

LegalTrac

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LegalTrac contains:

- information about journal articles and book reviews in major law reviews, law journals, legal newspapers and speciality law and Bar Association journals
- references to articles that cover US Federal and State cases, British Commonwealth and European Union Law.

Use LegalTrac to find:

- citation information for journal articles and book reviews
- full text of selected journal articles and book reviews
- **Check for Full Text** links to retrieve full text of articles if available
- publication titles (source publications) which can be browsed and searched.

Tips:

- Choose **Advanced Search** as the preferred search option.
- To search words as a phrase, enclose search terms in quote marks “”.
- To combine previous searches, choose **Previous Searches** from the drop down menu, type in the search numbers, combining using ‘and’. Search numbers can be found by selecting the link to **Previous Searches**.
- Subject searches can be performed by clicking on the **Subject Guide** search in the toolbar on top of the Search page.
- **Related subjects** assigned to each article help retrieve more articles on similar subject areas.

Look for similar information in:

Australian

- AGIS Plus Text – via Informat Online
- Australian Public Affairs – Full Text via Informat Online
- Full text journal articles via LexisNexis and Lawbook Online

International

- Westlaw
- Lexis Nexis (Total Research System).

LegalTrac looks like this:

The screenshot shows the Gale LegalTrac website interface. At the top, the Gale logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Preferences', 'Change Databases', and 'Logout' are on the right. Below the logo, there are links for 'Bookmark', 'Dictionary', 'Title List', and 'Help'. A search bar is present with the text 'LegalTrac' and a search icon. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'Basic Search', 'Subject Guide Search', 'Publication Search', and 'Advanced Search'. The 'Advanced Search' tab is selected. The main content area is titled 'Advanced Search' and contains the following elements:

- A status message: 'Currently searching **LegalTrac** with 1,351,449 articles updated as recently as January 23, 2008'
- A section titled 'Advanced Search' with the instruction 'Select index to search, then enter search term.'
- A search form with three rows. The first row has a dropdown menu set to 'Keyword(ke)' and a text input field containing 'legal ethics'. The second and third rows have dropdown menus set to 'Keyword(ke)' and empty text input fields.
- Buttons for 'Add a Row' and 'Search'.
- Links for 'Hide search options' and 'CCL Advanced Search'.
- A section titled 'Limit results:' with three checkboxes:
 - to documents with full text
 - to peer-reviewed publications
 - to document with images
- A section titled 'by publication date(s)' with radio buttons for 'All Dates', 'Before', 'On', 'After', and 'Between'. The 'All Dates' radio button is selected.
- Dropdown menus for '*Any*', '*None*', '*None*', and 'and'.

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