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- 1872** John B. West establishes himself as Minnesota's first full-time law book salesman. Doing business as John B. West, Publisher and Bookseller, he sells law treatises, dictionaries, and office supplies. He also trades in new and used court reports.
- 1876** West's brother Horatio joins him in publishing *The Syllabi*, a weekly pamphlet containing excerpts from Minnesota court decisions. The publication is an immediate success.
- 1877** *The Syllabi* is replaced by *North Western Reporter*, publishing the full text of all current decisions from Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and the Dakota Territory.
- 1877–** *Federal Reporter* and *Supreme Court Reporter* are
1889 introduced.
- 1887** West brings order to American case reporting by introducing the National Reporter System, the first national case reporter. These seven geographical reporters feature high-quality editing, rapid publication of cases, and a uniform format.
- 1895** The Hornbook Series for law schools is initiated.

- 1897–1906** West develops the West Key Number System, which classifies points of law and allows researchers to search systematically for on-point cases.
- 1910** West publishes the first law school casebooks, introducing the modern practice of teaching U.S. law through the use of actual cases.
- 1926** The federal government asks West and another publisher to help organize and publish the *United States Code*.
- 1927** West publishes the *United States Code Annotated*, the first annotated federal code.
- 1975** West introduces Westlaw.
- 1992** West introduces Natural Language searching, enabling researchers to search Westlaw using plain English.
- 1996** Thomson Legal Publishing purchases West Publishing and combines West with other Thomson legal publishers to form West Group.
- 1999** West introduces the breakthrough citation research service, KeyCite.
- 2007** West welcomes you to your place in the history and future of American law.

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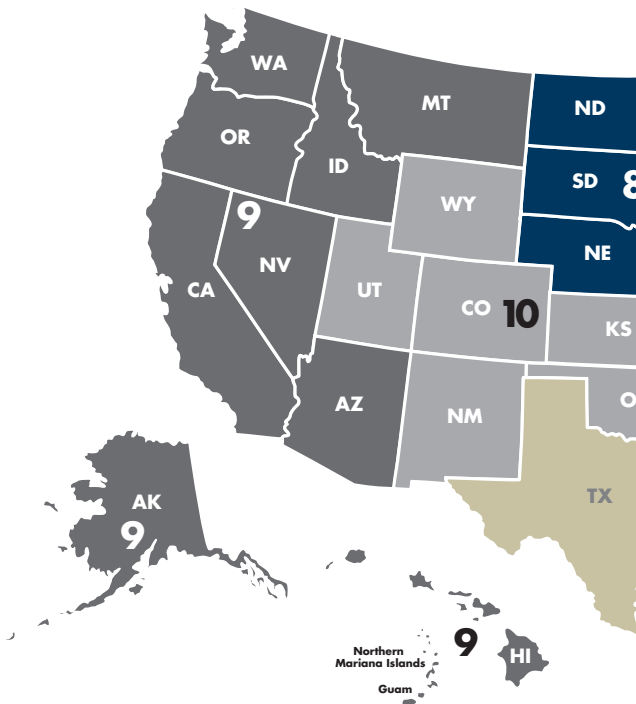
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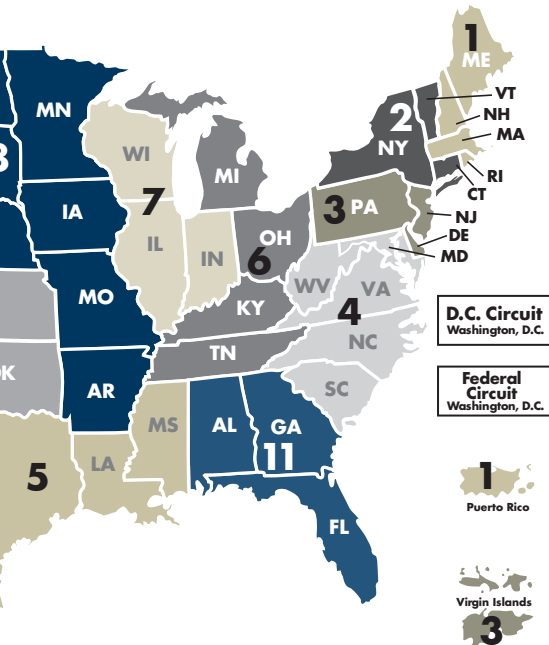
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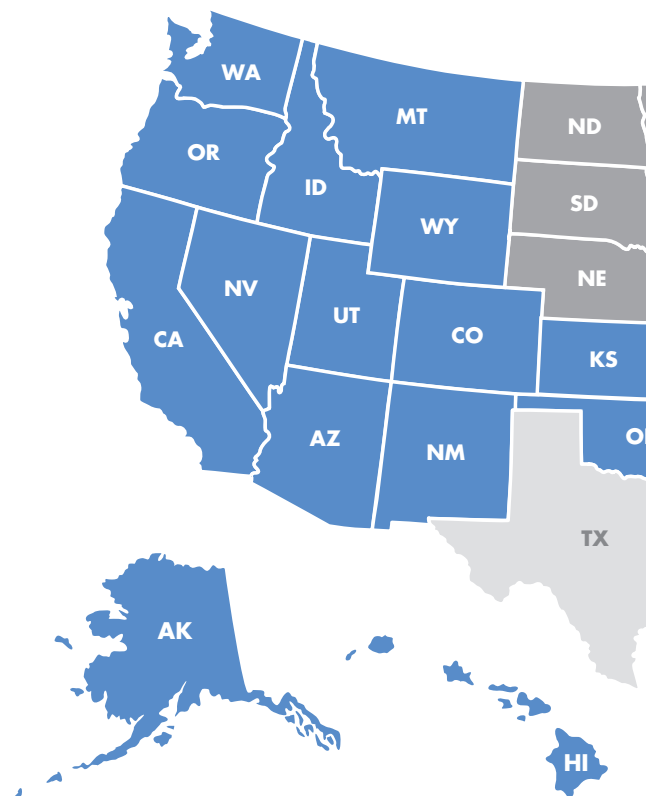
To find the applicable law for a federal case, you must research the law of the appropriate United States court of appeals. The U.S. courts of appeals are intermediate appellate courts, subject to the appellate review of the United States Supreme Court. There are 11 numbered federal circuit courts of appeals, plus the U.S. Court of



