Quick tips for using Westlaw Edge

Thomson Reuters Westlaw Edge™ offers tools to help you be more strategic, responsive, and confident in your legal research results. Rely on advanced features such as WestSearch® Plus, Litigation Analytics, Quick Check, KeyCite® Overruling Risk, as well as Statutes Compare and Regulations Compare, to provide you with the fastest answers and most valuable legal insights — all fully integrated within Westlaw Edge for an intuitive and seamless research experience.

Check out these 10 quick tips to help you get started.

**WestSearch Plus**

Find authoritative answers even faster and ensure you haven’t missed anything important with the next generation of legal search.

1. **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 help you find an answer faster.

   Advanced typeahead generates suggestions to help you find your answers faster.

2. **Uncover on-point caselaw and Secondary Sources with a new 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 cases 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.

3 Access attorney and judge overview pages using typeahead in the global search box
To view the profile information of an attorney or your assigned judge, simply type their name into the global search bar and Snapshots will appear in the drop-down below, providing direct access to their overview page.

4 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.

5 Use search within results on Litigation Analytics result lists for more granular data
Quickly get up to speed on a prospective matter with search within results, which also helps you save time with:
A. Searching across dockets and the full text of related trial documents to reveal arguments, issues, and fact patterns applicable to the case
B. Viewing court opinions and dockets within the result list
C. Having direct access from the result list to the exact portion of the docket referencing what you need

Go from an attorney or judge name to their corresponding overview page.

Use search within results to drill down to precisely what you need.
6. **Explore all Litigation Analytics tabs to help craft your litigation strategy**

   - **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 of parties relating to judges they’ve appeared before in civil federal district court cases.

   - **Motions** allows you to determine the potential success rate of, and therefore the value in, filing different motions before the judge. The Motions tab includes a visualization of this data as well as a result list containing relevant motions, orders, and dockets.

   - **Precedent** analytics provides visibility into what arguments have worked for a particular judge based on what that judge has said and cited to previously. Powered by the West Key Number System, Precedent analytics 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 has fared on appeal and the resolution of appeals brought before a judge and an overall court.

**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 have not missed anything important.

7. **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.

8. **Use the Warnings for Cited Authority tab to easily scan the citations in your document for any negative KeyCite warnings**

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

9 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

10 Quickly understand how a statute or federal regulation has changed over time and see the 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, if other versions are available.

Speed your analysis with the ability to pick which statute or federal regulation versions to compare and see the changes noted. You can compare changes in any two versions from the History tab, e.g., you can pick the earliest and latest versions to see everything that’s changed in this time period. You can also easily download, print, and email comparisons to assist your preparation.

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