This guide shows you how to use the home page, browse documents in a search result, use filters to narrow a search result, print documents, check citations in KeyCite®, and organize your research using folders.

**Using the Home Page**

At the home page (Figure 1), you can retrieve a document by citation or name or search for documents using the text box at the top of the page. You can also access services and browse content using the links in the Browse section.

![Figure 1. Home page](image)

**Retrieving Documents by Citation or Name**

To retrieve documents by citation or name, do one of the following:

- To retrieve a document by citation, type **find:** or **fi:** followed by the citation, e.g., fi: 127 sct 2162, in the text box and click **Search**.

- To retrieve multiple documents by citation, type **find:** or **fi:** followed by the citations in the text box and click **Search**. Separate each citation with a semicolon, e.g., fi: 127 sct 2162; 42 usca 2000e-5.

- To retrieve a case by party name, type one or more parties’ names, e.g., rumsfeld v. hamdan, in the text box; change the jurisdiction if necessary; and click **Search**. You can also use the title field (ti) to retrieve a case by party name, e.g., ti(rumsfeld & hamdan). If you use the title field, you will retrieve only those cases in which both Rumsfeld and Hamdan appear in the title of the case.
Reseaching a Legal Issue

When you run a search, you search all of the core legal content on WestlawNext by default. Core content comprises cases; statutes and court rules; regulations; administrative decisions and guidance; trial court orders; secondary sources; briefs; pleadings, motions, and memoranda; expert witness testimony; jury verdicts and settlements; pending and proposed legislation; and pending and proposed regulations.

Complete these steps to search for documents:

1. Type a Terms and Connectors query or terms describing your issue in the text box. WestlawNext recognizes whichever search format you use. You can also choose a recent search by clicking the Recent Searches icon (Q-).
2. Leave the default jurisdiction or click the arrow to display the Jurisdiction selector. Select up to three jurisdictions and click Save.
3. Click Search.

Selecting Specific Content to Search

To select specific content to search, click a tab, e.g., All Content, in the Browse section. Then click a content category, e.g., Cases. A corresponding tabbed text box is displayed at the top of the page. Type your search in this text box, change the jurisdiction if necessary, and click Search.

Browsing Content

In addition to running a search, you can use the Browse feature to retrieve documents and to access the table of contents for statutes, regulations, and treatises. Simply click the category links on the tabs in the Browse section.

Browsing Cases

You can retrieve cases in several ways from the Browse section:

- Click the All Content tab, then click Cases to display the Cases page (Figure 2), which organizes cases under Federal Cases by Court, Federal Cases by Circuit, Cases by State, and Cases by Topic. Click the appropriate links to retrieve the cases you want.
- Click the Federal Materials tab to retrieve cases from specific federal courts, such as the U.S. Supreme Court, or from federal courts in a specific circuit or a specific state.
- Click the State Materials tab to view a list of states. Click a state name to retrieve cases from state or federal courts in that state.

When you click a link for a specific court, such as U.S. Supreme Court, a list of the 10 most recent cases from that court is displayed (Figure 3). A corresponding tabbed text box is displayed at the top of the page. You can search all cases from the court by typing a search in this text box and clicking Search.
Figure 2. Cases page

Figure 3. List of recent U.S. Supreme Court cases
Browsing Statutes and Court Rules

You can retrieve statutes and court rules in several ways from the Browse section:

- Click the All Content tab, then click Statutes and Court Rules to display the Statutes and Court Rules page (Figure 4). Click United States Code Annotated (USCA) to display the table of contents for the United States Code Annotated® (USCA®) (Figure 5), or click a state name to display the table of contents for that state’s statutes and court rules.

- Click the Federal Materials tab, then click United States Code Annotated (USCA) to display the USCA table of contents.

- Click the State Materials tab to view a list of states. Click a state name, then click the link to that state’s statutes and court rules under Statutes and Court Rules. The table of contents is displayed.

To browse a table of contents, click the links. To run a search, type your search in the corresponding tabbed text box at the top of the page and click Search.

While viewing the text of a statute section, you can click the arrows next to the section symbol (§) on the document toolbar to view the next and previous sections. To return to the table of contents, click Table of Contents on the document toolbar.
Viewing a Search Result

Result Page

After your search is run, an overview of the search result is displayed. Click a content category in the left column to display the result page for that category (Figure 6).

Note If you selected specific content to search, an overview is not displayed.

- Core content categories as well as available filters are listed in the left column.
- Documents in the category you selected are listed in the center column.
- A sampling of related documents from the Secondary Sources, Briefs, and Pleadings, Motions, and Memoranda content categories are listed in the right column.

Relevancy Ranking

By default, documents are ranked by relevance. To change the default ranking, choose an option from the Sort by drop-down list at the top of the center column.

Result Page Options

- Click the View Detail icon ( ) at the result page to choose from three levels of detail. Details vary by document type and may include the document title and citation, search terms in context, and a document summary.
- To change the number of documents that are displayed at the result page, choose a number from the drop-down list at the bottom of the page.

