

Legal Help - Opinions

Opinion Search

Select search criteria as appropriate. Jurisdiction selection can be by “General”, jurisdiction type (e.g. Towns), or a specific jurisdiction (e.g. Town of Ayer). Additional criteria include a specific opinion number, an opinion type, lawyer assigned to the opinion, latest status, status date range, and creation date range. The date format is MM/DD/YYYY. A two digit year will generate an error message.

Search Opinion

Jurisdiction Selection		
Applicability	Specific Jurisdiction	Get Jurisdiction Types
Jurisdiction Type	CITY	Get Jurisdictions
Jurisdiction	Lawrence - 149	Reset

Advanced Search allows users to search on included or excluded text strings in seven key data fields. **Advanced Search** also allows users to apply AND/OR logic to multiple strings within a data field, e.g. within the Summary field, find all instances of opinions that include the strings “excise” and “8 of 58”. To use AND/OR logic, the user must put AND or OR in brackets, e.g. excise [AND] 8 of 58. Note: Advanced Search criteria will combine with any other search criteria already specified to include or exclude records.

In **Advanced Search**: What is the difference between AND and OR? In a search for all opinions in which “lease” and “Westborough” are significant search criteria and the user wants to search on the Summary field, an INCLUDE search of *lease* [OR] *Westborough* will find all opinions that have either or both of those words. A search of *lease* [AND] *Westborough* will find opinions only where both those words appear in the Summary field. An EXCLUDE search of *lease* [OR] *Westborough* will find all opinions that have neither of those words, while an EXCLUDE search of *lease* [AND] *Westborough* will find all opinions that do not have those words together in the Summary field.

Advanced Search	Include	Exclude
Jurisdiction	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Author	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Keywords	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Statutes	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Cases	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Summary	<input type="text" value="lease [AND] Westborough"/>	<input type="text"/>
Subject	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

When the user has specified the desired search criteria, click the Search button. Any opinions that match the criteria will appear in a results grid. The user can open the opinion record by clicking on the Open button on the line that correctly described that opinion.

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[View Search Criteria](#)

Following Opinion(s) with the matching criteria have been found:
(112 records found)

1 2 3 4 5 6			
Sel	Action	Opinion Number	Summary
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN	EM2008-94	Breda: Under the public records law all records kept by municipal records custodians are public unless specifically confidential pursuant to the p...
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN	EM2007-442	Multi-year lease agreements can raise both municipal finance and procurement issues. As you know, cities and towns may finance purchases of equipmen...
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN	99-563	APPROVED request for authority to abate in order to put into effect an elderly exemption the taxpayer would have been entitled to had she timely filed...
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN	98-743	

After opening an opinion, users can navigate to the previous or next opinion in the results screen by clicking the Previous or Next button that appears at the top of the screen:

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Clicking on the linked numbers will bring up additional screens of results. Clicking on the "View Search Criteria" button, will open the section of the form where you specified search criteria, and you would have the option to amend those criteria and search again.

Alternatively, the user can select one or more or all opinions found and export these to an Excel spreadsheet for further analysis. After clicking the Export to Excel button, the user should save the resulting spreadsheet as an Excel file.

<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN	2007-368	Letter to Commissioner - signed by Director of Accounts DOR cannot authorize Lawrence to issue third quarter preliminary bills for FY08 because it ...	quarterly t quarter pre pro forma
<input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN	87-172		application

1 2 3 4 5 6

Select All

[Export to Excel](#)

To **print** a screen, click on the Printer Friendly link beside Help in the upper right-hand corner. When the image appears, click the Print button.



The **Clear** button clears search criteria below Jurisdiction Selection. The **Reset** button within Jurisdiction Selection acts to clear previous choices among jurisdiction criteria. (Note: clear button does not currently clear entries in EXCLUDE boxes. This is a bug and will be fixed.)

Opinion Maintenance

Click on Opinion Maintenance to enter a new opinion. (Click on Opinion Search to find an existing opinion to select and edit. When you open the opinion in Search, you are automatically moved into Opinion Maintenance.) To enter a new opinion, ensure year is set correctly in Year Maintenance. The system will automatically generate an opinion number with a year prefix determined by the year set in Year Maintenance.

Specify jurisdiction applicability: general, specific type of jurisdiction, or specific jurisdiction. Fill all other fields to properly document the opinion.

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Logged In: David L Davies

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Applicability	Specific Type	<input type="button" value="Get Jurisdiction Types"/>
Jurisdiction Type	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	<input type="button" value="Get Jurisdiction"/>
Jurisdiction	All	<input type="button" value="Reset"/>

Note: The Opinion Number is generated by the system and cannot be edited

Opinion Number	98-802	Date Created	12/7/1998
Opinion Type	--Select Type--	Due Date	
Latest Status	--Select Status--	Latest Status Date	12/21/1998
Author	Andrew J. Santos	Assigned To	Gary A. Blau
Subject	Old Rochester: Advanced Payment Against Sick Leave		
Keywords	sick leave accumulation payment advance earned town employee school committee policy rules regulations		
Statutes	40:21A 41:111B		
Cases	241 M 333 367 M 844 Averell v Newburyport Allen v Sterling		
Summary	School committee has authority to establish sick leave earning and accumulation policy in absence of collective bargaining agreement. Payment in advance of any policy requirement for earned leave		

To attach a document(s) or other type(s) of file(s) to the opinion, detail these in Documents/Tracking, browse to find within network directories and attach. Click Save to finalize. In the event of errors in this operation, repeat and Save.

Documents / Tracking (max 10)
 Note: The Opinion needs to be saved immediately after the document is uploaded.
 In case of any errors after the save, please correct the same and upload the document again

Date	Status	Comment	Document (if any)	Open	Del
6/06/2008	Uploaded	Test document	C:\Documents and Settings [Browse...]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	--Select--		[Browse...]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	--Select--		[Browse...]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For Land of Low Value cases, executed affidavits are uploaded into reserved document rows by affidavit type. Affidavits stored here are available to local officials under Misc Forms/Affidavits.

LOLV Affidavit - Recorded					
Date	Status	Comment	Document (if any)	Open	Del
11/7/2009	--Select--		lolv1.pdf	Download	<input type="checkbox"/>

LOLV Affidavit - Registered					
Date	Status	Comment	Document (if any)	Open	Del
11/7/2009	--Select--		lolv2.pdf	Download	<input type="checkbox"/>

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