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# What is Practical Law and why do you need it?

Whether you need an accessible, authoritative overview of an area of law, or you simply want expertly-authored updates, Practical Law can help.

It provides online resources, including practice notes, legal updates and standard documents, saving you time.

Resources are created and kept up to date by our team of in-house editors – all of whom have significant practice experience gained in leading chambers, law firms, and organisations round the world – and expert external contributors including over 500 barristers from 80 sets of chambers.

Practical Law practice notes are continually maintained, subject to rigorous peer review and published with complete transparency: so you can always see when and how they were last updated. Resources include direct links to cases and legislation on Westlaw UK, so you can continue your research with ease.

“Thomson Reuters Practical Law offers barristers a valuable research tool both for updating familiar areas of law and for introducing unfamiliar areas of law. It saves you vital research time, benefitting from a user-friendly search function, relevant content and useable materials. This is further enabled by the support and training offered as part of your subscription.”

JANE RUSSELL, Barrister at Essex Court Chambers

## Our resources

Our team knows what practising law on the front line is like.

They have developed a series of practical resources designed to support you. Access up-to-date, market-leading resources, distilled in a way that makes finding the information you need effortless, saving you valuable research time.

Resources can also improve knowledge of your clients with access to the same standard documents clauses and drafting notes your instructing solicitors are using.

You can also access summaries of your own and your peers' cases.

### New judgments, new regulations ... so what?

Practical Law current awareness doesn't just aggregate and alert. We carefully select, curate and, if beneficial, comment. Our team of experts monitor thousands of information sources daily in order to identify any relevant development in the law or practice. We apply the 'So what?' test when reporting on developments, meaning that if it doesn't have a practical significance to your work, we don't cover it.

### Quality is our priority

How do we ensure our resources remain the market standard? All of our resources are peer reviewed and many are also sent to our consultation board members, many of whom are specialist barristers, as well as author contributors, for their expert opinion. Materials are immediately updated following changes in law and practice. We also carry out annual reviews of content to make sure it continues to be current, clear and offer the expert guidance our subscribers demand.

### Ask – and see what others are asking

Our customers, who could also be your clients, find it really useful to be able to find fast answers to their daily questions through our Ask service. But Ask is not just a legal query service, it's also an online forum that connects you to your peers and provides a deep archive of useful practice points. Each week we publish around 150 Ask Q&As.

### Access to Practical Law resources allows you to:

- ✓ Keep on top of legal, procedural and regulatory developments
- ✓ Quickly navigate any area of law you are approached with saving you time in your research
- ✓ Swiftly identify potential lines of argument for litigation
- ✓ Gain a fresh perspective: get access to the same information your instructing solicitors rely on
- ✓ See the standard documents, clauses and drafting notes that solicitors use as the basis for their documents

## The coverage

With legal know how resources across a spectrum of practice areas, Practical Law provides a detailed overview of key areas, helping you identify potential lines of argument and get up to speed quickly on any area of law.

Our resources are interlinked across practice areas, so you can find the support you need in specialist and unfamiliar areas and continue your research with ease.

- Agriculture & Rural Land
- Arbitration
- Business Crime & Investigations
- Commercial
- Competition
- Construction
- Corporate
- Data Protection
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Environment
- EU Law
- Family
- Finance
- Financial Services
- IP&IT
- Life Sciences
- Local Government
- Media & Telecoms
- Pensions
- Planning
- Private Client
- Property
- Property Litigation
- Public Law
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Share schemes & Incentives
- Tax

## Integrated with Westlaw UK

To bring together our research and practical solutions, users can now search, browse and access Westlaw UK cases, legislation and journals within Practical Law. By combining the trusted, authoritative content of Westlaw UK with Practical Law's guidance in one place, you now have a seamless research experience, making it easier and quicker to find the trusted answers you need.

### PRACTICE NOTES

Clear, up-to-date explanations of the law and how it applies in practice, covering all the major practice areas, ranging from quick guides and overviews to detailed guidance.

### STANDARD DOCUMENTS

Reliable and trusted market-leading standard documents, clauses, letters and court forms for a head start either when drafting or when analysing the documents used by your instructing solicitors.

### TRACKERS

Convenient tracking of key legislation, cases, dates and other developments.

### CHECKLISTS AND FLOWCHARTS

Quick reference reminders show how common transactions should be approached, structured or procedural requirements complied with.

### LINKING TO WESTLAW UK

Maintained resources and legal updates on Practical Law clearly identify the sources of law used in their writing, and contain direct links to case reports and consolidated legislation on Westlaw UK, allowing you to move seamlessly between practical guidance and primary law.

### CURRENT AWARENESS

Daily, weekly and monthly legal updates written by our experienced team, telling you what you need to know and why.

### ASK

Our editorial team is available to answer legal queries through our Ask service. View published answers, get help finding a resource and see what your peers and instructing solicitors are saying. We take on your feedback to further evolve and refine our resources.

### PLC MAGAZINE

The leading monthly magazine for business lawyers, with articles and columns written by expert contributors.

### WHAT'S MARKET

Database of public deal summaries, market practice analysis and AGM materials.



