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How to find outside or local counsel

Corporate legal departments and law firms often need to find and evaluate attorneys in other jurisdictions based on their expertise. Finding an attorney is easier than ever with the new Attorney Finder in Litigation Analytics on Westlaw Edge™. Save time analyzing and selecting an attorney by applying filters, changing the motion type, or sorting by what matters most to you.

How Attorney Finder can be used

- Locate an attorney without using an existing referral network
- Verify a potential attorney referral
- Compare two attorneys based on your set criteria
- Corporate: Find local or outside counsel based on case type and jurisdiction
- Law firm: Find local counsel in a particular jurisdiction with specific case type expertise
- Search for an attorney by experience, including case type and jurisdiction

How to find outside counsel

Corporate legal departments often need to find outside counsel with experience in a specific jurisdiction and practice area. Attorney Finder on Westlaw Edge makes it easy to locate and analyze these experts. Let's look at an example where corporate counsel is looking for an attorney with experience in trademark litigation who practices in Washington state and federal courts.

SEARCHING BY EXPERTISE AND JURISDICTION

1. Begin on the homepage of Westlaw Edge and select the Litigation Analytics tile.
2. Then, under the Attorneys tab, select the radio button for By expertise.

3. Next, click on + Select case type(s). You can either search for the case type by term at the top under Narrow or select from the list in Case types. Once you've made your selection, click Continue.

4. Finally, select your jurisdiction by clicking on the hyperlink under Jurisdiction, choosing your jurisdiction and clicking Save. Click the orange magnifying glass or hit enter to begin your search.
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REVIEWING AND FILTERING RESULTS

At the top of the page you may:

- **Toggle** between federal and state results
- **Sort** in several different ways including via number of dockets, name, or most experience with clients that are plaintiff or defendant
- You can also change the type of motion you’re reviewing by clicking on “Change motion type”

On the left side of the page you can filter your results in several ways including by Case Type, Court, Judge, Attorney, Law Firm, Firm Size, and more.

Let’s say that the attorney you’re interested in should have experience in trademark law and you want them to primarily represent defendants. To obtain the desired results, change the **sort** to Defense: highest to lowest and the **Case type** to Trademark/Trade Name. Once you find an attorney you’re interested in reviewing further, click on the hyperlink for their name.
REVIEWING AN ATTORNEY

1. Once you click on an attorney’s name, you’ll be taken to an **Overview** of their profile.
2. The Overview provides information on their **Experience and Recent Activity** for docket and motions.
3. On the **right side** of the page you’ll find their representation, contact information, education, practice areas and more.
4. On the left side of the screen you can **filter** the overview information by case type, jurisdiction, judge, filing role and filing date.
5. For more detailed information about the attorney, click on one of the **tabs** at the top for Experience, Outcome, Motions or References.

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