

Database Guide

Westlaw

Comprehensive coverage of IP cases and legislation in the UK. Covers citable legislation, case law, journal archives, latest legal news and business information from around the globe.

Summary

- Specialist database covering online legal research in the UK.
- Includes case law with analytical commentary, journals, international news and business information.
- Information focuses mainly on the UK although some EU, US and international coverage is available.

Strengths

- Includes over 195,000 full law reports dating back to 1865 with analytical commentary available for many including summaries of key points and key citations relevant to a case.
- Gives journal articles relevant to a case.
- Includes fully comprehensive legislation dating back to 1267 usually summarising key points relating to a legislative provision with historic and prospective information.
- Vast journal archive including a legal journals index.
- Very current international news and business information from over 1,000 sources.
- Useful help page giving hints and tips on using the database.
- Step-by-step online training tutorial available.
- 24-hour legally qualified customer support team available.

Weaknesses

- Interface and range of search options can be quite overwhelming.
- International coverage is limited.

Alternatives

- Many aspects of the database are totally unique and therefore no alternatives exist.
- News and business information can be found from several alternate databases including: **Dialog Newsroom, Factiva, ABI Inform** and **Business Source Complete**.

Printing/Downloading

- Printing is allowed
- No downloading is permitted.