

# Law Searching with



## Useful fields for searching H.W. Wilson's Index to Legal Periodicals & Books (Full Text, Abstracts, Index, or Retrospective Databases)

Choose the search field from this list. Among the most useful fields are:

**All-Smart Search:** Your best choice for most searches. Looks for your terms in the entire record, putting the closest matches at top of your results.

**Court Cases:** The Court Cases field lists the name of any cases an article is about. This field uses the Blue Book abbreviations for case names.

**Statute:** The Statute field lists any specific statutes that the article is about (not available in ILP Retrospective).

**Statute Jurisdiction:** The Statute Jurisdiction is the state or country in which a statute was enacted (not available in ILP Retrospective).

**Limit Dates:** Allows users to confine results to recent articles; or in the Retrospective database to confine results to a time frame. For example, you can easily find articles about *segregation* written between 1950 and 1960.

### Browse

**Browse** provides alphabetical lists of indexed terms and is useful for finding terms that are difficult to spell, or to see the various subdivisions of subjects.

For example, Browse on: *Insurance* in Subject

This will result in an alphabetical list, showing the term *Insurance*, followed by numerous subdivisions such as *Insurance/Alabama*, *Insurance/Alaska*, etc. allowing you to focus on the specific area you seek.

