WESTLAW EDGE

10 quick tips for using Westlaw Edge

Thomson Reuters Westlaw Edge™ offers tools to help you be more strategic, responsive, and confident. Rely on advanced features that can help you provide the fastest answers and gain the most valuable legal insights.

QUICK CHECK

Upload a brief or motion and Quick Check will analyze your document to recommend highly relevant authority not already cited, so you can be confident you haven’t missed anything important.

1  Once a report is generated, use filters to focus on recommendations and legal issues that matter most

Document headings: Focus in on the recommendations for the most important sections of your document.

Recommendation tags: Only show recommended cases with certain attributes like those that are “Frequently Cited”, from a “High court”, or from the “Last 2 years”.

Prior research: Filter recommendations based on whether you have interacted with them in previous research. For example, you may wish to remove or focus in on recommended cases you viewed, annotated, or foldered in the past.

2  Use the Warnings for Cited Authority tab to easily scan the citations in your document for any negative KeyCite® warnings

This tab gathers all the citations in your document that have negative treatment, putting them in one place so you can quickly review the KeyCite treatment for each.

WESTSEARCH® PLUS

Find authoritative answers even faster and ensure you haven’t missed anything important with the legal search engine that powers Westlaw Edge.

3  Start typing your question into the global search bar, e.g., When is character evidence admissible?

Relevant questions containing your search terms will be generated in the box below. Selecting a question will take you to authority that will help you find an answer so you can get back to your client or colleague faster.

4  Uncover on-point case law and Secondary Sources with a sophisticated typeahead feature

Enter your terms in the global search bar, e.g., fraudulent transfer, and WestSearch Plus produces predictive results right from the search box, greatly reducing the number of documents you potentially need to read through.
LITIGATION ANALYTICS

Quickly access and uncover relevant, data-driven insights on judges, courts, attorneys, law firms, and case types across the most practice areas to help inform your litigation strategy and manage client expectations.

5 Analyze the citations your judge relies on when drafting their opinion with Precedent Analytics

Quickly search both reported and unreported opinions, and filter your results by nuanced topic, judges, and courts your judge has relied on to spot judicial tendencies and refine your drafting.

6 Explore the tabs in Litigation Analytics to help craft your litigation strategy

- **Overview** provides a general overview of the key analytics on your judge, court, firm, attorney, or case type. Under each chart, click the **Explore** button to examine more detailed analytics for that category. You can also click on the respective tabs in the analytics profile.
- **Dockets** gives you a better understanding of the experience and caseload of attorneys and judges in addition to those trends across courts, law firms, and case types.
- **Outcomes** helps you better advise your client on likely outcomes and length of time to resolution.
- **Motions** allows you to assess the potential success of filing certain motions before a particular judge or court. This tab includes a graphical view of the data and a relevant list of motions, orders, and dockets.
- **Precedent** analytics is powered by the West Key Number System® and allows you to quickly narrow in by topic to easily find what citations, other judges, and jurisdictions your particular judge relies upon when drafting their opinions.
- **Expert Challenges** helps you make more informed decisions around which experts to use with insight into how often your judge has admitted or excluded expert testimony, and whether your expert has appeared before your judge.
- **Appeals** allows you to better understand how your assigned judge’s rulings have fared on appeal and the resolution of appeals brought before a judge and an overall court.

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KEYCITE OVERRULING RISK
With Overruling Risk warnings, KeyCite goes beyond explicit relationships to cover implicit relationships and to help you identify potential risks.

7 Trust that you’re citing good law
Only Westlaw Edge has a citator warning that cautions you when a point of law in your case has been implicitly undermined based on its reliance on an overruled or otherwise invalid prior decision. The Overruling Risk icon appears in the same location as KeyCite flags and a new Overruling Risk section displays on the Negative Treatment tab.

STATUTES COMPARE AND REGULATIONS COMPARE
Speed up your analysis with the ability to quickly compare any two versions of a statute or federal regulation.

8 Quickly understand how a statute or federal regulation has changed over time and see changes between any two versions
To view the most recent legislative changes to a statute or federal regulation, click Compare Versions in the toolbar. You’ll see the current version compared to its previous version. You can compare changes in any two versions from the History tab.
SELECT HIGHLIGHTING

Highlight terms related to specific concepts, words, or phrases that matter most to your research and spend your time analyzing the information rather than searching for the content that’s most relevant to you.

Understand term significance and find what you need faster

Select up to five terms and phrases to add new term colors that will be applied to your search results. Customize further by removing the default yellow highlighting or changing the colors applied to each term.

Within a document you can navigate to the portions of a case with the greatest term density to better understand how it fits into the court’s analysis. Simply adjust your view of the term density heatmap within a case to focus on your particular terms. A detailed table of contents displays the frequency of the highlighted terms for a quick understanding.

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