**Issue Sentence:** Put your research issue in a single simple sentence.

**Terms:** Go to your issue sentence and underline the key legal and factual terms.

**Alternatives:** Consider all reasonable synonyms and antonyms for your key terms.

**Expanders:** Use the root expander and wild card characters to increase alternatives.

**Connectors:** Link your ideas with the **or** and **and** or other connectors.

**Database:** Choose the smallest, most precise database for your search.