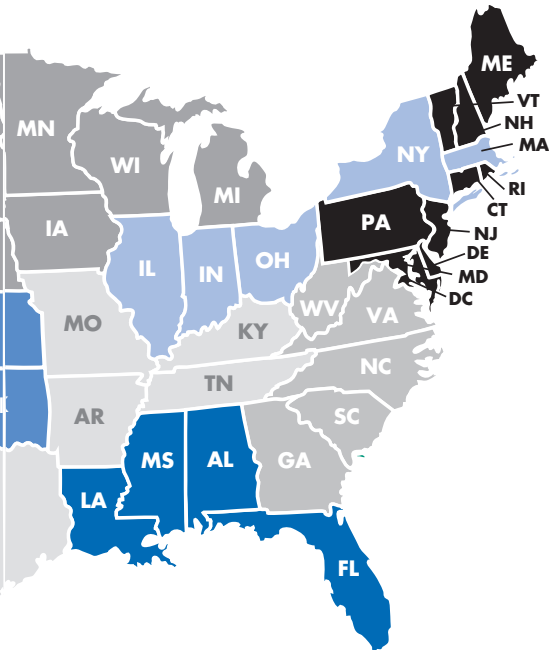
Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. All federal lower (district) courts that fall within the jurisdiction of a federal circuit court of appeals are bound by its decisions. The following map shows how the circuits are divided.



WEST'S NATIONAL REPORTER SYSTEM



To look for a specific case in one of the seven regional reporters in West's National Reporter System, you must know in which regional reporter your state's cases are published. The following map shows the geographic area encompassed by each region.



Pacific	North Western	South Western	North Eastern	Southern	South Eastern	Atlantic
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THE WEST KEY NUMBER SYSTEM

One of the unique features of West is the West Key Number System. For more than 100 years, the West Key Number System (sometimes referred to as “The Index to American Law”) has made legal research easier and faster by offering researchers a systematic way to search for cases that contain a specific point of law.

After carefully reading and analyzing a judicial opinion, West’s attorney-editors assign each point of law in the opinion to one or more of the 400-plus topics shown on the following pages.

To help you pinpoint your research, each topic is further divided into subtopics, each of which is assigned a specific key number. At present, there are more than 100,000 individual key numbers—West’s way of making sure your research is always as precise and accurate as possible.

THE WEST KEY NUMBER SYSTEM DIGEST TOPICS BY PRACTICE AREA

Antitrust

- 29T Antitrust and Trade
Regulation
265 Monopolies

Bankruptcy

- 51 Bankruptcy
117T Debtor and Creditor
163 Exemptions
202 Homestead

Business Organizations

- 41 Associations
52 Banks and Banking
54 Beneficial
Associations
65 Brokers
66 Building and Loan
Associations
70 Carriers
71 Cemeteries
75 Charities
80 Clubs
81 Colleges and
Universities
101 Corporations
108A Credit Reporting
Agencies
145 Electricity
167 Factors
190 Gas
213 Innkeepers
224 Joint Adventures

- 225 Joint-Stock
Companies and
Business Trusts
241E Limited Liability
Companies
289 Partnership
317A Public Utilities
320 Railroads
332 Religious Societies
345 Schools
372 Telecommunications
396A Urban Railroads

Civil Procedure – Federal

- 2 Abatement and
Revival
13 Action
25T Alternative Dispute
Resolution
48 Audita Querela
96 Contribution
106 Courts
115 Damages
118A Declaratory
Judgment
135 Domicile
143 Election of Remedies
156 Estoppel
157 Evidence
158 Exceptions, Bill of
170A Federal Civil
Procedure
170B Federal Courts

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197	Habeas Corpus	123	Deposits in Court
212	Injunction	135	Domicile
222	Interpleader	143	Election of Remedies
227	Judges	150	Equity
228	Judgment	156	Estoppel
230	Jury	157	Evidence
241	Limitation of Actions	158	Exceptions, Bill of
250	Mandamus	161	Execution
314	Prohibition	189	Garnishment
319	Quo Warranto	197	Habeas Corpus
334	Removal of Cases	212	Injunction
378	Time	222	Interpleader
394	United States Magistrates	227	Judges
410	Witnesses	228	Judgment
		230	Jury
		231	Justices of the Peace
		241	Limitation of Actions
		242	Lis Pendens
		250	Mandamus
		267	Motions
		271	Ne Exeat
		275	New Trial
		277	Notice
		287	Parties
		302	Pleading
		307A	Pretrial Procedure
		313	Process
		314	Prohibition
		319	Quo Warranto
		322	Real Actions
		327	Reference
		334	Removal of Cases
		339	Review
		346	Scire Facias
Civil Procedure – State			
2	Abatement and Revival		
13	Action		
21	Affidavits		
25T	Alternative Dispute Resolution		
30	Appeal and Error		
31	Appearance		
44	Attachment		
48	Audita Querela		
73	Certiorari		
96	Contribution		
102	Costs		
105	Court Commissioners		
106	Courts		
115	Damages		
118A	Declaratory Judgment		

- 351 Sequestration
- 352 Set-Off and Counterclaim
- 363 Stipulations
- 370 Supersedeas
- 378 Time
- 388 Trial
- 401 Venue
- 410 Witnesses

Commercial Law

- 29T Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- 38 Assignments
- 51 Bankruptcy
- 52 Banks and Banking
- 56 Bills and Notes
- 70 Carriers
- 76 Chattel Mortgages
- 92B Consumer Credit
- 95 Contracts
- 117T Debtor and Creditor
- 186 Fraudulent Conveyances
- 219 Interest
- 278 Novation
- 294 Payment
- 343 Sales
- 349A Secured Transactions
- 403 Warehousemen

Communications

- 92 Constitutional Law
- 99 Copyrights and Intellectual Property

- 237 Libel and Slander
- 306 Postal Service
- 372 Telecommunications

Criminal Justice

- 18 Adulteration
- 19 Adultery
- 35 Arrest
- 36 Arson
- 37 Assault and Battery
- 55 Bigamy
- 62 Breach of the Peace
- 63 Bribery
- 67 Burglary
- 88 Compounding Offenses
- 91 Conspiracy
- 96H Controlled Substances
- 98 Convicts
- 103 Counterfeiting
- 110 Criminal Law
- 129 Disorderly Conduct
- 130 Disorderly House
- 131 District and Prosecuting Attorneys
- 133 Disturbance of Public Assemblage
- 135H Double Jeopardy
- 146 Embezzlement
- 151 Escape
- 165 Extortion and Threats
- 166 Extradition and Detainers

- 393 United States
- 413 Workers' Compensation

Energy

- 145 Electricity
- 190 Gas
- 260 Mines and Minerals
- 317A Public Utilities
- 362 Steam
- 402 War and National Emergency

Environmental Law

- 23 Agriculture
- 145 Electricity
- 149E Environmental Law
- 176 Fish
- 187 Game
- 260 Mines and Minerals
- 270 Navigable Waters
- 279 Nuisance
- 405 Waters and Water Courses
- 414 Zoning and Planning

