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Overview

vLex is an online resource for finding cases, legislation, news, and commentary on all areas of law.

The Manitoba Law Library has a subscription to three geographic jurisdictions: Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

- vLex Canada Premium provides highly personalized access to edited and raw caselaw and the Canadian Legal Bookshelf, which includes the full Maritime Law Book (MLB) collection and a curated selection from the Essentials of Canadian Law Series published by Irwin Law, all using powerful tools and advanced technologies to deliver topical search, intelligent recommendations and a visual history graph.
- vLex United Kingdom includes legal materials from all levels of courts in each UK jurisdiction, as well as current UK court dockets
- vLex United States has comprehensive U.S. Federal & All 50 States Online Legal Library.
- Justis Common Law Collection - Extensive collection of common law materials from the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada
- The Irwin Law Collection, including the “Essentials of Canadian Law” series
- The Emond Criminal Law Series

vLex can be used to browse available resources, search for specific topics or resources, subscribe to alerts, analyse resources with support from AI assistant Vincent, and more.

This guide will give you a quick overview of vLex’s basic functions.

For more detailed guidance, please visit the vLex support centre:

<https://support.vlex.com/vlex-library/vlex-library-home/getting-started>

Accessing vLex

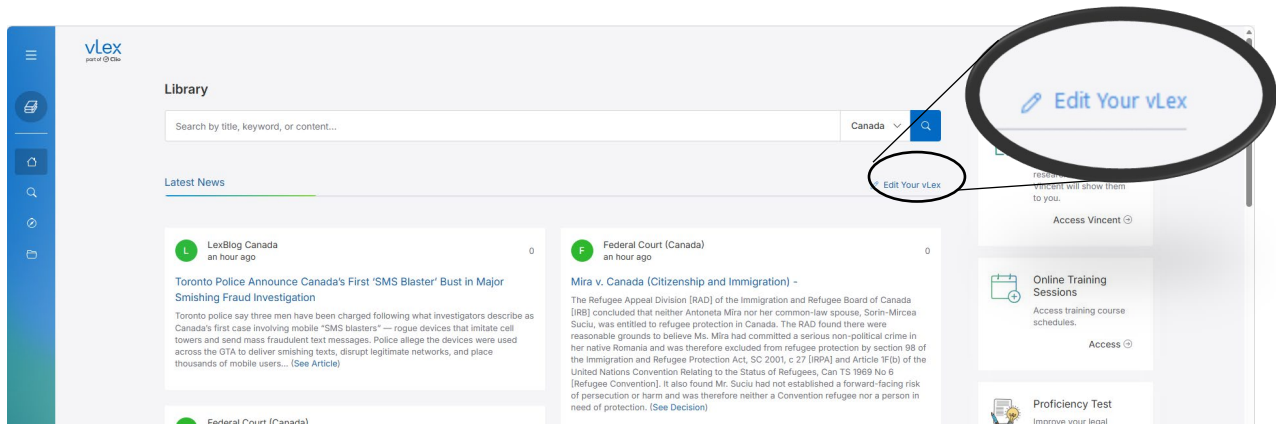
vLex can be accessed behind the [Member’s Portal](#), in the Library Resources section.

Getting Started

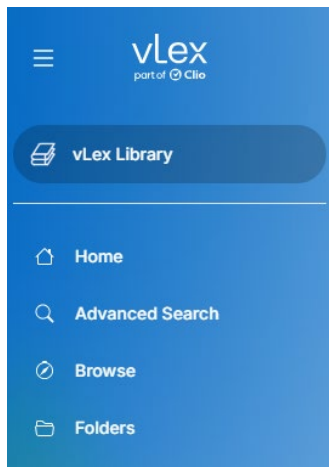
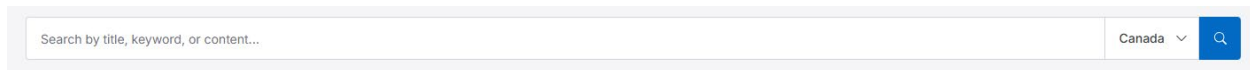
Home Page

The home page consists of a navigational sidebar on the left side of the screen, a search box at the top, and a customizable newsfeed.

