Bankruptcy is a federal statutory procedure in which an insolvent debtor is relieved of most debts by means of a judicially supervised reorganization or liquidation for the benefit of the bankrupt’s creditors. This quick reference guide highlights the bankruptcy content on Westlaw and shows you how to retrieve relevant documents.

**Bankruptcy Law**
Bankruptcy law practice typically involves issues relating to the debtor-creditor relationship. Bankruptcy issues may overlap many state and federal practice areas, including litigation, real estate transactions, landlord-tenant law, intellectual property, and contracts.

**Bankruptcy law resources on Westlaw**
Westlaw includes an extensive collection of bankruptcy law materials, including primary law, secondary sources, public records, forms, and dockets. In each category listed below, a few key databases are highlighted. These databases and other bankruptcy-related resources can be accessed at the tabbed Bankruptcy Practitioner page, shown on the following page.

Remember that the easiest way to retrieve a specific document when you have the citation is to use the Find service. Click Find&Print at the top of any page to access the Find service.

**Statutes and regulations**
Case law
Court decisions that construe and review bankruptcy laws, regulations, and agency decisions are another important source of information when you research bankruptcy law. The Federal Bankruptcy–Cases database (FBKR-CS) includes cases from federal courts that relate to federal bankruptcy laws and matters subject to bankruptcy jurisdiction.

Forms
The Westlaw eforms: Bankruptcy database (FBKR-FRMS) includes bankruptcy-related federal court forms. To quickly access this database, click Official Bankruptcy Forms in the Bankruptcy Forms section of the Bankruptcy Practitioner page.

Secondary sources
The Bankruptcy–Law Reviews, Texts, and Bar Journals database (BKR-TP) includes analytical texts, law reviews, and legal periodicals that discuss federal bankruptcy laws and matters subject to bankruptcy jurisdiction. Among the leading texts and treatises available on Westlaw is Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice 3d, a comprehensive survey of all aspects of bankruptcy law and procedure, available in the Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice 3d database (NRTN-BLP) database. The 2005 Bankruptcy Reform Legislation with Analysis treatise, available in the 2005 Bankruptcy Reform Legislation with Analysis database (BAPCPA), analyzes the changes made by the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 to the Bankruptcy Code.