Estate Planning

- 17 Adoption
- 75 Charities
- 76H Children Out-of-Wedlock
- 124 Descent and Distribution
- 136 Dower and Curtesy

- 162 Executors and Administrators
- 191 Gifts
- 220 Internal Revenue
- 226 Joint Tenancy
- 240 Life Estates
- 298 Perpetuities
- 307 Powers
- 333 Remainders
- 371 Taxation
- 373 Tenancy in Common
- 390 Trusts
- 409 Wills

Family Law

- 4 Abortion and Birth Control
- 17 Adoption
- 76D Child Custody
- 76E Child Support
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- 207 Incest
- 211 Infants
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Financial Institutions

- 52 Banks and Banking
- 66 Building and Loan Associations
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108A Credit Reporting
Agencies

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Government Contracts

64 Bridges

68 Canals

81 Colleges and
Universities

104 Counties

132 District of Columbia

137 Drains

200 Highways

235 Levees and Flood
Control

268 Municipal
Corporations

316A Public Contracts

345 Schools

360 States

375 Territories

381 Towns

393 United States

405 Waters and Water
Courses

Health

43 Asylums and Assisted
Living Facilities

76A Chemical Dependents

96H Controlled
Substances

198H Health

257A Mental Health

356A Social Security and
Public Welfare

Immigration

24 Aliens, Immigration,
and Citizenship

Insurance

217 Insurance

356A Social Security and
Public Welfare

392T Unemployment
Compensation

413 Workers'
Compensation

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Regulation

99 Copyrights and
Intellectual Property

291 Patents

379 Torts

382T Trademarks

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and Citizenship

26 Ambassadors and
Consuls

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221 International Law

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402 War and National
Emergency

Juvenile Justice

211 Infants

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- 25T Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 45 Attorney and Client
- 46 Attorney General
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- 105 Court Commissioners
- 106 Courts
- 131 District and Prosecuting Attorneys
- 227 Judges
- 231 Justices of the Peace
- 276 Notaries
- 327 Reference
- 394 United States Magistrates

Maritime Law

- 16 Admiralty
- 82 Collision
- 172 Ferries
- 252 Maritime Liens
- 270 Navigable Waters
- 300 Pilots
- 344 Salvage
- 348 Seamen
- 354 Shipping
- 408 Wharves

Medicare and Medicaid

- 198H Health

Military Law

- 34 Armed Services
- 258A Military Justice

- 259 Militia
- 402 War and National Emergency

Products Liability

- 48B Aviation
- 145 Electricity
- 164 Explosives
- 178 Food
- 190 Gas
- 313A Products Liability
- 406 Weapons

Professional Malpractice

- 11A Accountants
- 45 Attorney and Client
- 65 Brokers
- 198H Health
- 211 Infants
- 257A Mental Health
- 272 Negligence
- 332 Religious Societies
- 345 Schools

Real Property

- 6 Abstracts of Title
- 15 Adjoining Landowners
- 20 Adverse Possession
- 59 Boundaries
- 65 Brokers
- 66 Building and Loan Associations
- 84 Common Lands
- 89A Condominium

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184	Fraud
190	Gas
198H	Health
213	Innkeepers
233	Landlord and Tenant
237	Libel and Slander
249	Malicious Prosecution
272	Negligence
279	Nuisance
313A	Products Liability
315T	Public Amusement and Entertainment
320	Railroads
350	Seduction
354	Shipping
379	Torts
386	Trespass
389	Trover and Conversion
404	Waste
406	Weapons

Transportation

16	Admiralty
48A	Automobiles
48B	Aviation
64	Bridges
68	Canals
70	Carriers
82	Collision
83	Commerce
172	Ferries
200	Highways
320	Railroads
348	Seamen
354	Shipping
391	Turnpikes and Toll Roads

Unemployment Compensation

356A	Social Security and Public Welfare
392T	Unemployment Compensation

MOVING ONLINE:
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WESTLAW INFORMATION

Helping you do research as accurately and efficiently as possible is what Westlaw is all about. And while no single technique is right for every situation, the Westlaw Research Pyramid and the Westlaw research tips (on the following pages) are excellent places to begin.

THE WESTLAW RESEARCH PYRAMID

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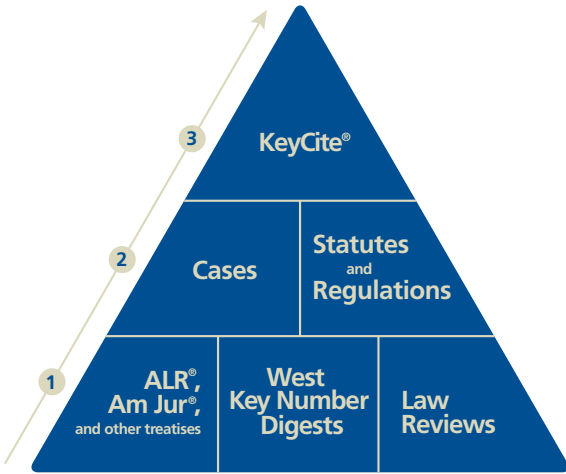
Gather background information from secondary sources—*American Law Reports* (ALR), *American Jurisprudence 2d* (Am Jur 2d), law reviews and journals, and West key number digests—to understand your issue and find leads to primary law.

2

Analyze relevant primary sources—cases, statutes, and regulations.

3

Update your research with KeyCite, West's citation research service.



The Westlaw Research Pyramid

WESTLAW RESEARCH TIPS

Where do I start my research?

Wondering where to begin? Resources such as law reviews and legal texts can provide you with background information on a topic. When you need more information about an issue, start with the following:

Law reviews and bar journals

Recent law review articles are a good place to start researching a legal issue because law review articles can serve as

- an introduction to a new topic
- a source of terminology you can use to formulate a search
- a review of a topic with which you are familiar
- a tool to lead you to pertinent primary authority, such as cases and statutes
- persuasive secondary authority, in some instances

For example, suppose you want to learn more about the standards for summary judgment.

1. Access the Journals and Law Reviews database (JLR) and click the **Natural Language** tab if it is not already selected.
2. Type a description such as **what is the standard for granting summary judgment** in the *Search* text box and click **Search Westlaw**.

Restatements of the Law

Westlaw contains the full text of more than a dozen of the American Law Institute's current Restatements of the Law,

covering such topics as conflict of laws, contracts, judgments, products liability, property, restitution, and torts. The restatements analyze current law, explain the most accepted interpretations given by the courts, and look at the direction in which the law is moving.