By default, the latest news from vLex’s news sources will be presented in the news feed. You can tailor this information by clicking on the “Edit Your vLex” button. This will allow you to select from sources you have followed on vLex.



The search box at the top of the screen allows you to select your desired jurisdiction from the drop-down menu and to perform a simple search.



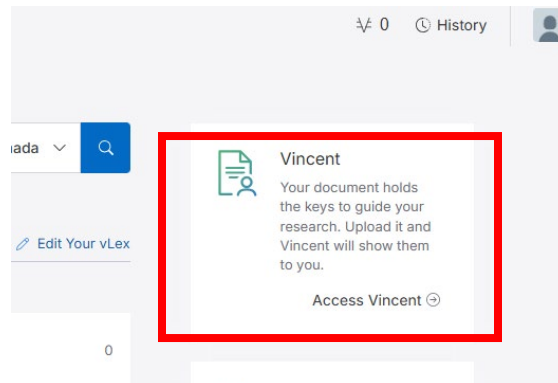
On the left side of the page is the navigational toolbar. From here you can access the **advanced search** feature, **browse** available content, or view the items you have saved in your **folders**.

If you ever forget what is included in the Law Society subscription, that information is displayed at the bottom of the sidebar (not pictured here).

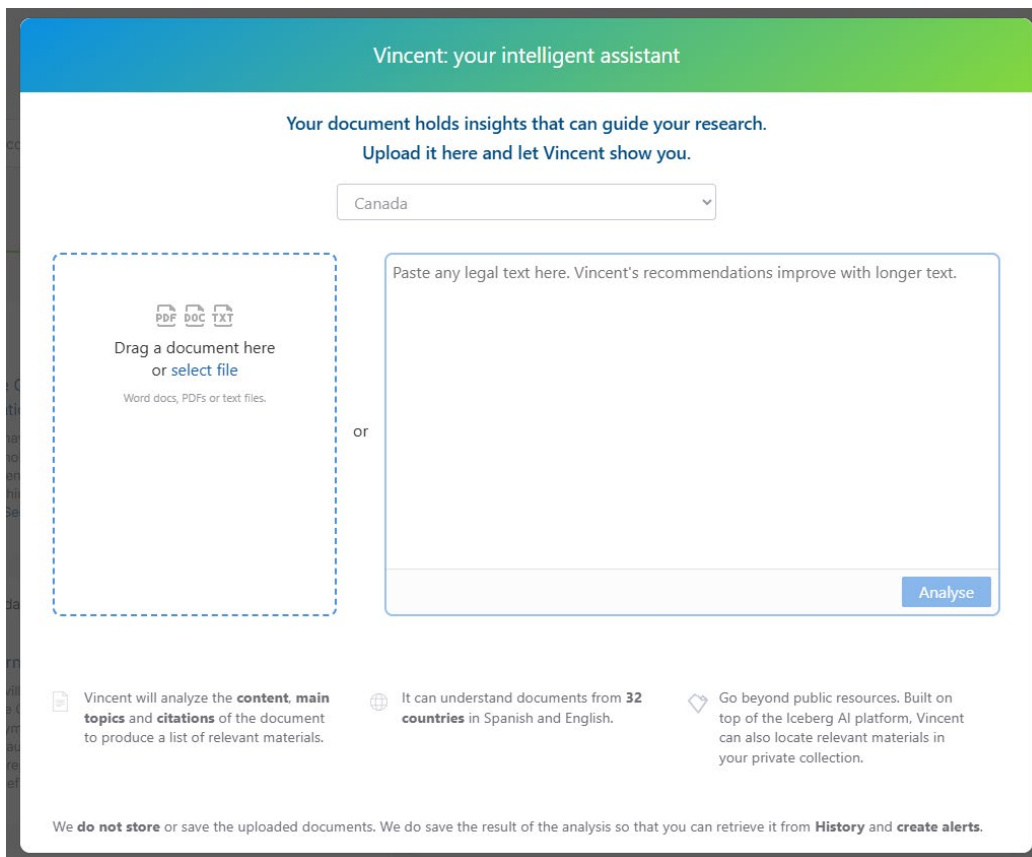
Vincent

“Vincent is a virtual legal assistant that uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to discover legal citations, cited authorities and the most legal relevant concepts in any legal document.” (from vLex user guide)

