

An aerial night view of London, England, featuring the illuminated Tower Bridge and the River Thames. The city lights are visible in the background, and a white line graphic is overlaid on the top of the image.

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City roof top view, Manchester.

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Tower Bridge is pictured from The
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Europe's tallest building, in London
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REUTERS/Stefan Wermuth.
St Paul's cathedral is lit by the
early morning sun in an aerial
view taken from The View gallery
at the Shard, western Europe's
tallest building.

FIND THE RIGHT ANSWER,
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“A valuable and everyday tool in the often bewildering world of legal research”

WILLIAM WALDRON Q.C.
EXCHANGE CHAMBERS

Westlaw UK is used daily by law firms, barristers' chambers, government organisations, in-house counsel, academic institutions and thousands of other legal professionals across the United Kingdom and worldwide. They use it because it gives them the power to speed up their workflow, to help build the strongest arguments, and to deliver a better answer, faster. **That's the Westlaw UK advantage.**

MARKET-LEADING AND EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

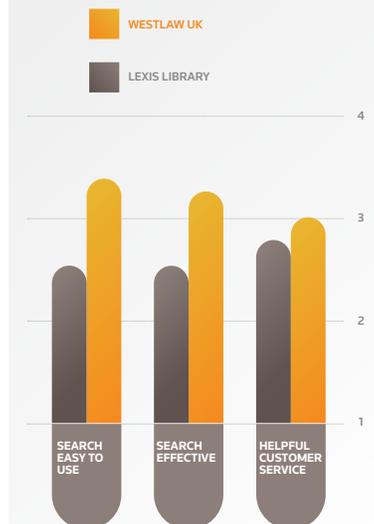
For over 200 years Sweet & Maxwell authors have been analysing, summarising and commenting on the law to provide legal professionals with the tools to work faster and smarter. Westlaw UK is built on this authority and combines it with other leading sources to deliver content, online such as:

- Full ICLR content: The Law Reports, Industrial Cases Reports, Public and Third Sector Reports, Scots Law Times and the Weekly Law Reports all downloadable in PDF
- Sweet & Maxwell Law Reports, official transcripts and extempore judgments, updated on a daily basis
- Consolidated, annotated legislation from the UK, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, with historic, current and prospective versions, all updated daily and all available in PDF
- Over 110 full-text journals and abstracts from 800 more via the Legal Journals Index
- Over 200 Sweet & Maxwell titles such as *Chitty on Contracts*, *The White Book*, *Archbold*, *Woodfall: Landlord and Tenant*, *McGregor on Damages* and *IDS Employment Law Handbooks*, with some titles updated on a weekly basis to ensure you have the latest law in that area
- Insight – an encyclopaedia of UK law written by experts specifically for online use
- Current Awareness service updated every 5 minutes
- Reuters News taken from 11,000 sources
- EU law, including the OJ online and EU competition law

In the most recent independent research into UK Top 200 law firm purchasing preferences by FreePint in October 2014*, respondents were asked to list those features of online services that were of value to them.

'Ease of use' was voted the most valued element, with 'quality customer service' and 'advanced searching' also important.

The research revealed the following results, putting Westlaw UK ahead of other services in those key areas:



Westlaw UK was also the fee earner's preferred primary law research service and the number one primary law research service that saves time and money.

*FreePint Report: UK Legal Purchasing Preferences and Needs, October 2014 (ISBN 978-1-78123-174-6) is a FreePint report published by Free Pint Limited.

SEARCH WITH EASE

Westlaw UK was designed to be as simple as possible to use so that anyone within a firm, in-house legal department or chambers, whether legally qualified or not, can dive into the system, find what they need and get out again with minimal effort.

From the simple search bar on the home page to the more advanced search features within each of the databases, you can choose to research in the way that's most natural to you. Intuitive functionality such as suggested search terms, plain English searching, highlighted search terms in results lists, a breadcrumb trail and legal term definition searching, ensure that you get to the information you need as quickly as possible.

SORT AND FILTER RESULTS

We know that when you run a search, you want the most relevant results displayed at the top. Westlaw UK does just that. With the option to display search results ranked by relevance, date or alphabetical order, and the ability to view results by content type, such as cases, legislation or journals, you can save time trawling through irrelevant content.

And to really narrow down a results list to pinpoint the information you need, you can filter your search results using options such as content type, date, practice area and jurisdiction.