For example, suppose you are researching the effect of impossibility of performance.

1. Access the Restatement of the Law–Contracts database (REST-CONTR) and click the **Natural Language** tab if it is not already selected.
2. Type **what is the effect of impossibility of performance** in the *Search* text box and click **Search Westlaw**.

American Law Reports (ALR)

Search the American Law Reports database (ALR) to find a thorough discussion of case law relating to a particular legal issue. Attorneys who write ALR articles have already analyzed the available American cases on the issue and have prepared a detailed discussion of the legal principles deduced from the cases.

To browse the ALR index, complete these steps:

1. Access the ALR database and click the **Terms and Connectors** tab if it is not already selected.
2. Type **ci(index)** in the *Search* text box and click **Search Westlaw**.
3. At the next page, click **Continue Search** if necessary. The first document in your result contains a list of all topics in the index.

American Jurisprudence 2d (Am Jur 2d)

The American Jurisprudence 2d database (AMJUR) contains the full text of Am Jur 2d, a comprehensive encyclopedia of state and federal law, revised and rewritten in light of modern authorities and developments.

To browse an alphabetical list of the more than 400 Am Jur topics, complete these steps:

1. Access the AMJUR database.
2. At the Search page, click **Table of Contents**.

I have a citation. How do I retrieve the document?

Use the Find service on Westlaw to easily retrieve a wide variety of documents, including cases, statutes, regulations, administrative decisions, and articles from law reviews and newspapers.

At the tabbed Law School page, type your citation in the *Find by citation* text box and click **Go**. For example, to retrieve 98 S. Ct. 2733, type **98sct2733** in the *Find by citation* text box and click **Go**. Your document is displayed in the right frame. Click the links in the left frame to see information related to the displayed document.

I found a useful case. How do I use the topic and key numbers in it to focus my research and retrieve other relevant cases?

Each legal issue in a case published by West is identified, summarized, and assigned at least one topic and key number by West attorney-editors. This classification system is called the West Key Number System. You can

find topic and key numbers in case law headnotes, West digests, and the online Custom Digest.

To run a topic and key number search, complete these steps:

1. Access a database containing the type of cases you want to retrieve, e.g., to retrieve U.S. Supreme Court cases, access the All U.S. Supreme Court Cases database (SCT), and click the **Terms and Connectors** tab if it is not already selected.
2. Type the topic number, the letter **k**, and the key number in the *Search* text box. For example, to search for cases containing topic 92, Constitutional Law, and key number 980, Case or Controversy Requirement, type **92k980**.
3. Click **Search Westlaw**.

To use the Custom Digest to obtain a single document containing the case law headnotes that are relevant to your legal issue from a particular jurisdiction, complete these steps:

1. Access a case law database. At the Search page, click **Custom Digest** to display the topic and key number outline.
2. Select up to 10 topics and key numbers from the easy-to-browse outline and click **Search selected**.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions and click **Search**.

**CONNECTORS USED IN TERMS AND
CONNECTORS SEARCHING****Use this connector**

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	/p
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Numerical Connectors	/n
	+n

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To retrieve documents that contain

both search terms: **driver & passenger**

either search term or both search terms: **landlord lessor**

search terms in the same sentence: **bernanke /s interest**

the first search term preceding the second term in the same sentence: **treaty +s violation**

search terms in the same paragraph: **warrant! /p habitab!**

the first search term preceding the second term in the same paragraph: **insurance +p action**

search terms within n terms of each other (where n is a number from 1 to 255): **attorney /5 fee**

the first search term preceding the second term by n terms (where n is a number from 1 to 255): **capital +3 gain**

search terms appearing in the same order as in the quotation marks: **"adverse possession"**

To exclude documents that contain

the terms following the percent symbol: **tax taxation % income**

USING KEYCITE

One of the most valuable legal research tools you will find is KeyCite—West’s citation research service. This incredibly powerful, versatile tool performs several functions, each designed to help you do your research with total confidence and accuracy. Specifically, you can use KeyCite and the KeyCite family of services to ensure that the cases, statutes, regulations, and administrative decisions you cite are good law; retrieve cases, legislation, articles, and other documents that cite these materials; and verify that the format and spelling of your citations are correct.

In addition, the ability to display the history of a case in graphical view and unique graphical elements, such as status flags, depth of treatment stars, and quotation marks, enable you to quickly identify and evaluate information.

KeyCite for Cases

KeyCite for cases covers all cases on Westlaw, including unpublished opinions.

KeyCite for Statutes and Federal Regulations

KeyCite covers the *United States Code Annotated* (USCA), the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), statutes from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and regulations from selected states.

KeyCite for Administrative Materials

KeyCite is also available for administrative decisions of

selected federal agencies including the National Labor Relations Board, the Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, among others.

KeyCite also provides citations to cases, law review articles, and other secondary sources that have cited a law review article. KeyCite information is available for articles from hundreds of law reviews. In addition, KeyCite provides citing references from numerous texts and treatises.

ACCESSING KEYCITE

To access KeyCite at the tabbed Law School or Westlaw page, type a citation in the *KeyCite this citation* text box and click **Go**. To access KeyCite from any page, click **KeyCite** at the top of the page, then type a citation in the *KeyCite this citation* text box at the KeyCite page and click **Go**. KeyCite history is displayed in the right frame.

KEYCITE LEGEND

KeyCite Status Flags

A KeyCite status flag lets you immediately know the status of a case, statute section, regulation, or administrative decision.



A red flag indicates that the case or administrative decision is no longer good law for at least one of the points of law it contains or that the statute or regulation has been amended by a recent session law or rule, repealed, superseded, or held unconstitutional or preempted in whole or in part.



A yellow flag indicates that the case or administrative decision has some negative history but hasn't been reversed or overruled; that the statute has been renumbered or transferred by a recent session law; that an uncodified session law or proposed legislation affecting the statute is available (statutes merely referenced, i.e., mentioned, are not marked with a yellow flag); that a proposed rule affecting the regulation is available; that the regulation has been reinstated, corrected, or confirmed; that the statute or regulation was limited on constitutional or preemption grounds or its validity was otherwise called into doubt; or that a prior version of the statute or regulation received negative treatment from a court.



A blue H indicates that the case or administrative decision has some history.



A green C indicates that the case or administrative decision has citing references but no direct history or negative citing references or that the statute or regulation has citing references.

Depth of Treatment Stars

KeyCite depth of treatment stars indicate the extent to which a citing case, administrative decision, or brief discusses the cited case or administrative decision.

★★★★ **Examined:** The citing case, administrative decision, or brief contains an extended discussion of the cited case or administrative decision, usually more than a printed page of text.