You can access Vincent by clicking on the box on the right-hand side of the screen:



This will open a dialogue box where you can upload a legal document or insert legal text to be analysed by Vincent:

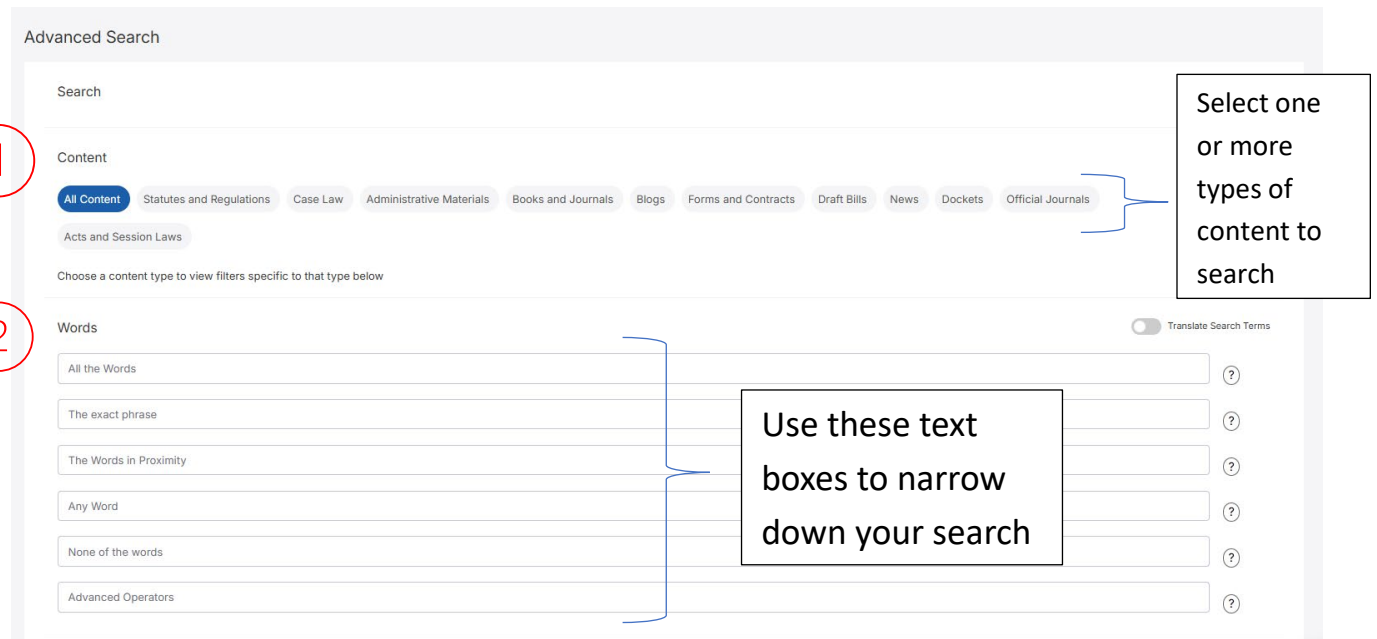
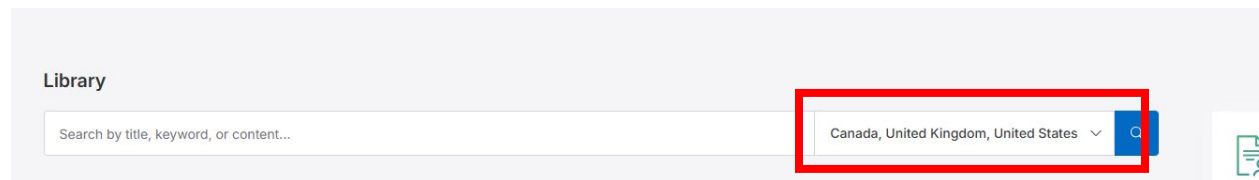


To learn more about using Vincent, check out vLex's support page here:
<https://support.vlex.com/vincent-by-vlex/vincent>.

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search provides several easy ways to find what you are looking for.

Jurisdiction: the default search includes all countries. To change the jurisdiction for your search, you must change this using the drop-down menu at the top of the home page *before* entering the Advanced Search. Once you have identified your preferred jurisdiction(s), you may then proceed to the Advanced Search.