1. Search within your results to further narrow down a list
2. Click on "Show Terms in Context" to see a preview of the content with your search terms highlighted
3. Filter your results to pinpoint the information you need
4. Re-sort your results to display in a different order
5. Icons in results list allow you see the status of cases and legislation

The screenshot shows the Westlaw UK search results interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'My Folders', 'Services', 'RSS Feeds', 'Alerts', 'Settings & Tools', 'Training Tutorial', 'Help', and 'Log Out'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: 'Insight', 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', 'EU', 'Books', and 'News'. The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and shows a search for 'Flexible AND tenancies'. The search bar contains the text 'Search Within Results' and is highlighted with a red circle '1'. Below the search bar, there are options to 'Edit Search' and 'New Search'. The search results are displayed in a list format, with the first result being 'Flexible tenancies (Insight)'. The search results are filtered to show 540 results. On the left side, there is a sidebar with filters for 'CONTENT TYPE' and 'TOPICS'. The 'CONTENT TYPE' filter is highlighted with a red circle '3'. The 'TOPICS' filter is also visible. The search results list includes a 'Show Terms in Context' button and a 'Sort by Date' button, both highlighted with red circles '2' and '4' respectively. The search results list also includes a 'Search Within Results' button, highlighted with a red circle '1'. The search results list includes a 'Status' icon (a green checkmark) next to the first result, highlighted with a red circle '5'. The search results list includes a 'Status' icon (a red X) next to the second result, highlighted with a red circle '5'. The search results list includes a 'Status' icon (a red X) next to the third result, highlighted with a red circle '5'. The search results list includes a 'Status' icon (a red X) next to the fourth result, highlighted with a red circle '5'. The search results list includes a 'Status' icon (a red X) next to the fifth result, highlighted with a red circle '5'.

WHY MOVE MY LEGAL LIBRARY ONLINE?

For some, moving research online could be considered a daunting prospect, but the benefits speak for themselves.

No more searching through pages of multiple books to find your answer – one search is all it takes

No more risk associated with using out-of-date content – thanks to the currency of online and instant updates

No more time lost searching for cases or legislation in alternative sources – all primary law is linked within the system

No more manual filing of updates to looseleafs – all new content is automatically added

No more time wasted searching for elusive hard copies of case reports, journals and commentary titles – access for all, online

No more wasted office space – all you need is a computer or mobile device with internet access

REUTERS/Nigel Roddis.
The Millennium bridge over
the Tyne river is pictured before
Earth Hour in Newcastle,
northern England.



INTELLIGENT
RESEARCH TOOLS
THAT PROMOTE
PRODUCTIVITY.

“Westlaw UK is our first port of call for legal research. Intuitive, easy to use and with a constant stream of enhancements, it makes our jobs a lot easier.”

KAREN RICHARDSON
THE HOME OFFICE

A clean, clear and easy-to-use interface. It's what our users love most about **Westlaw UK** because it ensures that they get to the information they need in just a few clicks. On top of that, we add intelligent tools that make legal research as painless as possible. **That's the Westlaw UK advantage.**

DIRECT LINKS FROM PRACTICAL LAW TO WESTLAW UK

We know that when looking at Practical Law's legal know-how it's also important to be able to see the full text of the case or legislation that's referenced. That's why we've created direct links from one service to the other. So there's no need to go searching elsewhere, just click on the reference in Practical Law to be taken directly to the relevant document on Westlaw UK where you can research without breaking your train of thought.

Find out more about the advantages of linking at:
westlaw.co.uk/practicallawlinking

RESEARCH FASTER WITH ANALYSIS DOCUMENTS

Westlaw UK's Case and Legislation Analysis documents can save you huge amounts of time when searching for relevant primary law.

Case Analysis documents provide all information needed in the first instance, such as a case summary, where it's reported, appellate history and status, and direct links to all related content to save you time having to source it. Our Legal Editors highlight the key cases cited and citing the case, as well as key legislation cited to save you time going through the Table of Authorities.

Legislation Analysis documents, written specifically for online research, provide all information pertinent to a provision such as enabling Act, commencement, extent, SIs made under it and links to related content. The Arrangement of Act/SI document also allows easy navigation to any provision, part or schedule from one page, saving you going back and forth between web pages.

VISUAL TOOLS FOR INSTANT EVALUATION

Time is precious when you're researching, so being able to tell at a glance if a document is relevant for your search is invaluable. Westlaw UK makes that possible. Status icons for cases and legislation are displayed in search results lists and at the top of individual documents to alert you as to their current status. You'll be able to see instantly if a case is safe to rely on as good law or should be treated with caution, or whether that provision is still in force or has amendments pending.

Use the Graphical History display option to clearly see a case's journey through the courts and help bring clarity to those cases with complex appeal histories.