Figure 6. Result page

Related Documents

When you are viewing the result page for a particular content category, e.g., Cases, a list of related documents from the Secondary Sources, Briefs, and Pleadings, Motions, and Memoranda content categories is displayed in the right column. To view the full text of a related document, click its title.
Narrowing a Search Result

After you select a content category at the result page, you can narrow your search result.

Searching Within Results

To narrow a search result by searching within the result, type your terms in the "Search within results" text box under Narrow in the left column and click Search. Both your original search terms and the terms used to narrow your result are highlighted in the documents.

To undo a search within a result, click Undo search within in the left column.

Filtering Search Results

You can narrow a search result by selecting a filter under Narrow in the left column (Figure 7). Filters vary by document type. For example, the filters available for cases include jurisdiction, date, reported status, topic, judge, attorney, law firm, key number, party, and docket number. To undo all filters you have added, click Undo Filters under Narrow.

Figure 7. Filters at a result page
Browsing Documents in a Result

To view a document in your search result (Figure 8), click the document’s title. Each document in a search result contains highlighted search terms for easy browsing and links to cited documents.

On the document toolbar for a case, you can do any of the following:

• To view the result list, click Return to list.
• To view the next or previous document in your search result, click the Results arrows.
• To view the portions of each document that contain your search terms, click the Search Term arrows.
• To view the place in a document where a specific print page begins, click Page #, then type a page number in the text box and click Go.
• To change display options, such as font and type size, click the Display Options icon (AA).
• To jump to a specific portion of a case, click Skip to and choose an option, e.g., Opinion, from the menu.
• To add a note to the document, click the Annotations icon ( ) and choose Add Note from the menu.

Using Related Topics While Viewing a Document

When you are viewing a document, a list of related topics may be displayed in the right column. Each topic describes a legal issue discussed in the document. Click a topic to retrieve other documents pertaining to that topic.
Checking Citations in KeyCite

Use KeyCite to help you determine whether a case, statute, regulation, or administrative decision is good law and to retrieve citing references.

KeyCite information is available for every case in West's® National Reporter System®; more than 1 million unpublished cases; federal statutes and regulations; statutes and regulations from all 50 states; administrative decisions from selected federal agencies and selected states; patents issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; American Law Reports annotations; and articles from hundreds of law reviews.

Accessing KeyCite

There are several ways to access KeyCite information:

- While viewing a document with a KeyCite flag, click the flag.
- While viewing a document, click one of the following tabs at the top of the page: Negative Treatment, History, or Citing References.
- Type kc or keycite followed by a citation, e.g., kc 93 sct 1817 or keycite 93 sct 1817, in the text box at the top of the page and click Search.

Viewing KeyCite Information for a Case

If a case has a red or yellow flag, the most negative treatment is displayed next to the flag at the top of the document (Figure 9). Most negative treatment consists of phrases such as Overruled by, Abrogated by, or Distinguished by and includes a link to the underlying document, if available.

KeyCite Status Flags

A red or yellow KeyCite status flag indicates that KeyCite information is available for the case.

- A red flag warns that the case is no longer good law for at least one of the points of law it contains.
- A yellow flag warns that the case has some negative history but has not been reversed or overruled.
Viewing Negative Direct History and Negative Citing References
Click the **Negative Treatment** tab to view negative direct history and negative citing references for a case. Negative citing references are listed in a table format. The depth of treatment bars in the *Depth* column indicate the extent to which the citing cases discuss the cited case, and the headnote numbers in the *Headnote(s)* column indicate which headnotes in the cited case contain the points of law discussed by the citing cases.

Viewing History
Click the **History** tab to view the direct history of a case and related references. The cases included in the direct history and related references are listed in the left column. Direct history is also displayed in graphical view in the right column. You can restrict direct history by choosing an option from the View drop-down list.

Viewing Citing References
Click the **Citing References** tab to view a list of cases, administrative materials, secondary sources, briefs, and other documents that cite your case. To change the order in which the citing references are displayed, choose an option from the Sort By drop-down list on the toolbar.

To narrow the list of citing references,
- type terms in the *Search within results* text box in the left column.
- click a document type in the left column, e.g., **Cases**. You can further narrow this list by using a filter under *Narrow* in the left column, e.g., *Jurisdiction* or *Depth of Treatment*.

Viewing KeyCite Information for a Statute
If a statute has a red or yellow flag, the most negative treatment is displayed next to the flag at the top of the document (Figure 10). Most negative treatment consists of phrases such as *Unconstitutional* or *Preempted* or *Proposed Legislation* and includes a link to the underlying document, if available.
KeyCite Status Flags
A red or yellow KeyCite status flag indicates that KeyCite information is available for the statute.

- A red flag indicates that the statute has been amended by a recent session law, repealed, superseded, or held unconstitutional or preempted in whole or in part.
- A yellow flag indicates that the statute has been renumbered or transferred by a recent session law; that an uncodified session law or proposed legislation affecting the statute is available; that the statute was limited on constitutional or preemption grounds or its validity was otherwise called into doubt; or that a prior version of the statute received negative treatment from a court.

