* (file: WRLRPT)

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## ON DISC

### AGIS on CD-ROM

Informit have recently released AGIS on a separate CD-ROM entitled AUSTlaw. AUSTlaw is updated monthly from February to November; compared with AGIS on the AUSTRUM CD-ROM which is updated quarterly.

Single disc price: \$300 (1-3 concurrent users)  
\$600 (4-8 concurrent users) \$900 (9-16 concurrent users) \$1,200 (17+ concurrent users)

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## ON THE NET

### *Dictionaries on the Net*

There are a number of legal dictionaries available on the Net. They are not as comprehensive as some dictionaries, for example *Butterworths Australian Legal Dictionary*. However they can be useful to quickly check a definition. While some of the dictionaries are old editions which are out of copyright, others are new dictionaries compiled for the Net. The URL for each dictionary is listed at the end of the column. Links to all of the dictionaries mentioned can be found on the Flinders Library home page.

*The American Standard Law Dictionary* offers brief definitions with hypertext links to related terms. It is searchable and includes Latin terms and acronyms. Approximately 2700 terms are included.

About two hundred terms have been made available from the 6th edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*. It is browseable by first letter and includes hypertext links to related terms. The entries are more detailed than the *American Standard Law Dictionary* and include references to US cases and statutes, but only a limited number of terms are available.

*WWLIA's Legal Dictionary*, produced by the World Wide Legal Information Association gives legal definitions in plain language. It includes approximately 600 terms including many Latin terms. It is browseable by letter rather than searchable and includes hypertext links. Some English as well as US case references are included.

*The Law Office Dictionary* is an online dictionary sponsored by the Legal Research Center of Minneapolis. It can be searched or browsed by letter. Definitions are brief; but they do include hypertext links to related terms. There is an email

link to the author of each definition. Definitions can be contributed to the dictionary via email. These are then reviewed and edited. Approximately 600 terms are included to date.

*The 'Lectric Law Lexicon* contains definitions of 1000's of legal words and phrases, including Latin terms. It is browseable by letter. Many of the entries are detailed and include references to US cases. It does not include hypertext links.

*The International Law Dictionary* provides definitions of international legal terms and acronyms. It is browseable by letter and includes links to other Internet sites. For example, the entry for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights includes a link to the full text of the declaration; and the entry for NGO (Non Government Organisations) includes links to 13 NGO's on the Net. The dictionary was prepared by Ray August of Washington State University.

The full text of *Bouvier's Law Dictionary*, 6th ed., 1856, can be downloaded in zipped format. This expands to 1-3 files per letter of the alphabet. The entries are detailed and include references to US and English cases. It is less convenient to use than the online dictionaries as it must first be downloaded, unzipped and then each file saved as a word processing document in order for it to be searchable; but it is very comprehensive.

Other useful dictionaries include the *WWWebster Dictionary*, a WWW edition of the *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 10th edition. This is searchable and has hypertext cross-references. The Research-It home page has links to the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*; as well as *Roget's Thesaurus*, *Bartlett's Dictionary of Quotations* and acronym, biographical and pronunciation dictionaries. It also has a universal translator which will translate words into over 20 different languages.

The *OneLook Dictionaries* site searches 103 dictionaries simultaneously. A search for the word negligence produced results from 8 dictionaries, including *WWLIA Legal Dictionary*, *Webster's Revised Dictionary*, a medical dictionary and glossaries of insurance and medical terms. Searches can be restricted to particular dictionaries.

The *On-Line Dictionaries* site has links to over 300 dictionaries. As well as dictionaries in 100 different languages it has links to specialised dictionaries including medical and legal dictionaries.

### ***ISA Periodicals Database***

International Subscription Agencies have made their journals database available on the web on a trial basis. It is searchable by title, keyword and ISSN, and provides details on price, issues per annum, publisher and country of origin. The database is an excellent source of information about Australasian serials and also contains information about many overseas publications.

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Black's Law Dictionary	<a href="http://www.alaska.net/~winter/black_law_dictionary.html">www.alaska.net/~winter/black_law_dictionary.html</a>
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Research-It	<a href="http://www.itools.com/research-it/research-it.html">www.itools.com/research-it/research-it.html</a>
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