(1) Content: Select the types of content you are interested in using the provided buttons.

(2) Words: Enter your search words or phrases. vLex has separated the search strings into fillable boxes to make searching easier.

3 Filters

Summary

Title

Date

vLex Document ID

Search Save as an alert

(3) Filters: Enter any specific details you know about a document or citation (Summary, Title, vLex Document ID) or identify a preferred date range.

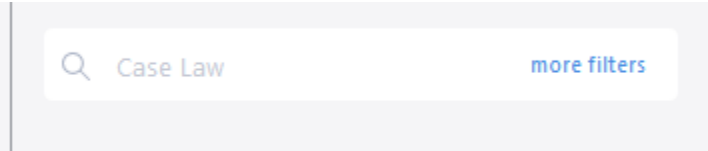
After clicking the **search** button, the results will be presented with additional filters along the left side of the screen to help you narrow down your search, including the option to show only items in the subscription plan so you can easily know what is available for use.

Browsing

If you are looking for a broad subject, or are not sure where to start, you can also browse vLex by selecting the options on the left sidebar.

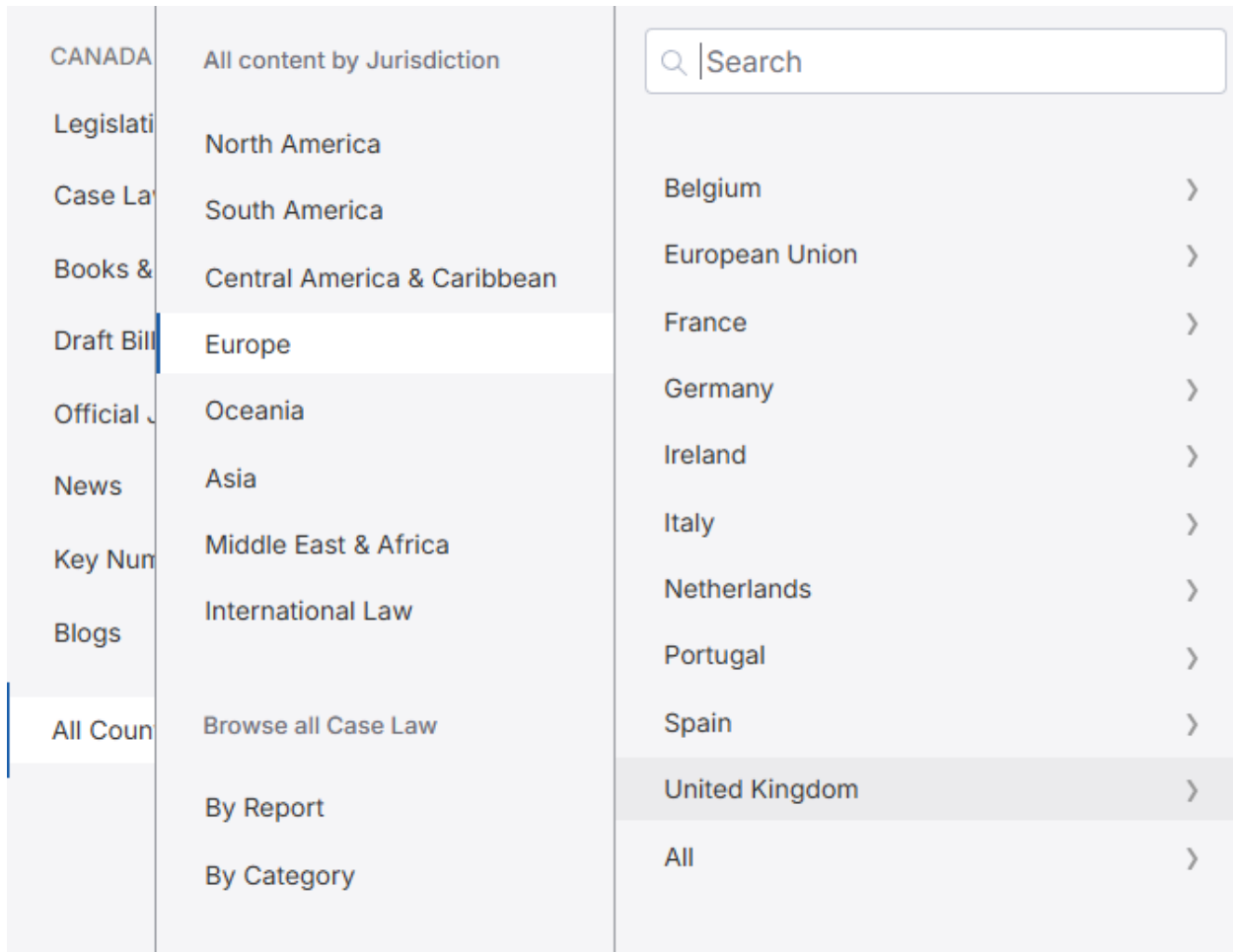
The screenshot shows the vLex website interface. On the left is a blue sidebar with the vLex logo and navigation options: Home, Advanced Search, Browse (highlighted), and Folders. The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column lists categories like CANADA, Legislation, Case Law, Books & Draft Bills, Official Journals, News, Key Numbers, Blogs, and All Countries. The second column shows a search bar and a list of Canadian provinces and territories: Federal, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba (highlighted), New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Yukon. The third column shows search results for 'Acts' and 'Regulations', each with a menu icon, and a 'View all' link.