★★★ **Discussed:** The citing case, administrative decision, or brief contains a substantial discussion of the cited case or administrative decision, usually more than a paragraph but less than a printed page.

★★ **Cited:** The citing case, administrative decision, or brief contains some discussion of the cited case or administrative decision, usually less than a paragraph.

★ **Mentioned:** The citing case, administrative decision, or brief contains a brief reference to the cited case or administrative decision, usually in a string citation.

KeyCite Quotation Marks

Quotation marks (") indicate that the citing case, administrative decision, or brief directly quotes the cited case or administrative decision.

KEYCITE ALERT

KeyCite Alert is a service that automatically monitors the status of your cases, statutes, administrative decisions, and regulations and sends you updates when their KeyCite results change, providing you with the most current KeyCite information for your research.

To access KeyCite Alert from a KeyCite result or a displayed document, click **Monitor with KeyCite Alert** on the Links tab in the left frame. The KeyCite Alert wizard is displayed with the citation of the document automatically entered for you. The wizard will ask you the necessary questions to complete your KeyCite Alert entry.

FREQUENTLY USED WESTLAW DATABASES

Database	Identifier
Case Law	
All Federal and State Cases	ALLCASES
All Federal Cases	ALLFEDS
All State Cases	ALLSTATES
Cases for Individual State*	XX-CS
E.g., Ohio Cases	OH-CS
U.S. Supreme Court Materials	
All U.S. Supreme Court Cases	SCT
U.S. Supreme Court Briefs	SCT-BRIEF
Transcripts of U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments	SCT-ORALARG
Statutes	
United States Code Annotated	USCA
Annotated Statutes for Individual State*	XX-ST-ANN
E.g., Louisiana Statutes–Annotated	LA-ST-ANN
Texts and Periodicals	
American Jurisprudence 2d	AMJUR
American Law Reports	ALR
Black’s Law Dictionary, 8th Edition	BLACKS
Journals and Law Reviews	JLR
Texts and Periodicals–All Law Reviews, Texts, and Bar Journals	TP-ALL
News and Information	
All News	ALLNEWS
Major Newspapers	NPMJ
New York Times	NYT

*where XX is a state’s two-letter postal abbreviation

LEGAL DICTIONARY

Here are brief definitions of legal terms you're likely to encounter in law school. For complete definitions of these and more than 40,000 other terms, see the Black's Law Dictionary database (BLACKS) on Westlaw.

actus reus *Guilty act.* A wrongful deed; generally coupled with mens rea to establish criminal liability.

amicus curiae *Friend of the court.* An individual or organization not party to a lawsuit but allowed to petition the court or requested by the court to file a brief in the action because of a strong interest in the subject matter.

bona fide *In good faith.* 1. Made in good faith, without fraud or deceit (e.g., bona fide offer). 2. Compliant with the law (e.g., bona fide pension plan). 3. Sincere or genuine (e.g., bona fide signature).

brevet A privilege, such as a patent, granted to a private citizen by a government. In military law, a commission promoting an officer to a higher rank but without a corresponding pay increase.

caveat emptor *Let the buyer beware.* A doctrine holding that purchasers buy at their own risk.

certiorari *To be more fully informed.* An extraordinary writ issued by an appellate court, at its discretion, directing a lower court to deliver the record in the case for review.

chattel Movable or transferable property; especially personal property.

codicil A supplement or addition to a will modifying, explaining, or otherwise qualifying the will in some way.

corpus delicti *The body of the crime.* The fact of a transgression.

demurrer A pleading stating that although the facts alleged in a complaint may be true, they are insufficient for the plaintiff to state a claim for relief and for the defendant to frame an answer.

dictum 1. A statement of opinion or belief considered authoritative due to the dignity of the person making it.
2. A familiar rule; a maxim.

due process clause The constitutional provision that prohibits the government from unfairly or arbitrarily depriving a person of life, liberty, or property. (There are two Due Process Clauses in the U.S. Constitution, in the 5th and 14th amendments.)

duty A legal obligation.

easement An interest in land owned by another person, consisting in the right to use or control the land, or an area above or below it, for a specific limited purpose.

en banc *On the bench.* Descriptive of a court session in which all judges of the court are present and participating.

ex parte *From the part.* On or from one party only, usually without notice to or argument from the adverse party.

habeas corpus *That you have the body.* A writ employed to bring a person before a court, most frequently to ensure that the party's imprisonment or detention is not illegal.

in camera *In a chamber.* 1. In the judge's private chambers. 2. In the courtroom with all spectators excluded.

in personam *Against a person.* Descriptive of court actions involving or determining the rights, interests, and obligations of a person.

in rem *Against a thing.* Descriptive of court actions involving or determining the status of a thing, and therefore the rights of persons generally with respect to that thing, such as a right to property.

jurisprudence 1. The study of the fundamental elements of a legal system. 2. A system, body, or division of law.

malum in se *Evil in itself.* A crime or act that is inherently immoral, such as murder, arson, or rape. Also termed *malum per se*.

malum prohibitum *Prohibited evil.* An act that is a crime because it is prohibited by statute; the act itself is not necessarily immoral.

mens rea *Guilty mind.* Criminal intent; generally coupled with *actus reus* to establish criminal liability.

moral turpitude Conduct that is contrary to justice, honesty, or morality, or that violates accepted community standards.

nolo contendere *I will not contend.* A plea in which a defendant in a criminal prosecution neither admits nor denies the charges, but agrees to accept punishment determined by the court. No contest.

per curiam *By the court.* An opinion handed down by an appellate court without identifying the individual judge who wrote the opinion.

per diem *By the day.* A charge, fee, or allowance calculated by the day.

pro bono *For the good.* Descriptive of legal services provided free of charge, especially legal services provided for the public good.

pro se *For oneself.* Descriptive of one who represents oneself in court, without the assistance of legal counsel.

real property Land and anything permanently attached to it.

res ipsa loquitur *The thing speaks for itself.* A tort law doctrine permitting the presumption of negligence if an accident is of a kind that ordinarily would not occur without the defendant's negligence.

res judicata *A thing adjudicated.* A claim, issue, or cause of action conclusively settled by a judgment and no longer open to litigation.

rubric 1. A title, category, or designation. 2. An established rule, tradition, or custom.

sanction 1. Official authorization. 2. A punitive or coercive measure resulting from a failure to comply with a law, rule, or court order.

scienter *To know.* Guilty knowledge of the criminal, misleading, or manipulative nature of one's act or omission.

stare decisis *To stand by things decided.* The doctrine of precedent, under which a court must follow earlier judicial decisions when the same points arise again in litigation—unless there is a compelling reason not to.

subpoena *Under penalty.* A writ commanding a person's presence before a court or other tribunal, under threat of penalty.

tort A civil wrong for which a remedy (usually damages) may be obtained.

tortfeasor One who commits a tort; a wrongdoer.

trial de novo A new trial in which all the issues of fact and law are reconsidered, as if no previous trial had taken place.

venue The proper or a possible place for the trial of a lawsuit, usually because the place has a connection with the events that have given rise to the lawsuit.

voir dire *To speak the truth.* A preliminary examination by a judge or lawyer to test the suitability of a witness or prospective juror.

writ A written court order commanding the addressee to perform or refrain from performing a specified act.

