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• Market-leading content
• Tradition of editorial excellence
• Commitment to accuracy

Using intelligent information as the building blocks for the next generation of online research, WestlawNext adds technology enhancements that no other legal research service delivers:

• WestSearch®, the world’s most advanced legal search engine
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Market-Leading Content

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Primary Law

It’s the cornerstone of legal research and WestlawNext provides exclusive access to the leading primary law publications.

Caselaw: WestlawNext has the most comprehensive collection of cases and offers exclusive online access to the National Reporter System®. WestlawNext’s depth of caselaw coverage is unsurpassed, going back further than any other online research service. Also, the currency of WestlawNext’s caselaw content is unmatched, with rulings from the U.S. Supreme Court typically published online within five minutes of the decision. All other cases are posted within a few hours to a few days of receipt.

Other Primary Law: With exclusive online access to USCA® and the industry’s only annotated CFR – West’s® Annotated Code of Federal Regulations – WestlawNext offers the most comprehensive collection of statutes, regulations, court rules, and administrative materials. Nationwide coverage of state administrative codes, federal and state court rules, and annotated, indexed statutes for all 50 states and the District of Columbia, provides all the same titles found in law libraries across the United States – online, all in one place.

Exclusive Analytical Materials

Access the industry’s most well-respected analytical content. No other legal research provider offers the complete ALR® (American Law Reports) series, which is one of the leading research and case-finding tools. WestlawNext also has an unparalleled collection of top analytical resources, such as Wright & Miller Federal Practice and Procedure®, C.J.S.® (Corpus Juris Secundum®), COA® (Causes of Action), the complete Am Jur® Library, the complete Restatements of the Law, and more. With literally thousands of treatises, journals, and authoritative texts for the legal profession, you can be confident that you’ll find all the information you need.

Premier Litigation Materials

No other service even comes close to matching WestlawNext’s online collection of state and federal Appellate Briefs (more than 2.4 million – covering all 50 states) and Trial Court Documents (more than 5.8 million – covering all 50 states). WestlawNext’s unsurpassed litigation offering also includes Trial Court Orders, Expert Testimony, and Courtroom Transcripts with audio and video.
Tradition of Editorial Excellence

For over 125 years, West attorney-editors have been analyzing, categorizing, and summarizing the law and building tools to help researchers understand the law and find on-point materials quickly.

Westlaw has hundreds of attorney-editors on staff with, on average, more than 10 years of experience in the profession and they’re grouped into specific practice areas so they know their assigned area of law inside and out.

West Key Number System

The West Key Number System® is the de facto classification system for all American law. West attorney-editors index cases under more than 400 topics and 98,000 points of law, allowing you to quickly find other cases that address your exact point of law in any jurisdiction. West Topic and Key Numbers also help you quickly find cases stating or applying a legal concept, even if those terms are not in the opinion.

West Headnotes

Points of law within a case are summarized in a West headnote that either lays out the blackletter law or applies the law to the facts of the case – making it easier to quickly review the important issues of an opinion. Each year, roughly 450,000 headnotes are categorized into the West Key Number System, the most comprehensive legal indexing system for caselaw. West attorney-editors also add search terms to cases, including legal synonyms, acronyms, generic names, terms of art, and the legal relationship of the parties, so your searches are likely to retrieve more on-point cases that would have otherwise been missed.

West Annotations and Indexes

WestlawNext’s comprehensive collection of state and federal annotated statutes and the industry’s only annotated CFR make the law easier to find and interpret. West’s notes of decisions (or “annotations”) provide brief summaries of the important cases that interpret a statute, giving you the complete picture of how the statute is construed and applied by the courts. Searching annotated statutes and regulations will retrieve relevant documents that a text-only search might miss.

WestlawNext is also the only online provider of alphabetical indexes for statutes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the USCA®, and the CFR. With more than 20 million references categorized by topic, WestlawNext’s online indexes provide quick links to the most relevant statutes and regulations, without having to run a search.

Commitment to Accuracy

You’ll have the most reliable, accurate, and current authority available.

KeyCite

KeyCite® is the industry’s most complete, accurate, and up-to-the-minute citation service. KeyCite combines West’s tradition of editorial excellence with its leading-edge technological expertise to make verifying legal research easier and more efficient than ever. Use it to instantly verify whether a case, statute, regulation, or administrative decision is good law, and to find citing references to support your legal argument.

