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and why is it needed?

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Retained EU Legislation is a new category of legislation content added to our products in light of Brexit. This content has been added to reflect the expansion and modification of the UK statute book under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EU (W)A 2018), including the conversion and preservation of EU-derived legislation in UK law.

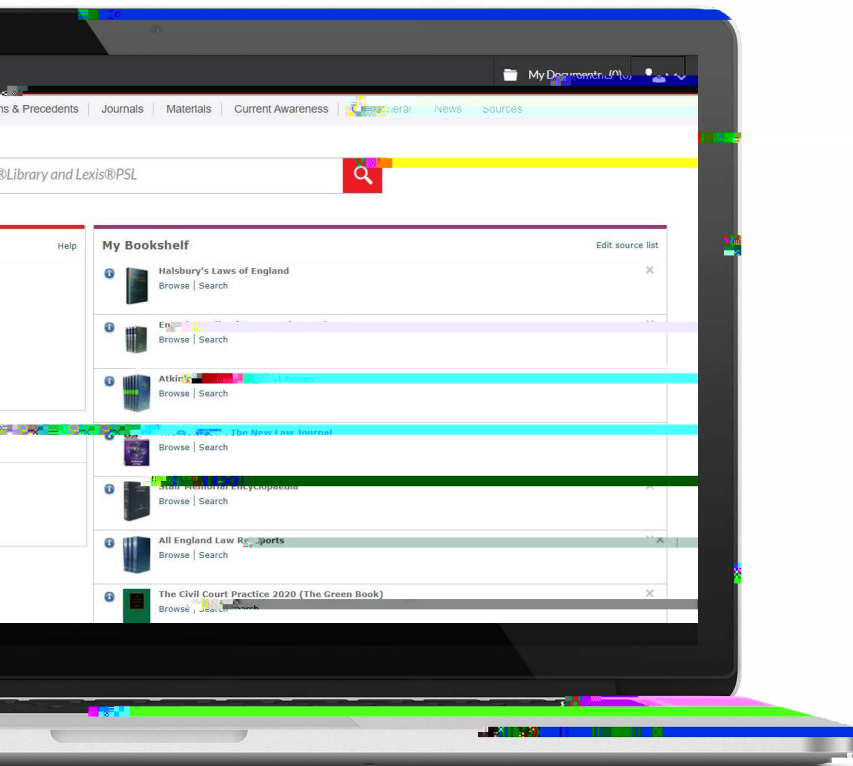
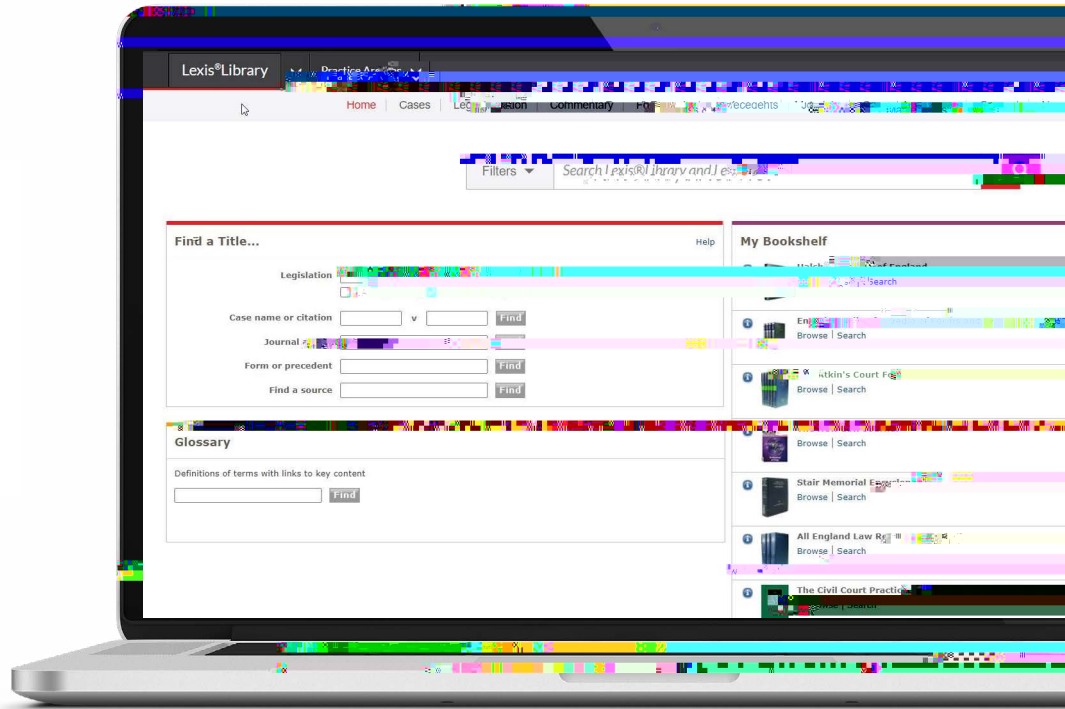
Prior to Brexit, EU law took effect in the UK via the European Communities Act 1972, which was repealed by EU (W)A 2018, s 1 at the point of the UK's exit from the EU (exit day). This repeal was subject to savings and transitional provisions introduced so that EU law could continue to apply in the UK during the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement between the UK and the EU.

