International Materials on Westlaw

Contact details for further help are at the end of this guide.

This database is available both on and off campus, and may be accessed from Databases A-Z in the Electronic Library at www.ljmu.ac.uk/library/e-library

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Getting Started
From the Electronic Library page (www.ljmu.ac.uk/library/e-library) click on Databases A-Z, then on Westlaw UK.
Westlaw has three sections: Westlaw UK, US and International. All sections can be accessed via Westlaw UK. Once on the Westlaw UK homepage, choose the Region you want to search by selecting it from the top taskbar as shown below. For now, we are selecting International.

There is also a direct link to Westlaw International in Databases A-Z. Links to European Union materials are provided within Westlaw UK (under the More tab on the Westlaw homepage) and within Westlaw
International. The international section contains all jurisdictions available on Westlaw except for UK and US jurisdictions.

This guide covers the International and the US sections of Westlaw. See the Westlaw UK guide for UK and EU resources.

Basic Search

You can start searching all international material using the search box at the top or use the links provided to browse by jurisdiction or document type.

- **Search International Materials.** Type in a related query to search the core legal content across several international jurisdictions in a single search. This content includes cases, administrative materials, legislation, treatises, journals, current awareness, court documents and forms. You can refine your search by jurisdiction and content type.

- **Jurisdictions.** Click on a country to view content specific to that jurisdiction.

- **Content Types.** Browse by content type to conduct a global cross database search.

This basic search across all jurisdictions and content types can be sorted by relevance (default) or date. The left panel allows swapping between viewing different material types in the results. E.g. Cases below.
Limiting your search

The search box at the top of the page stays there no matter where you are within *International Materials* but will limit its search to the selection, e.g., below - Australia has been selected. It is possible to narrow by both jurisdiction and content type before you search. For example, in addition to jurisdiction of Australia you could then click on All Australia Journals to limit to these.

The results below for jurisdiction Australia, can also be sorted by content type using the left panel.
Alternatively, it is possible to select ‘Content types’ instead of jurisdictions e.g. cases in all jurisdictions as shown below and to then narrow from these results to jurisdictions by clicking + and opening out the list of countries as below and consider the usefulness of other filters such as date and judge that may be relevant.
US Materials
From the Electronic Library page (www.ljmu.ac.uk/library/e-library) click on Databases A-Z, then on Westlaw UK.
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On the homepage, you can retrieve specific items such as a statute by name, a document by citation or a case by party name. e.g. for a case, click on ‘Cases’ first then type in the details.
If you don’t know the party names, browsing from cases by known details such as court or state may help.

Autosuggest can also be useful if you know the general area – see below.
You can type in simple descriptive words across all US or choose up to 3 jurisdictions (Click on ‘All Federal’ at the top on the right to access jurisdiction selector).

Further guidance on US materials is available from the link at the end of this document.

**EU tab in Westlaw UK**

As stated at the beginning EU materials are accessed through the **European Union** tab found under the More tab from the Homepage in Westlaw UK.

**Further Help and Support**

Not all countries are covered by Westlaw. Another useful resource on international Law is the library of Congress website. [https://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide.php](https://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide.php)

From here the International and Nations links may be amongst the most useful.

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You are welcome to contact us for further help, and to arrange a one-to-one appointment.

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