UNINTERRUPTED RESEARCH THANKS TO LINKED CONTENT

Nothing interrupts the flow of research more than having to stop and perform a new search for related content. With Westlaw UK, this isn't a problem. Wherever a statutory provision is mentioned, there will be a direct link to it. If a case is referenced in a book title, you can simply click on the link and be taken straight to it. And if you're reading a journal article and it mentions a legal textbook (that is also available on the system), that's right, you'll be able to jump straight into the relevant paragraph. We call it seamless research.

ADVANCED SEARCH OPTIONS FOR A MORE EFFICIENT SEARCH

Additional search options within each of the content sets in the system ensure that you can really focus your searches. From specifying the judge who presided over a case, to searching for how a piece of legislation looked at a specific date in time, Westlaw UK gives you the tools to find the information you need as efficiently as possible.

"It was good to come back to Westlaw UK – the clean clear interface is a pleasure to use. I have always found the layout of the Case Analysis documents particularly helpful and it was great to see the latest additions of tabular view and Graphical History"

LORNA GOULDING
INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGER
SIMMONS & SIMMONS LLP

1. Use the icons at the top of documents to instantly tell the status of that case or provision
2. Look to the left for Westlaw UK's Analysis documents which give succinct overviews and provide links to all related content
3. Additional views are available to help bring clarity to complex cases
4. References to primary law are active links which take you directly to that document in one click

The screenshot displays the Westlaw UK interface for a case document. The top navigation bar includes 'Westlaw UK', 'Insight', 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', 'EU', 'Books', and 'News'. The 'Cases' section is active, showing a search result for '[2013] P.N.L.R. 19'. The document title is 'AIB Group (UK) Plc v Mark Redler & Co Solicitors', Court of Appeal (Civil Division), dated 08 February 2013. The document is annotated with four numbered circles: 1 points to the status bar at the top right; 2 points to the left-hand navigation menu; 3 points to the 'Tabular View' and 'Graphical History' options at the bottom left; and 4 points to a citation link '[2013] P.N.L.R. 19' in the 'Where Reported' section. The main content area includes sections for 'Where Reported', 'Case Digest', 'Subject', 'Keywords', 'Summary', and 'Abstract'.



ORGANISE AND MANAGE YOUR RESEARCH EFFECTIVELY.

Instant access to the information you need helps keep you focussed and become more productive. By harnessing the superior functionality of Westlaw UK, your legal research can become incredibly easy. **That's the Westlaw UK Advantage.**

SAVE AND ORGANISE DOCUMENTS IN FOLDERS

My Folders* is your own corner of the system where you can store and organise your legal research from Westlaw UK. It's where you can access saved research documents quickly, or pick up where you left off at your last session as your research is never deleted. With a couple of clicks you can add Case Reports, Analysis documents, Arrangements of Acts, pages from books, individual documents from search results, PDFs, and any other part of your research to My Folders.

TRACK DOWN PREVIOUS RESEARCH

Occasionally you'll want to remind yourself of the research undertaken for a particular client. With the Trail feature, you can see all your previous research sessions from the last fourteen days and access the documents that were looked at or simply pick up where you left off. Want to keep your research for longer? Simply reset the timer back to fourteen days, or save it to My Folders.

" Westlaw UK is the only online database that shows not just the case you are looking for but if it has been the subject of further judicial consideration. Its searchability is the most straightforward and the content the most comprehensive of the databases I have used. It is trustworthy. It is the Mercedes-Benz of the online legal resources."

KATE ROUND
5 PUMP COURT CHAMBERS

THE LATEST UPDATES DELIVERED TO YOUR INBOX

Let the information come to you by setting up alerts or RSS feeds*. It's a great way to keep track of new developments, perhaps for a specific set of search terms, changes to the status of a case you're interested in, news items on a particular company or client or just current awareness in a specified practice area.

ACCESS ANY TIME, ANYWHERE

Whether you're in the office, at court or just commuting, as long as you have internet access you'll be able to tap into your favourite legal research system.