Save time by having the most important information available immediately – the Most Negative Treatment Citation provides critical details about the negative treatment that generated a red or yellow KeyCite flag, right on the face of the document. And West editorial systems ensure the information you are relying on is accurate and up to date. Once a case is received, you’ll see its direct history and precedential changes on KeyCite within 24 hours.

Plus, in one click, Graphical KeyCite® offers a pictorial view of your case’s direct history. It’s the fastest way to see how a case has moved through the court system. Graphical Statutes® shows the evolution of a statute in an easy-to-read, easy-to-navigate display with prior, current, and future versions of the statute, as well as pending legislation and legislative history affecting the statute. It’s the fastest way to understand changes in the law and locate relevant legislative history.

Easily monitor new information affecting the status of your case, statute, regulation, or administrative decision and stay on top of late-breaking changes. KeyCite Alert automatically sends you updates when a document’s KeyCite information changes and it notifies you at whatever frequency you specify.

Editorial Corrections

Our 22-step editorial process ensures that every arriving case is thoroughly checked for accuracy before it’s posted to WestlawNext. West attorney-editors work closely with the courts to identify and correct errors ranging from erroneous citations to misspellings to substantive factual and legal inaccuracies. On average, over 100,000 errors by the court are identified and corrected each year.
THE WESTLAW NEXT DIFFERENCE: INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

The World’s Most Advanced Legal Search Engine

WestSearch was developed in-house by top lawyers, technologists, and scientists that understand the nuances of the law and the important, key connections that need to be made for meaningful research.

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For well over 125 years, West attorney-editors have been analyzing, categorizing, and summarizing the law and building proprietary tools to help researchers find on-point materials quickly – tools like the West Key Number System, KeyCite, headnotes, notes of decisions, proprietary indexes, and leading publications like American Law Reports (ALR), American Jurisprudence (Am Jur), Corpus Juris Secundum (C.J.S.), Causes of Action (COA), and the only annotated Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

This editorial excellence is at the heart of WestSearch, the world’s most advanced legal search engine. WestSearch combines market-leading content with advanced search technology to deliver the best results – including relevant documents that use phrasing different from your query. Find what you need in minutes, not hours. Simply enter a query using simple descriptive terms, then choose a jurisdiction or practice area. WestSearch searches tens of thousands of databases – the world’s most comprehensive, most trusted collection of legal content – gathered from Westlaw’s close relationship with the courts, legislatures, and leading authors of analytical content. WestSearch identifies which documents are most relevant – using term matching, legal concepts, document characteristics, and search patterns – and places the most relevant documents on top of the list. With results ranked by relevance, you can do research faster, and with confidence that you haven’t missed anything.

Proven Efficiencies

With its intuitive design, dramatically improved search, and new organization tools, WestlawNext decreases the time it takes to do research. In fact, a study proved that researchers who used WestlawNext completed research 64% faster. The 2010 study, conducted by the Legal Research Center, involved 100 participating attorneys. The study compared the performance of identical legal research assignments and WestlawNext proved to be more efficient on all five of the research projects.
Share Research More Efficiently

WestlawNext research collaboration and organization tools save you time, help control costs, and enable better client service.

**Project Folders**
Project Folders allow you to drag and drop key documents and text snippets into folders organized by issue, client, or topic, which puts all vital information in one place for quicker access later. Create an unlimited number of folders and store as many documents as you wish, without limits. Documents saved to WestlawNext folders are automatically updated so you can be confident that they are current and still valid law. Also, access viewed documents stored in folders at no charge for up to a year.

**Folder Sharing**
When someone else has already done the research you’re about to do, that’s the biggest time-saver of all. Folder sharing on WestlawNext enables you to tap into previous research across department and organizational boundaries like never before – with instant access to shared documents from any computer. Researchers can save documents and selected text to online folders in WestlawNext that can be made available to all members of the research team, even those who are outside your organization. It gives everyone on the team a way to contribute to and draw from a growing repository of increasingly valuable knowledge. Research can take minutes instead of hours when you’re not reinventing the wheel.

**Notes and Highlighting**
Highlight text within a document online as you do with print materials, so when you return to the document, you’re already focused. Type your own personal research notes on a document for future reference, make a note to yourself to follow up on something, and overall, keep your thought process going and productively captured. When you download or email documents, you can choose to include your annotations or omit them for a clean copy.

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**WestlawNext iPad App**
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