Family law is the body of law that deals with the traditional landscape of family relationships as well as important new legislation and case law relating to areas such as domestic partnerships, same-sex marriage, parentage, and adoption. This quick reference guide highlights the family law resources on Westlaw and shows you how to retrieve relevant documents.

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Family law practice typically involves issues such as those relating to marriage, divorce, child custody and support, child abuse and neglect, adoption, paternity, and other domestic-relations issues. Other areas of law, such as tax, bankruptcy, estate planning, and criminal, are often a part of the decision-making process in practice of family law.

**Family law resources on Westlaw**

Westlaw includes an extensive collection of family law materials, including state and federal primary law, secondary sources, forms, and briefs. In each category listed below, a few key databases are highlighted. These databases and other family law–related resources can be accessed at the tabbed Family Law Practitioner page, shown on the following page.

Remember that the easiest way to retrieve a specific document when you know the citation is to use the Find service. Click **Find&Print** at the top of any page to access the Find service.
State statutes and court rules
Statutes and court rules that relate to family law are contained in the Individual State Statutes–Annotated (XX-ST-ANN), where XX is a state’s two-letter postal abbreviation, e.g., CA-ST-ANN. To quickly access a state’s child support guidelines, click a state-specific link such as California Child Support Guidelines in the Statutes and Administrative Materials section of the Family Law Practitioner page.

State case law
Court decisions that construe and review family-related laws and regulations are another important source of information when you research family law. State family law cases are found in the Individual State Family Law Cases databases (XXFL-CS), where XX is a state’s two-letter postal abbreviation, e.g., CAFL-CS.

Federal family law materials
Federal statutes pertaining to family law are contained in the Federal Family Law–U.S. Code Annotated database (FFL-USCA). Cases from all federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, pertaining to family law are found in the Federal Family Law–Cases database (FFL-CS).

Forms, checklists, and clauses
The All State and General Family Law Forms, Clauses, and Checklists database (FAMFORM-ALL) contains forms, clauses, and checklists that are helpful in the practice of family law. To retrieve state-specific forms, clauses, and checklists, click a link, when available, in the Forms, Checklists, and Clauses section of the Family Law Practitioner page.