USING WESTLAW TO FIND THE RIGHT JOB

In an increasingly competitive job market, you need any advantage you can get. That's why Westlaw provides valuable information about a variety of legal and nonlegal careers. From broad information about various specialty areas to specific details about potential employers, Westlaw is the place to begin your search.

Unless otherwise noted, the search examples in this section use the Terms and Connectors search method. To use this method, access a database and click the **Terms and Connectors** tab on the Search page if it is not already selected. Unless otherwise noted, searches in the West Legal Directory (WLD) databases refer to the fill-in-the-blank templates that are displayed when you access WLD databases.

USING WEST LEGAL DIRECTORY DATABASES IN YOUR JOB SEARCH

The WLD databases contain more than 1 million profiles of law firms and branch offices and biographical records of attorneys and judges in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Canada, and Europe. This material can help you locate where you want to apply, identify who to call or write for additional information, and find contacts for networking and informational interviewing.

You can focus your search in the following categories:

- Private Practice
- Corporate Counsel
- Law School Teachers
- Judges
- Government Counsel
- Practice Areas
- Individual States
- British Barristers
- Canadian Attorneys
- European Attorneys

The combined West Legal Directory database (WLD) contains all of the categories listed above. Use the WLD database if you want to search all these categories at one time.

Basic WLD profile information for attorneys usually includes the following:

- Attorney Name
- Office Affiliation
- Office Address
- Telephone Number
- E-Mail Address
- Fax Number
- Bar Admission
- Areas of Practice
- Year of Birth
- Current Position
- Law School

Many attorneys choose to add the following professional profile information:

- Other Education
- Past Positions
- Fraternities/Sororities
- Published Works
- Professional Affiliations
- Honors and Awards
- Directorships
- Representative Cases and Clients
- Business References
- Internet Home Page URLs
- Foreign Languages
- Pro Bono Activities

Retrieving Information from WLD Databases

To begin your job search, sign on to Westlaw and browse the complete list of WLD databases under *Directories*,

To retrieve information about

attorneys and law firms from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Canada, and Europe

attorneys and law firms in a specific state*

attorneys in private practice

corporate law offices and counsel

federal, state, and local government law offices and counsel

federal, state, and local judges and courts

law school teachers

attorneys who practice in a particular area of the law**

To retrieve information about

a variety of legal topics from articles authored and submitted by law firms and attorneys listed in West Legal Directory

judges and attorneys plus links to the full text of state and federal cases from 1990 forward, summaries of settlements and jury verdicts, briefs, other directories, and law review and journal articles.

* where XX is a state's two-letter postal abbreviation, e.g., WLD-FL

** where XXX is a practice-area abbreviation, e.g., WLD-ENV

Reference Materials in the Westlaw Directory. Following is information about selected WLD databases.

Access this database

West Legal Directory (WLD)

West Legal Directory–Individual State (WLD-XX)

West Legal Directory–Private Practice (WLD-PRI)

West Legal Directory–Corporate Counsel (WLD-CORPCO)

West Legal Directory–Government Counsel (WLD-GOV)

West Legal Directory–Judges (WLD-JUDGE)

West Legal Directory–AALS Directory of Law Teachers (WLD-AALS)

West Legal Directory–Practice Area (WLD-XXX)

Access this database

West Legal Directory–Law Firm Articles (WLD-ARTICLES)

Profiler–Profiles of Attorneys and Judges (PROFILER-WLD)

Using WLD Templates

When you access a WLD database, a fill-in-the-blank template is displayed. To use the template, type your search terms in the appropriate text boxes and click **Search Westlaw**.

For example, to locate attorneys in San Antonio, Texas, who practice entertainment law, access the West Legal Directory–Texas database (WLD-TX) and type “**san antonio**” in the *City, Zip* text box and **entertainment** in the *Areas of Practice* text box. Then click **Search Westlaw**.

RESEARCHING POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

A successful job search often depends on making connections with those individuals who have the power to hire you. This is another area where Westlaw can be particularly helpful. By researching current trends in the law, practice areas, judges, attorneys, firms, and corporations, you can often identify influential contacts, build a network to those contacts, and refine your résumé to target your specific audience.

Useful job-related information is available not only in the WLD databases, but also in the following databases:

- Case law databases
- Newspaper databases
- Text and periodical databases
- Westlaw Topical Highlights and Westlaw Bulletin databases

Use the case law databases on Westlaw to find information about the types of cases a particular attorney has tried and about how particular judges have ruled on issues.

Use the newspaper databases to find current news articles on law firms, attorneys, and judges, as well as information on trends in the legal job market.

With the text and periodical databases, you can access articles written by or about prospective employers or articles with analyses of cases they have tried.

The Westlaw Topical Highlights and Westlaw Bulletin databases can alert you to developments in the law, which can be useful in interviews.

Choosing a Westlaw Database

First, determine the type of information you want.

When you are unsure which database to use, browse the Westlaw Directory. The Westlaw Directory is an index of the databases and services available on Westlaw. Click **Directory** at the top of any page to view the Westlaw Directory. To browse the directory, click the links. Click a database name in the right frame to access a database. To access information about a database, including a description of the database, current coverage information, search tips, and available fields, click the Scope icon next to the database name in the right frame.

Using Newspaper, Case Law, and Specialized Directory Databases

“Doing your homework” prior to an interview will enable you to carry on a relaxed, knowledgeable conversation about the recent work or activity of a prospective employer. It will also demonstrate your ability to perform research concerning a judge or opposing counsel when you are involved in litigation.

■ Using Newspaper Databases

National and regional newspaper databases, including the New York Times database (NYT), give you access to current information about attorneys, law firms, judges, and businesses virtually anywhere in the country. A list of selected legal and general newspapers follows.