For continuity, and to avoid a legal vacuum at the end of the transition period, EU (W)A 2018 takes a snapshot of EU law applicable in the UK at the end of transition (ie the point at which EU law ceases to apply in the UK—referred to in EU (W)A 2018 as 'IP completion day'), bringing it into the UK domestic legal regime as a new category of law—retained EU law.

Retained EU law is a legal concept describing a range of EU-derived legislation, rights, decisions and principles preserved in UK law after Brexit. It is a complex and wide-ranging legal term, defined under EU (W)A 2018. However, there are limits and exceptions to what is retained, and the UK government has powers to introduce amendments in domestic law under EU (W)A 2018.

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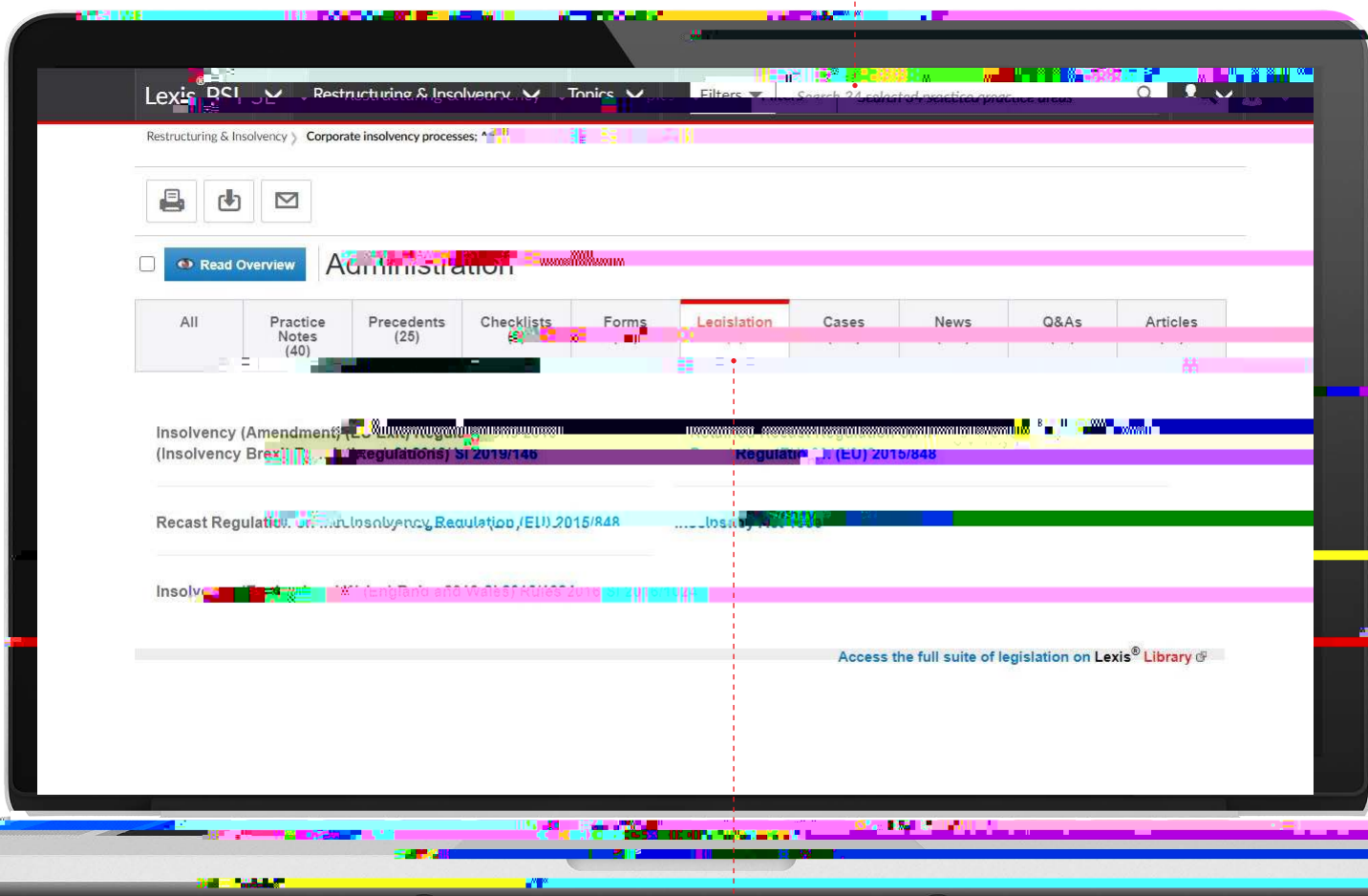


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Links and references to relevant Retained EU Legislation content will also be included in individual items of practical guidance, similar to existing legislative references.

Remember: Determining the exact status of a particular piece or provision of EU-derived legislation in domestic law post-Brexit is a matter of statutory interpretation.

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