Viewing History
Click the **History** tab to view history for a statute, which includes the following categories:

- **Graphical Statute**, which helps you track changes to a statute
- **Negative Treatment**, which includes cases affecting the validity of the statute, recent session laws that have amended or repealed the statute, and proposed legislation
- **Versions**, which includes prior versions of the statute
- **Legislative History Notes**, which describes the legislative changes affecting the section
- **Bill Drafts**, which includes drafts of bills introduced before a section was enacted into law
- **Reports and Related Materials**, which lists reports, journals, *Congressional Record* documents, presidential or executive messages, and testimony relevant to the section

**Note** Statutory credits are listed at the end of the statute text.

Viewing Citing References
Click the **Citing References** tab to view citing references for the statute, including cases; statutes; regulations; administrative decisions; secondary sources; briefs; pleadings, motions, and memoranda; and other documents. To change the order in which the citing references are displayed, choose an option from the **Sort By** drop-down list on the toolbar.

To narrow the list of citing references, click a document type in the left column, e.g., **Cases**. You can further narrow this list by

- typing terms in the **Search within results** text box in the left column
- using a filter under **Narrow** in the left column, e.g., **Jurisdiction**

Printing or Delivering Documents
To print, e-mail, or download a document or a list of documents, complete these steps:

1. Click the **Print**, **Email**, or **Download** icon on the toolbar, or click the arrow next to the delivery icon and choose **Print**, **Email**, or **Download** from the menu.
2. A dialog box is displayed, which includes two or more of the following tabs (Figure 11):
   - **Layout and Limits** tab. Select the check boxes for the elements you want to include in the document, such as expanded margins for notes.
   - **Content to Append** tab. Select the check boxes for the content you want to append to the document from the **KeyCite Lists** and **Other Related Information** sections.
   - **Recipients** tab. This tab is available if you click the **Email** icon or chose **Email** from the menu.
   - **Basics** tab. This tab is available if you click the **Print** or **Download** icon or choose **Print** or **Download** from the menu.
3. Click Print, Email, or Download. If you click Print or Download, a Preparing for Print or Preparing for Download dialog box is displayed. To continue your research and print or download documents at a later time, click Minimize and Continue Researching. Your request will be added to the delivery queue.

**Note** You can also send documents to Amazon Kindle and export documents to West Case Notebook.

Using the Delivery Queue

Print and download requests are saved in the delivery queue in the lower-right corner of the page until midnight of the current day and can be printed or downloaded at any time prior to expiration. To display the items in the delivery queue, click the View Delivery Queue icon ( ). Click an item to print or download it.

Copying and Pasting Text with the Citation

The Copy with Reference feature automatically inserts the correct citation when you copy and paste text from a case, statute, regulation, treatise, law review, or other document on WestlawNext into a brief or other legal document. To use Copy with Reference, select the text you want to copy, then choose Copy with Reference from the pop-up menu. A message is displayed confirming that the text has been copied. Click Close. Paste the copied text, which includes its citation, into your legal document.

**Note** Standard citation format is the default; you can choose other formats by clicking the arrow next to Copy with Reference in the pop-up menu.

Returning to Prior Research

To return to previous work, point to History at the top of any page. A list of the five most recent documents you have viewed and searches you have run is displayed (Figure 12). Click a link to return to a document or search. You can also click View all next to Recent Documents or Recent Searches to display the History page for a list of all the documents you have viewed and searches you have run.

**Note** Although research history is saved for up to one year, you can display history for a specific time period at the History page by choosing an option from the Date drop-down list in the left column, e.g., Today, Last 30 Days.
Using Folders

Folders allow you to organize and manage your research by storing your documents and text snippets in folders. The active folder is the folder that is displayed on the right side of the home page and at the top of all other pages.

Saving and Viewing Documents in a Folder

To save the document you are viewing in a folder, click the **Save to Folder** icon ( ) on the document toolbar. Select the folder in which you want to save the document and click **Save**. If the document is successfully saved in the folder, a confirmation message is displayed.

To save documents in a result list, select the check boxes next to the documents you want to save and click the **Save to Folder** icon. Select the folder in which you want to save the documents and click **Save**.

To view documents saved in your active folder, click your active folder. To view documents saved in another folder, click **Folders** at the top of the page. Then click the name of the folder containing the documents.

Saving and Viewing Selected Text in a Folder

To save selected text in your active folder, select the text you want to save and choose **Save to ...** from the pop-up menu. A message is displayed confirming that the text has been saved.

To view text saved in your active folder, click the active folder. To view text saved in another folder, click **Folders** at the top of the page. Then click the name of the folder containing the text. The text is displayed as a snippet.

Managing Folders

To create a new folder, do one of the following:

- Click **Folders** at the top of the page. The Folders page is displayed. Click **New** in the left column. The New Folder dialog box is displayed. Type the name of the folder in the **Folder Name** text box, select a location for the new folder, and click **OK**.

- While viewing a document or a result list, click the **Save to Folder** icon, then click **New Folder**. Type the name of the folder in the **Folder Name** text box, select a location for the folder, and click **OK**.

To change the active folder, click the active folder and then click the **Change Folder** icon ( ). The Change Folder dialog box is displayed. Select the folder you want to be the active folder and click **OK**.