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Multifaceted research, the ISLG difference

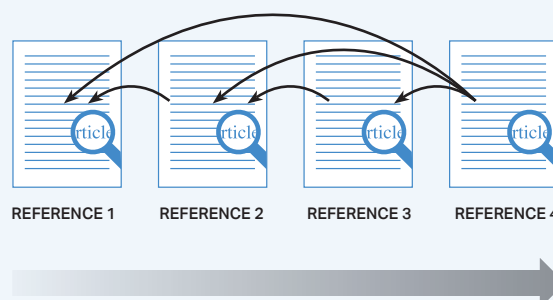
ISLG's five principal research tools facilitate a multifaceted research approach. Each tool allows you to conduct your research with pinpoint accuracy.

1. The Subject Navigator: A fast and efficient way to narrow down and isolate issues relevant to your research, which can then be supplemented through our other Research Tools. It is a vast electronic directory of investment treaty arbitration law which lays out subjects in branches and sub-branches of ever increasing detail. You can survey complex subjects (e.g., fair and equitable treatment) and drill down into the nuances of each issue and sub-issue, ultimately arriving at the specific passage or footnote of a case where that issue or sub-issue is discussed.

2. The Article Citor: Instantly see how specific legal instruments relevant to international investment law have been interpreted by tribunals. By selecting an instrument, or a particular provision within that instrument, you are taken directly to the paragraph(s) or footnote(s) where that instrument/provision has been applied or interpreted by tribunals.

3. The Jurisprudence Citor: Instantly see how specific decisions have been treated by subsequent investment treaty tribunals. This includes both investment and non-investment treaty decisions (e.g., International Court of Justice judgments and GATT/WTO panel and Appellate Body reports). Two types of tools are available: one provides you with the cases where tribunals refer to a decision generally; the second provides you with references to specific paragraph(s), footnote(s) or page(s) of a particular decision. This allows you to effortlessly isolate a specific passage within a decision with Pinpoint Accuracy and quickly determine how that passage has been addressed by subsequent tribunals.

HOW ISLG CONNECTS THE DOTS



ISLG's mapping of cases and legal instruments enables you to see how a particular decision or instrument has been considered by successive tribunals.

4. Terms & Phrases: Look for the meaning of terms and phrases that have been defined in treaties and rules or by arbitration tribunals. This tool is integrated with the other Research Tools, allowing you to easily navigate throughout the database.

5. Full-text Search: Tailor your legal research and control your findings while providing you with the flexibility of a full-text search. Standard functionality combined with the ability to filter results by specific types of decisions (e.g., decisions on interim measures of protection), by country (i.e., all cases involving a particular respondent State(s)), or by applicable treaty or arbitration rules. This tool is also integrated with our other Research Tools, enabling you to complete your research after beginning with a more targeted approach.

A closer look at how ISLG works

Example 1: How to narrow the scope of your research

If you want to see how fair and equitable treatment is addressed under NAFTA, start with the **Subject Navigator**.

- Open branch "F" to find "Fair and Equitable Treatment".
- Open "Fair and Equitable Treatment" to reveal a series of sub-branches concerning this subject and cross-references to other parts of the Navigator, including "For fair and equitable treatment in the context of NAFTA".
- Select this cross-reference to take you to the branch on "Minimum Standard of Treatment", which includes the standard of fair and equitable treatment in Article 1105 of the NAFTA.
- View the text of Article 1105 by selecting the "See NAFTA Article 1105" cross-reference.
- Browse further under this subject, to find the discussion in *S.D. Myers v. Canada*, Partial Award, 13 November 2000, in which the tribunal, at paragraph 263, discussed the minimum standard of treatment.
- Select this branch to link you directly to paragraph 263 of the *S.D. Myers* award.

Browsing the **Subject Navigator** has provided you with two valuable pieces of information:

1. Article 1105 is a provision that is relevant to determining how the standard of fair and equitable treatment is incorporated into the NAFTA; and
2. paragraph 263 of the *S.D. Myers* award interpreted the standard.

Example 2: See how legal instruments are treated by tribunals

Use the **Article Citator** to provide you with further information on NAFTA Article 1105.

- Open the **Article Citator** to provide you with a list of legal instruments that have been interpreted by arbitral tribunals.

- Select "NAFTA" to provide you with a list of Chapters within NAFTA (and other related instruments) that are relevant to investment dispute resolution.
- Select "Chapter 11: Investment" to list all provisions under the Chapter that have been applied or interpreted by tribunals.
- Select "Article 1105" to link you to all decisions that have referred to that article in reverse chronological order.
- Select any listed decision to reveal specific paragraph/footnote numbers, which if selected take you directly to the passage(s) in decisions that have applied or interpreted Article 1105.

Example 3: See how cases are treated by subsequent tribunals

Use the **Jurisprudence Citator** to find further information on paragraph 263 of the *S.D. Myers* award.

- Open the **Jurisprudence Citator** to provide you with three types of jurisprudence: NAFTA, Investment Treaty and Non-Investment Treaty jurisprudence.
- Open "NAFTA Jurisprudence" to reveal a list of disputes in alphabetical order by respondent State.
- Select "*Canada-S.D. Myers, Inc. v. Government of Canada*" to present you with the list of decisions within that dispute (and all paragraphs/footnotes/pages within a particular decision) to which subsequent tribunals have referred, including paragraph 263 of the partial award.
- Select paragraph 263 to provide you with a list of decisions, which if selected will reveal specific paragraph/footnote numbers that link you directly to the passage(s) in the selected decision that refer(s) specifically to paragraph 263.

In three easy steps, you were able to narrow the issue and identify the legal instruments and case law most relevant to your research, and see how such material has been applied by arbitral tribunals. This demonstrates the power of Multifaceted Research and how, in combination with an intuitive and easy to use interface, ISLG can make your research more comprehensive and efficient.



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