You can use the nested menus to narrow down your browsing, or you can use the



search bar that appears at the top of each menu to search within the selected option.

By default, the browsing menu will explore Canada. To move to a different jurisdiction, select “All Countries” and then select your desired area.

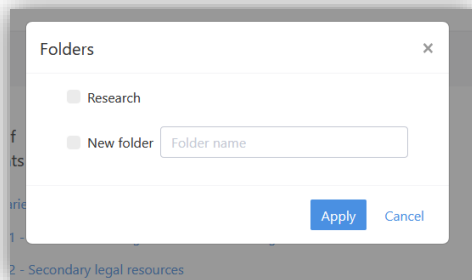
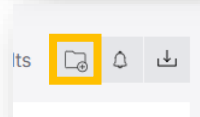
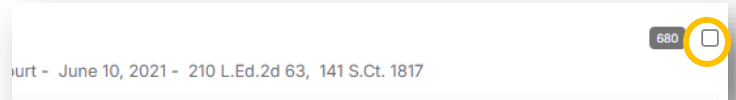


Folders

vLex gives you the option of saving search results into your own folders for later use. This can also help you organize your research for easy access.

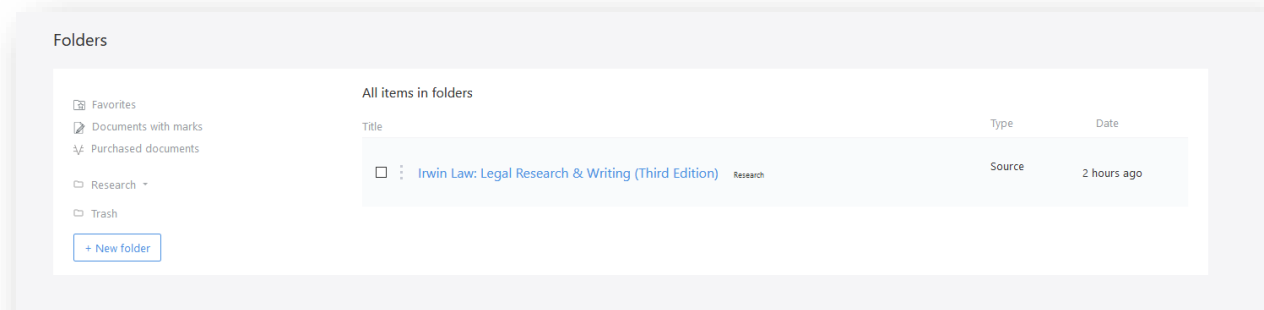
You can save an item by selecting the checkbox to the upper right of the item record...

...and then clicking the folder icon at the top right of the screen.



This will open a pop-up box which will ask you which folder you would like to save it in, or to create a new folder.

To find these items again, click on the 'folders' link on the left sidebar to open your saved folders.



If you have any further questions or need assistance with any of the information provided, do not hesitate to contact staff at the library and we'll be happy to help.



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