Litigation is the process of bringing a dispute before a court of law. This quick reference guide highlights the litigation resources on Westlaw and shows you how to retrieve relevant documents.

**Litigation**

Litigation typically involves tasks such as evaluating the claim and parties; investigating conflicts of interest and witnesses; developing strategies; determining the proper forum; assessing a settlement value; preparing depositions and discovery; analyzing opposing counsel; drafting pleadings and motions; selecting a jury; and writing jury instructions.

**Litigation Resources on Westlaw**

Westlaw includes an extensive collection of litigation materials, including state and federal primary law, secondary sources, dockets, jury verdict and settlement summaries, jury instructions, briefs, and forms. Litigation resources can be accessed at the tabbed Litigation page (Figure 1), or you can type a database identifier, e.g., ji-all for the Jury Instructions Combined database, in the Search for a database text box in the left frame.

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

**STATE COURT RULES**

State court rules are contained in the Individual State Court Rules databases (XX-RULES), where XX is a state’s two-letter postal abbreviation, e.g., CA-RULES.

**CASE VALUATION**

Westlaw includes a large collection of jury verdict and settlement summaries containing information that can be used for case valuation and to learn about the background and experience of case participants. You can obtain information from these materials via a Case Evaluator Report or by formulating and running searches in databases.

**Case Evaluator**

A Case Evaluator Report analyzes jury verdict and settlement summaries from across the nation. To create a Case Evaluator Report, click Create Report under Case Evaluator in the left frame of the Litigation page.
Verdict and Settlement Summaries Databases
In addition to using Case Evaluator, you can search jury verdict and settlement summaries databases. To access these databases, click Dockets, Trial Filings, and Jury Verdicts at the top of the page, then click a link, e.g., National Jury Verdicts, in the Jury Verdicts section.

COURT DOCUMENTS
Court document databases include state and federal pleadings, motions, and memoranda; appellate briefs; and expert witness documents. To retrieve court documents, click Dockets, Trial Filings, and Jury Verdicts at the top of the page, then click a link, e.g., State and Federal Trial Filings, in the Filings, Motions, and Transcripts section.

JURY INSTRUCTIONS
Jury instructions are available from more than 35 jurisdictions on Westlaw. The JI-ALL database includes all state and federal published, pattern, standard, and model civil and criminal jury instructions. To access this database, click Dockets, Trial Filings, and Jury Verdicts at the top of the page, then click Jury Instructions Combined in the Jury Instructions section.

FORMS AND CHECKLISTS
The National Pleading and Practice Forms database (FORMS-PP) includes national and state-specific pleading and practice court forms used in civil litigation. To access forms databases, click Practice Guides and Forms at the top of the page, then click a link, e.g., National Pleading and Practice Forms, in the Forms and Checklists section.

For assistance using Westlaw, call 1-800-850-WEST (1-800-850-9378).
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