Selected Legal Newspapers

Database name	Identifier
Legal Newspapers	LEGALNP
American Lawyer	AMLAW
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin	CHIDLB
Chicago Lawyer	CHIL
Inside Counsel	INCOUN
Law Technology News	LAWTECH
Legal Intelligencer	TLI
Legal Times	LEGALTIMES
Metropolitan Corporate Counsel	METCC
National Law Journal	NLJ
New York Law Journal	NYLJ
Pennsylvania Law Weekly	PLW

Selected General Newspapers

Database name	Identifier
United States Papers	USNP
Boston Globe	BOSTONG
Chicago Sun Times	CHISUN
Denver Post	DENVERPOST
Houston Chronicle	HSTNCHRON
New York Daily News	NYDLNWS
New York Times	NYT
Orange County (CA) Register	OCREG
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	PITTSPOST
Rocky Mountain News	RKYMN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch	STLSPD
San Francisco Chronicle	SFCHR
Star-Ledger (Newark, NJ)	STLGRN
Times-Picayune	NOTPCN
USA Today	USATD

Sample Newspaper Searches

To retrieve articles about	Access	Type
a specific firm	PLW	blank +1 rome & da(aft 2005)
a specific attorney	BOSTONG	charles +2 rankin
a specific judge	NYLJ	judith /3 kaye
a specific trial	NYT	phil! /3 spector /p trial
lawsuits involv- ing a particular company	NLJ	wal-mart /p law-suit suit suing sue* litigat!
hiring trends	LEGALNP	ti(woman female minority diversity & hir!)

■ Using Case Law Databases

Case law databases on Westlaw contain valuable information about judges, attorneys, law firms, and trends in the law. During an interview, you can demonstrate conscientious preparation by showing familiarity with cases that have been argued by the interviewing attorney or his or her firm. (To quickly familiarize yourself with a case, read the synopsis and headnotes.) A partial list of fields in case law databases follows.

Selected Case Law Fields

Field name/ abbreviation	Contents of field
attorney (at)	name of the attorney or firm representing the parties or participating in the appeal Examples: at(dershowitz /3 nathan) at(fisher +3 rushmer)
title (ti)	complete title of the case, including first names and additional parties Example: ti(“animal protection institute”)
judge (ju)	name of the judge writing the majority opinion Example: ju(ryskamp)
court (co)	abbreviation for the court Example: co(cal.app)
synopsis (sy)	brief description of the facts and holding of the case Example: sy(music! song & copyright)
digest (di)	combination of topic and headnote fields Example: di(standing /p air /s quality pollut!)
concurring (con)	text of concurring opinions and names of judges who wrote the opinions Example: con(kozinski +3 judge)

■ Using Specialized Directory Databases

You can research judges, attorneys, firms, and other potential employers and investigate various job descriptions and duties in the hundreds of specialized directory databases on Westlaw.

Selected Directory Databases

To retrieve information about

Access this database

judges and attorneys plus links to the full text of state and federal cases from 1990 forward, summaries of settlements and jury verdicts, briefs, other directories, and law review and journal articles

Profiler—Profiles of Attorneys and Judges (PROFILER-WLD)

members and committees of state legislatures and Congress, including information on the membership, leadership, and partisan composition of every standing committee

50-State Legislative Directory (LEGIS-DIR)

top professionals in business, sports, government, the arts, entertainment, science, and technology

Marquis Who's Who (MARQUIS)

personal and professional data on key executives affiliated with U.S. and non-U.S. companies with sales of \$1 million or more

Standard & Poor's Register—Biographical (S&P-BIO)

RESEARCHING PRACTICE AREAS

You can use Westlaw to find information about particular practice areas and a wide range of legal specialties. Topical practice information is available in the following areas:

- Administrative Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Animal Law
- Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- Art, Entertainment, and Sports Law
- Bankruptcy
- Business Organizations and Relations
- Civil Rights
- Commercial Law and Contracts
- Communications
- Constitutional Law
- Construction Law
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Energy
- Environmental Law
- Estate Planning and Probate
- Family Law
- Finance and Banking
- First Amendment
- Government Benefits
- Government Contracts
- Health and Medicine
- Homeland Security
- Human Resources

- Immigration
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Labor and Employment
- Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- Litigation
- Maritime Law
- Military Law
- Municipal Law
- Native American Law
- Pension and Retirement Benefits
- Products Liability
- Professional Malpractice
- Real Property
- Science and Computer Technologies Law
- Securities
- Taxation
- Tort Law
- Transportation
- Workers' Compensation

For more information on the databases available for a specific practice area, consult the *Topical Practice Areas* section of the Westlaw Directory.

RESEARCHING CURRENT TRENDS

As you go through the job search process, staying on top of current trends in the law is essential. And Westlaw makes it easy. Click the **Westlaw** tab to display the tabbed Westlaw page. The page is a daily bulletin board that provides news flashes on recent court decisions and legal or financial events.

The Westlaw Bulletin databases are updated daily and include summaries of recent federal and state cases, legislation, and administrative materials. Westlaw Topical Highlights databases, e.g., Westlaw Topical Highlights–Criminal Justice (WTH-CJ), are updated daily and contain summaries of recent developments in 25 areas of law, such as bankruptcy, criminal justice, e-commerce, labor and employment, and real property. Coverage includes cases, legislation, administrative materials, and news. For information on these databases, click **Highlights** under *Legal Periodicals and Current Awareness* in the Westlaw Directory.

The text and periodical databases contain articles, notes, symposium contributions, and other documents from law reviews, texts, treatises, and bar journals. These materials are available in multibases and in individual publication databases. The Westlaw Directory contains a complete list of the databases available.

STAYING UP-TO-DATE WITH WESTCLIP

WestClip is a clipping service that makes it easy for you to stay up-to-date with developing topics, legal issues, and court cases. With WestClip, you can run your Terms and Connectors queries upon request or on a regular basis, e.g., weekly, biweekly, or monthly, and have the results delivered automatically. Or you can be notified via e-mail or when you sign on to Westlaw that a result is available. You can modify your queries at any time.

Setting Up a WestClip Entry

Follow these steps to set up a WestClip entry:

1. Click **Alert Center** at the top of any page.
2. Click **Create Entry** in the *WestClip* section.
The WestClip: Create Entry page is displayed.
3. Type a database identifier and a query in the appropriate text boxes.
4. To change your delivery settings, click **Edit**. After you have changed your settings, click **Save** at the bottom of the WestClip: Edit Delivery Settings page and the WestClip: Create Entry page.

To add your current Terms and Connectors query to WestClip, click **Add Search to WestClip** at the top of the result list or click **Result Options** on the Result List tab and choose **Add Search to WestClip** from the menu that is displayed.

