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ABSTRACT: Lexbox is a Google Chrome extension that helps legal researchers organize and monitor their research on legal websites. It enables them to assemble in one central location relevant legal materials from various online sources, and to create personalized alerts related to stored searches.

Legal professionals not only need to access legal information but also to organize, manage and share data on every platform, including mobile devices. Lexbox serves these needs by letting its users create a customizable workspace that is simple and easy-to-use as other popular cloud-based storage services, but adapted to the specific needs of the legal profession. Its current key features include storage of materials in a customized folder structure, search and browsing history, search-based alerts for new contents and e-mail sharing.

Launched in Summer 2015, the current version of Lexbox is fully integrated with the most popular Canadian legal websites such as CanLII and the Supreme Court of Canada decisions website. It is also integrated to various degrees with many other legal websites.

In this session, the vision leading to Lexbox will be discussed with the participants. The technical underpinnings will be sketched. On that basis, Lexbox beta usage over the last six months will be presented and lessons learned will be shared.