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An online collection of traditional literary reference works, contemporary literary criticism on authors and their works, current journal articles plus other resources.

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- After you've logged in scroll down the databases to **Law** and select *AGIS PlusText*.

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- Australian Federal Police Digest (AFPD)
Covers policing, criminology, law enforcement, law, management, occupational health and safety, and social sciences and is produced by the Australian Federal Police Library, Canberra.
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- Attorney-General's Information Service – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Subset (AGIS-ATSIS)
Covers legal issues such as land rights, native title, customary law, Aboriginal deaths in custody, Aborigines in the criminal justice system, racial discrimination, indigenous intellectual property, and Aboriginal youth and juvenile justice, and is produced by the AGIS Section of the Lionel Murphy Library, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in Canberra.
1975 - present [More Information](#)
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Covers all aspects of law and is produced by the AGIS Section of the Lionel Murphy Library, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department in Canberra.
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- Australian Criminology Database (CINCH)
Covers all aspects of crime and criminal justice including corrections, crime, crime prevention, criminal law, criminology, juvenile justice, law enforcement, police and victims of crime and is produced by the JV Barry Library, Australian Institute of Criminology.
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- Click on **Continue** which will take you to the search screen.

Searching for articles

The screenshot shows a search interface with three tabs: Search, Indexes, and Thesauri. The Search tab is active. It features a 'Search Query' box containing 'drugs and crime', two 'in' dropdown menus set to 'any field', and an 'AND' operator dropdown. Below these are checkboxes for 'Full Content Records Only' and 'Date Range' (2004 to 2007), and a 'search' button. To the right of the interface, a list of instructions explains how to use the search query, field functions, and date range, and where to click for full content records and the search button.

- Enter your keywords or phrase in the **Search Query** box. You can use the Field functions if you wish, otherwise just put in all your key words using AND or OR.
- Click on **Full Content Records Only** to get articles in full text.
- Select the **Date Range** if you want recent articles.
- Then click on **Search**.

Results

You will get a list of results with each entry looking similar to this.

The screenshot shows a search result entry for the article 'Specialty courts : current issues and future prospects.' by Jason Payne. Annotations with arrows point to specific parts of the entry: 'TI: title of article' points to the title, 'AU: author of article' points to the author's name, and 'SO: journal name, date and page numbers of article.' points to the journal title and issue information. The entry includes a 'Complete Record' link, a 'Full Text PDF (541kb)' link, and a 'Browse Title' link. The database is identified as 'AGIS Plus Text'.

TI: title of article

AU: author of article

SO: journal name, date and page numbers of article.

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AU: PAYNE Jason
SO: TRENDS AND ISSUES IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (317) June 2006 : 1-6
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Click on **Complete Record** to see a summary of the article. You can use the subjects (next to **SU** heading) of the article to give you ideas for further searches. Click on any of these if you need to broaden your search.

The screenshot shows the article summary page for 'Specialty courts : current issues and future prospects.' by Jason Payne. It lists various subject headings (SU) such as 'COURTS', 'DRUGS AND CRIME', 'DOMESTIC VIOLENCE', 'ABORIGINES', and 'MENTAL ILLNESS'. It also includes other metadata like 'JUR: AUSTRALIA', 'ABI: Yes', and a detailed abstract (AB) about the article's content.

TI: Specialty courts : current issues and future prospects.
AU: PAYNE Jason
SO: TRENDS AND ISSUES IN CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (317) June 2006 : 1-6
JT: Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice
IRF: 317
PG: 1-6
PD: June 2006
PY: 2006
SU: COURTS; DRUGS AND CRIME; DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; ABORIGINES; MENTAL ILLNESS
JUR: AUSTRALIA
ABI: Yes
AB: Examines the history and development of specialty courts in Australia - reviews key evaluations of specialty court programs including drug courts, family and domestic violence courts, indigenous courts and mental impairment courts - future directions include greater collaboration across the states in the development of good practice principles for the delivery of targeted interventions.

How do I get the article?

If there is a **Full Text PDF** link you can read the article directly online and print it out. If there is no full text, check your library catalogue for a print copy of the journal.

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