








## The *Shepard's Signal*™ indicators

The *Shepard's Signal*™ indicators are integrated into case law documents and provide an immediate indication of the subsequent history and treatment of a particular case. When these codes are present, Nexis Uni® displays one of these signals.

**Note:**

Not every case will have a *Shepard's Signal* indicator.

When a signal is generated from the Subsequent Appellate History, the system looks at the Subsequent Appellate History as a chain of interconnected events. Thus, the phrase generating the signal may be assigned to a decision in that chain that does not apply directly to your case, but may be several links in the chain away from your case.

Indicator	Description
	<b>Warning: Negative treatment is indicated</b> The red <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicator indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> ® Citations Service contain strong negative history or treatment of your case (for example, overruled by or reversed).
	<b>Warning: Negative treatment is indicated for statute</b> The red exclamation point <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicator indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain <i>strong negative treatment of the Shepardized</i> ™ section (for example, the section may have been found to be unconstitutional or void).
	<b>Questioned: Validity questioned by citing references</b> The orange <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicator indicates that the citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain treatment that questions the continuing validity or precedential value of your case because of intervening circumstances, including judicial or legislative overruling.
	<b>Caution: Possible negative treatment indicated</b> The yellow <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicator indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain history or treatment that may have a significant negative impact on your case (for example, limited or criticized by).
	<b>Positive treatment indicated</b> The green <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicator indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain history or treatment that has a positive impact on your case (for example, affirmed or followed by).
	<b>Citing references with analysis available</b> The blue "A" <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicator indicates that citing references in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service contain treatment of your case that is neither positive nor negative (for example, explained).
	<b>Citation information available</b> The blue "I" <i>Shepard's Signal</i> indicator indicates that citing references are available in the <i>Shepard's</i> Citations Service for your case, but the references do not have history or treatment analysis (for example, the references are law review citations).

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