**Only available with a username and password login*

1. Set up Alerts or RSS feeds to get up-to-date information delivered to your inbox
2. Access your research trails from the last fourteen days and pick up where you left off
3. Add any document to a folder. Decide whether you want the Westlaw UK document or the PDF, where available
4. Link directly back to a document that you've looked at during this research session

The screenshot displays the Westlaw UK interface for the Health and Social Care Act 2012 c. 7. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Insight', 'Cases', 'Legislation', 'Journals', 'Current Awareness', 'Settings & Tools', 'Training Tutorial', 'Help', and 'Log Out'. The 'Alerts' link is highlighted with a red circle '1'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Trail' link is highlighted with a red circle '2', and the 'Options' link is highlighted with a red circle '3'. The left sidebar contains a 'RECENT' dropdown menu highlighted with a red circle '4'. The main content area shows the 'Health and Social Care Act 2012 c. 7' with a status of 'Law In Force'. The section 'Part 1 THE HEALTH SERVICE IN ENGLAND' is expanded, showing 'The health service: overview' and '1 Secretary of State's duty to promote comprehensive health service'. The text of section 1 is displayed, including sub-sections (1) through (4). The bottom of the page shows an 'Annotation' section with 'Section 1 Introduction' and a note about the Government's Explanatory Notes.



THE WESTLAW UK ADVANTAGE

In the current legal climate, where everyone is being asked to do more with less, Westlaw UK can provide your firm or organisation with the tools needed to work more quickly and more efficiently, without compromising quality. And it's not just for the information professional or PSL; the system provides benefits for users across any business, whether they have a legal background or not.

THE FEE EARNER

- Pass work to trainees with confidence that they can find accurate, authoritative information with ease
- Free up time for billable hours – research tasks are completed quicker
- Join up systems and processes – Westlaw UK connects to other Thomson Reuters products, such as Practical Law, Lawtel and litigation workflow tools such as Case Notebook and Status Check, which saves time checking over documents manually
- Future proof your transactions with tools such as Prospective Law, Annotated Statutes and Current Awareness alerts
- Have confidence that you're using the best tools – enhancements to Westlaw UK are fuelled by customer requests. The features of the service are built specifically for online and content is written by expert practitioners, so you can be sure it's intuitive and authoritative

THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

- Easily investigate prospect clients by searching for them across cases, journals and news
- Uncover industry trends for forecasting new business opportunities
- Read up on current clients by searching for litigation they're involved in at the moment
- Warn clients of any areas not to get involved in by performing searches to uncover the latest regulations or litigation in their industry
- Stay organised – use My Folders to store information on all of your clients
- Use Insight to see who the leading minds are across various fields of law and read their articles to get up to speed on their specialist area
- Keep up to date with the latest world affairs and industry news using the News and Current Awareness databases. No need to search through a newspaper or magazine for mentions of your firm or organisation
- Alerts can be set up on a wide range of subjects and get pushed to your inbox, read them on your commute since Westlaw UK is optimised for mobile devices
- Use RSS feeds to keep track of new developments, changes to the status of a case you're interested in, news items on a particular company or client or just current awareness in a specified practice area

THE IN-HOUSE LAWYER

- Westlaw UK is renowned for being easy to navigate, with information clearly displayed on screen, whilst having completely comprehensive content sets, meaning you should be able to find information you need quickly and easily
- With pressures to reduce department spend, Westlaw UK can save you always having to assign research to external counsel
- Set up alerts to be notified of any changes to the law in your industry, ensuring that you're compliant. You can also set up alerts to be notified any time a competitor is mentioned in any news article, case or journal, enabling you to stay ahead of the game
- Mitigate the risk of relying on out-of-date information – Westlaw UK is updated on a daily basis (Current Awareness every 5 minutes), so it's safer to rely on than free sites
- Save time cross-referencing past and present versions of provisions – all legislation on Westlaw UK is consolidated with options to see previous and future versions, where amendments are pending
- Get up to speed on an unfamiliar area of law quickly using Insight, the online encyclopaedia built for Westlaw UK. Insight not only gives you an overview, but also highlights any areas of complexity as well as offering links to related cases, legislation and journals
- Download the PDF of any journal article or extract from a textbook available on Westlaw UK, for reading on your commute

PSL OR TRAINEE

- Get up to speed on a new area of law quickly using Insight. Very useful for trainees, it also gives them links to key related cases, legislation and journals
- Research takes a fraction of the time – what used to take half a day can now take half an hour. Direct links to referenced content across the site saves vast amounts of time performing multiple searches or looking through different sources
- Mitigate the risk of using out-of-date information – Westlaw UK is updated on a daily basis (Current Awareness every 15 minutes), so it's safer to rely on than free sites
- Efficiency is increased and because research tasks are finished more quickly, more time can be freed up for other work
- Use Index of Legal Terms to search for unfamiliar terms or phrases and get the definition plus links to relevant cases and legislation in that area of law
- Visual tools assist you in quickly understanding and analysing key principles of law

Edinburgh skyline building and castle from Calton Hill at dusk. Scotland, UK.

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