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Soup-to-Nuts Litigation Software and Services

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What's worse than multiple logins? Not much, that's for sure. LexisNexis Total Litigator provides an "end to end" litigation solution that directs you to the appropriate legal resources and tools for each step in your case. By tying together virtually all of LexisNexis' research and litigation services, you'll only have to login once no matter what you need to do.

When you log into your account using any Web browser, LexisNexis Total Litigator organizes the home page based on the typical steps in litigation: Early Case Assessment, Draft/File/Serve, Discovery, Research, Gather Intelligence, and Trial Preparation.

Below each step, you can access corresponding tools and resources. In "Early Case Assessment," you can research companies, witnesses, judges, arbitrators, lawyers, jury instructions, demographics, jury verdicts, and dockets. Total Litigator also points to software tools like LexisNexis CaseMap, TimeMap, and NoteMap that may come in handy at this stage.

"Draft/File/Serve" enables you to download forms, search for briefs, pleadings, and motions, retrieve court documents via CourtLink, serve process, file documents electronically via LexisNexis File & Serve, and verify citations and automate brief drafting with Shepard's Link, StyleCheck, BriefCheck, and Full Authority.

"Discovery" provides similar forms and research services focused on discovery issues. You can also sign up to receive free case summary alerts

so that you can stay on top of this rapidly changing field. If you use Applied Discovery, you can access your account through Total Litigator by linking the two services. This step also points to software programs like Concordance.

"Research" provides access to LexisNexis' bread and butter — its vast legal research services, including cases, statutes, agencies, court rules, news sources, and of course Shepard's. You can also enter a citation to quickly find a court opinion, statute, etc. "Gather Intelligence" enables you to find experts, public records, copyrights, trademarks, patents, and much more. Trial Preparation provides access to LexisNexis resources such as Matthew Bender's collection of opening and closing statements.

LexisNexis Total Litigator also provides email alerts to keep you updated on docket activity, relevant changes in the law, and important facts pertaining to your case. In addition, you can conduct freeform searches in which you can combine sources. Learn more about LexisNexis Total Litigator: law.lexisnexis.com/litigator

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