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- K** Display a list of all *Shepard's* Signal™ indicators and definitions.
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The screenshot displays the LexisNexis Total Research System interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Search, Research Tasks, Search Advisor, and Get a Document. The main content area shows the results for the case *McNeil v. Economics Laboratory, Inc.*, 800 F.2d 111, 1986 U.S. App. LEXIS 29174. The interface includes a Shepard's Summary section with a warning icon and text: "Warning - Negative treatment is indicated". Below this, there are sections for Citing References, Prior History, and Subsequent Appellate History. A navigation bar at the bottom allows users to move between different views of the results.



At-A-Glance

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Editorial Analyses

The following list includes some of the most commonly used *Shepard's* editorial analysis codes. For complete lists, consult on-screen information or the tables of abbreviations in print.

Cases

Print	Electronic	Definition
a	◆ Affirmed	On appeal, reconsideration or rehearing, the citing case affirms or adheres to the case you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> .
c	▲ Criticized	The citing case disagrees with the reasoning/result of the case you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> , although the citing court may not have the authority to materially affect its precedential value.
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r	● Reversed	On appeal, reconsideration or rehearing, the citing case reverses the case you are <i>Shepardizing</i> .

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Print	Electronic	Definition
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C	Constitutional	The citing case upholds the constitutionality of the statute, rule or regulation you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> .
i	Interpreted or Construed	The citing opinion interprets the statute, rule or regulation you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> in some significant way, often including a discussion of the statute's legislative history.
R	Repealed	The citing reference, typically a session law or other record of legislative action, repeals or abrogates the statute you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> .
U	Unconstitutional	The citing case declares unconstitutional the statute, rule or regulation you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> .
Va	Valid	The citing case upholds the validity of the statute, rule or regulation or order you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> .
V	Void or Invalid	The citing case declares void or invalid the statute, rule, regulation or order you are researching in <i>Shepard's</i> because it conflicts with an authority that takes priority.

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