RESEARCHING CAREER INFORMATION

Using Westlaw to Research Potential Careers

There are a myriad of careers that can be pursued with a law degree, and finding the one that best fits you is a very important task. Step one is to search broadly: Do you want to practice at a firm, or work at a corporation? Perhaps you're drawn toward nonprofit work, or some type of nontraditional legal career. From there, it is important to find out as much as you can about the organizations you are interviewing with.

This section will show you how Westlaw can help you gather information about the organization and about the people with whom you will be interviewing.

Finding General Career-Related Information

Westlaw is a great place to gather general career-related information. Following are suggested searches designed to get you off on the right foot.

To retrieve

information on working as a sole practitioner

Access this database

Legal Practice Database (LAWPRAC) and restrict your search to the index (in) field
Example: **in(sole)**

articles that discuss part-time employment schedules

LAWPRAC and select the Natural Language search method
Example: **part-time schedules**

information on recent developments in environmental law	Westlaw Topical Highlights–Environmental Law (WTH-ENV) [a list of documents added to Westlaw in the last two weeks is automatically displayed]
information on recent legal developments in Texas	Westlaw State Bulletins–Texas (WSB-TX) [a list of documents added to Westlaw in the last two weeks is automatically displayed]
recent articles about salaries for associates	National Law Journal (NLJ) and add a date restriction (da) to your search Example: <code>associate /s salary & da(aft 2005)</code>

FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT ATTORNEYS AND FIRMS

You'll gain an advantage in an interview if you demonstrate some knowledge of your interviewer's background. Finding you have something in common, such as the same alma mater or hometown, can make initial conversation easier and may even be a valuable part of the interview. When you discover your interviewer's specialty, you may gain insight into what he or she is looking for in a candidate. Use the Westlaw databases that include background information on individuals to

answer the following questions about individual attorneys or their firms.

- Who are the attorneys in the law firm?
- What are their areas of expertise?
- Where did they attend law school?
- What are their educational and professional credentials?
- Have they published any articles?
- What are the specialty areas of the law firm?
- Who are the firm's biggest clients?
- What are the firm's major cases this year?

To retrieve

a profile of a
Florida attorney,
e.g., George Felos

Access this database

West Legal Directory–
Florida (WLD-FL)
and type **felos** in the
Individual Last Name
text box and **george** in
the *Individual First
Name* text box

Supreme Court
cases in which a
specific attorney or
firm represented
a party or participated
in an appeal

All U.S. Supreme Court
Cases (SCT) and restrict
your search to the attorney
field (at), e.g.,
at(frank +3 dunham)

articles referring to
Bingham McCutchen
and pro bono work

National Law Journal
(NLJ) and type **bingham /3
mccutchen /p pro-bono**

profiles of attorneys in the New York office of Kelley Drye & Warren who graduated from New York University School of Law

West Legal Directory–New York (WLD-NY) and type **kelley drye** in the *Firm/Court/Organization Name* text box and “**new york university**” in the *Law School Information* text box

profiles of Chicago attorneys and law firms that practice immigration law

West Legal Directory–Illinois (WLD-IL) and type **chicago** in the *City, Zip* text box and **immigration** in the *Areas of Practice* text box

recent newspaper articles referring to the Houston law firm of Baker Botts

Houston Chronicle (HSTNCHRON) and type **baker /3 botts & da(aft 2005)**

FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS

Use Westlaw to find out about employment in government. The West Legal Directory–Government Counsel database (WLD-GOV) provides information on federal, state, and local government law offices and counsel. You can also use the individual state WLD databases to retrieve information.

To retrieve

Access this database

information about Army
judge advocate offices

West Legal Directory–
Government Counsel
(WLD-GOV) and type
army judge in the *Firm/
Court/Organization
Name* text box

information about
county attorney
in offices Idaho

West Legal Directory–
Government Counsel
(WLD-GOV) and type
county attorney in the
*Firm/Court/Organization
Name* text box and **id**
in the *State* text box

a list of legal-services
offices and attorneys
in Louisiana

West Legal Directory–
Louisiana (WLD-LA)
and type **legal service**
in the *Firm/Court/
Organization Name*
text box

a list of U.S. Interior
Department attorneys
in New Mexico

West Legal Directory–
New Mexico (WLD-NM)
and type **interior** in the
*Firm/Court/Organization
Name* text box

FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT JUDGES

Information about the judiciary is available in a variety of sources on Westlaw, including case law, WLD, and newspaper databases. When you have an interview with a judge, use searches such as the following to find valuable information about the person with whom you'll be interviewing and about issues affecting the judiciary today.

To retrieve

Access this database

a list of judges in Illinois who attended Loyola University Chicago School of Law

West Legal Directory–Judges (WLD-JUDGE) and type **il** in the *State* text box and **loyola** in the *Law School* text box

opinions authored by Judge Charles Wilson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit Cases (CTA11) and restrict your search to the judge field (ju):
ju(wilson)

recent news articles referring to Judge Larry Paul Fidler of the Los Angeles County Superior Court

California Papers (CANP) and type **larry +3 fidler**, then select **Year to date** from the *Dates* drop-down list

news and analysis regarding President Bush's immigration policies

National Law Journal (NLJ) and run a search such as **bush /p immigra!**

articles about cameras
in the courtroom

Legal Newspapers
(LEGALNP) and restrict
your search to the title
field (ti): **ti(camera
& court!)**

FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT ALTERNATIVE LEGAL CAREERS

Not all law school graduates seek traditional legal employment. The following sample searches can help you find information about alternative careers that allow you to use your legal education.

To retrieve

alternative career
information
for lawyers

Access this database

Legal Newspapers
(LEGALNP) and run
a search such as
**alternat! /5 career
/s lawyer legal**

detailed information on
nonprofit membership
organizations that
deal with mediation
or arbitration

Encyclopedia of
Associations (EOA)
and restrict your
search to the
descriptor field (de):
de(arbitrat! mediat!)

listings of grants in the
human rights area offered
by federal, state, and local
governments; commercial
organizations; associations;
and private foundations

Grants (GRANTS) and
restrict your search to
the abstract field (ab):
ab("human rights")

listings of organizations
in Washington, D.C.,
that conduct research
in environmental law

Research Centers and
Services Directory
(RCSD) and restrict your
search to the descriptor
(de) and state/province/
territory (st) fields:
de(law /2 environment!)
& st(dc)

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Westlaw Technical and Search Assistance (available 24 hours a day)

Law students with general, technical, or search questions about Westlaw can call 1-800-850-WEST (1-800-850-9378). For technical support, send an e-mail message to west.support@thomson.com.

Reference Materials

To browse and order other reference materials that will assist you in using the resources available on Westlaw, visit west.thomson.com/westlaw/guides. Westlaw and other West products also contain valuable online help to guide you through a variety of research tasks.

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