Real property law is the body of law that deals with the ownership, possession, and right of use of real property. This quick reference guide highlights the real property law resources on Westlaw and shows you how to retrieve relevant documents.

Real Property Law

Real property law practice typically involves issues such as those relating to residential and commercial property, the purchase and sale of property, the landlord-tenant relationship, construction and development, land use, and zoning.

Real Property Law Resources on Westlaw

Westlaw includes an extensive collection of real property law materials, including forms, model documents, state primary law, and secondary sources. In each category listed below, a few key databases are highlighted. These databases and other real property law resources can be accessed in the right frame of the tabbed Real Property Practitioner page (Figure 1). In the left frame, you can type a database identifier, e.g., modeldoc-rp for the Model Documents: Real Property database, in the Search for a database text box.

Remember that the easiest way to retrieve a specific document when you have the citation is to use the Find service. Type your citation in the Find by citation text box in the left frame of the Real Property Practitioner page and click Go.

FORMS, CHECKLISTS, AND CLAUSES

The All State and General Real Property Forms, Clauses, and Checklists database (RPFORM-ALL) contains forms, clauses, and checklists that are helpful in the practice of real property law. To retrieve forms in a particular area of real property law, click a link, e.g., Leases, in the Forms, Checklists, and Clauses section in the right frame of the Real Property Practitioner page. A search template is displayed.

MODEL DOCUMENTS

The MODELDRC-RP database contains real property agreements, contracts, and other documents filed as exhibits with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). To retrieve documents in a particular area of real property law, click a link, e.g., Assignments, in the Real Property Documents (Model Docs) section. A search template is displayed.
STATUTES AND COURT RULES
Statutes and court rules that relate to real property law are contained in the Individual State Statutes–Annotated databases (XX-ST-ANN), where XX is a state’s two-letter postal abbreviation, e.g., CA-ST-ANN.

SECONDARY SOURCES
If you are unfamiliar with real property law, you may find the American Jurisprudence 2d: Real Property database (AMJUR-RP) a helpful starting point. To access other real property guides in a particular area of real property law, click a link, e.g., Residential/Landlord-Tenant, in the Practice Guides section.

For assistance using Westlaw, call 1-800-850-WEST (1-800-850-9378). For free reference materials, visit west.thomson.com/westlaw/guides.