# Features and functionality

## Practical Law homepage

### 1 Browse:

Move flexibly through the list of practice areas, resource types and international resources without needing to leave the homepage.

### 2 Search:

Use our intuitive search bar to scour through all the resources on Practical Law to find the most relevant resources.

### 3 Meet our team:

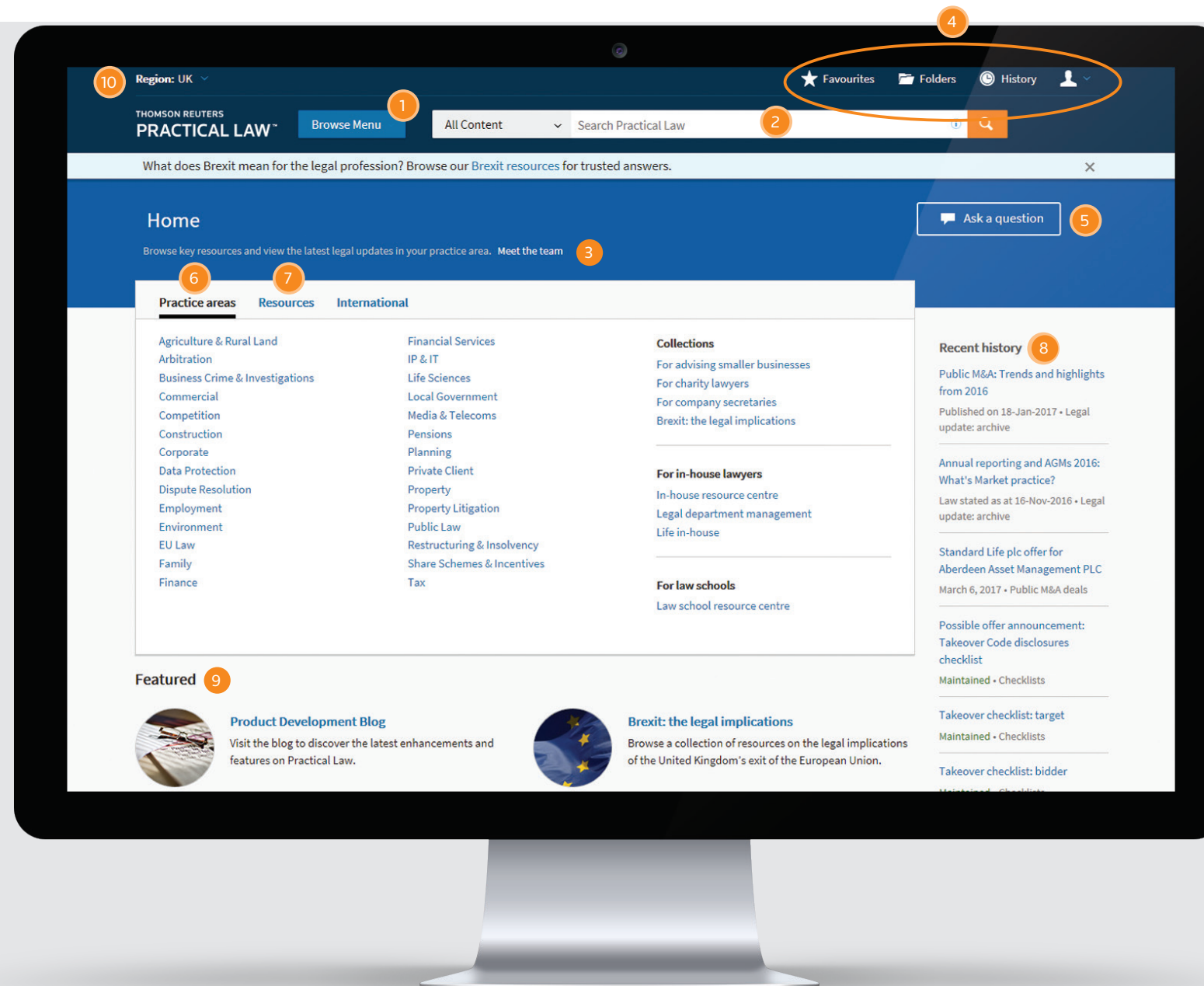
Meet the team who create and maintain our resources.

### 4 Personalisation:

Organise your favourite pages, create easy to access folders, view your past activity, and edit your profile and email preferences here, so that Practical Law is customised to your needs.

### 5 Ask a question:

Click the 'Ask a question' button which appears at the top of all pages on the site to submit a query through our Ask service. Our team is available to answer your queries or help you find a resource.



### 6 Practice areas:

Click on one of our practice areas to browse resources by topic or access resources for that practice area.

### 7 Resources:

Our team create a vast number of resources including practice notes, standard documents and checklists. Material dovetails between practice areas so you can do your research with ease.

### 8 History:

Access recently viewed resources without having to search for the items again.

### 9 Featured:

The latest news and developments from Practical Law. Find out about upcoming events and new resources.

### 10 Region:

Switch to a different region to work from. You can access the same information across all websites. The only difference is the emphasis of the search and navigation.

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