

Westlaw Pricing

For Plan 1 Subscribers

West offers you Westlaw pricing methods that are predictable and flexible. This guide summarizes Westlaw pricing options for private plan subscribers, including hourly and transactional pricing methods.

Note: If you are a WestlawPRO® subscriber, some of the information in this guide might not fit your plan. Call your West account manager for specific information about your plan.

The impact of each pricing option on your bill depends on your specific usage patterns. Access the Subscriber Information database (SUBSCRIBER) and *Schedule A to Westlaw Subscriber Agreement* for prices that may apply to your plan, or call your West account manager for more information.

Note: See the last page of this guide for more information on the SUBSCRIBER database.

Selecting Pricing Methods for Searching and Printing

To select your pricing methods in westlaw.com®, complete these steps:

1. Click **Preferences** on any westlaw.com page. The Preferences-Location and Pricing page is displayed.
2. Select your preferred pricing method for printing and downloading (**Bill by Document** or **Bill by Line**) from the *Printing* drop-down list.
3. Select your preferred pricing method for searching (**By the Hour** or **By Transaction**) from the *Searching* drop-down list. To choose your pricing method at the start of each Westlaw session, select **Ask at Sign On** from the drop-down list.
4. Click **Save**.
5. If you selected a new pricing method, sign off from Westlaw and then sign on again to proceed with your research under the new pricing method.

Note: Click **Go to Quickview+** to access QuickView+™, the Westlaw cost recovery and reporting service. Quickview+ allows designated personnel to track Westlaw usage and charges for a particular account, client, Westlaw user, or billing date.

The screenshot shows the 'Preferences' page with a sidebar on the left containing various settings categories like 'Location & Pricing', 'Change Client ID', 'Document Display', etc. The main content area is titled 'Location' and 'Pricing'. Under 'Location', there are dropdown menus for 'Time zone' (set to 'Central'), 'Date format' (set to 'US - United States'), and 'Find jurisdiction' (set to 'US - United States'). The 'Pricing' section has two dropdown menus: 'Printing' (set to 'Bill by Document') and 'Searching' (set to 'By the Hour'). A 'Save' button is located below these options. To the right of the pricing options, a note reads: 'Note: Changes in pricing method for printing and searching will take effect the next time you sign on to Westlaw.' Below the pricing section, there is a 'QuickView+' section with a 'Go to QuickView+' link.

The Preferences-Location and Pricing page

Westlaw is available on the Web at www.westlaw.com.

For technical assistance, call West Customer Technical Support at **1-800-WESTLAW** (1-800-937-8529).

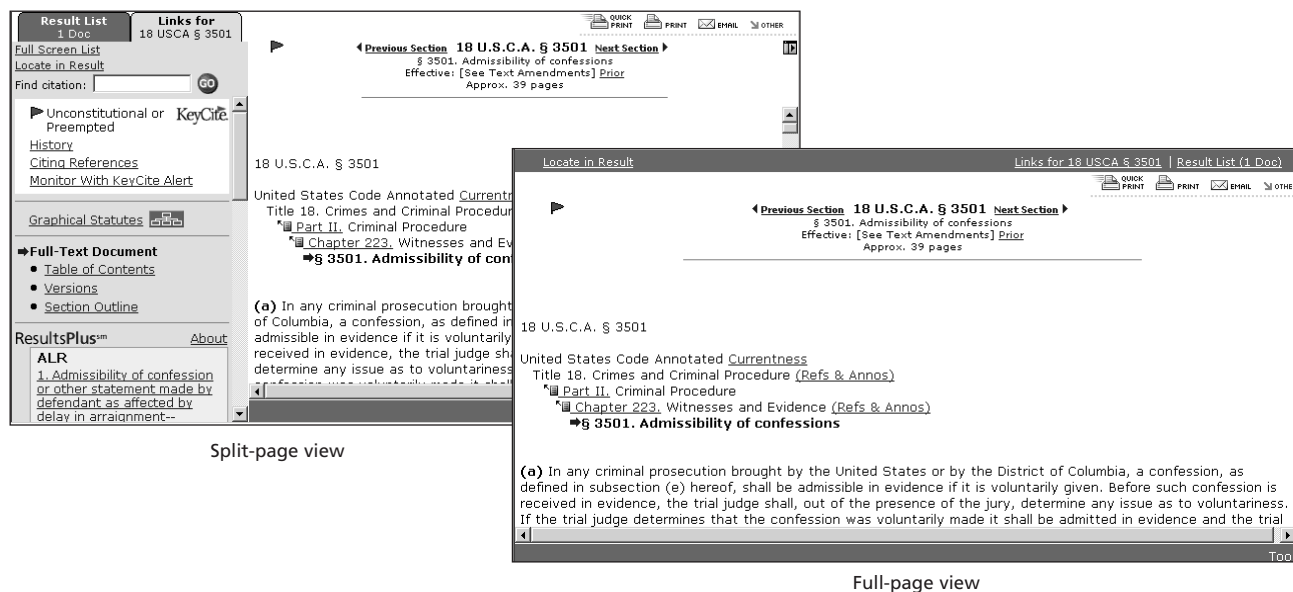
For search assistance, call the West Reference Attorneys at **1-800-REF-ATTY** (1-800-733-2889).

Hourly Pricing

With hourly pricing, you pay charges based on the time that you spend searching or browsing a database. Your hourly rate is based on the contents of the page in full-page view or the contents of the right frame in split-page view, plus connect time and communications charges.

Hourly pricing is usually best when you

- want to retrieve a list of documents for later review
- intend to research an issue from many angles
- need to run multiple searches in a database
- plan to retrieve many documents by citation



Chargeable Usage

You are charged the **Standard rate plus connect time and communications charges** for the following tasks:

- Using the Find a Document page
- Selecting, using, and editing a tabbed custom page
- Browsing the Westlaw Directory in westlaw.com
- Using the KeyCite® and Table of Authorities pages
- Using Westlaw Profiler™
- Viewing Scope information without accessing a database
- Browsing the Custom Digest, KeySearch®, or the Table of Contents service
- Browsing and updating alert service entries (e.g., WestClip®, KeyCite® Alert, Docket Alert, Agency Tracker, or D&B® Alert)
- Viewing the current or a previous research trail
- Using the IDEN or NEW database

You are charged **only connect time and communications charges** for the following tasks:

- Using the SUBSCRIBER database
- Signing on to and signing off from Westlaw

Hourly Pricing (continued)

You are charged the applicable database rate plus connect time and communications charges for the following tasks:

- Running or modifying searches, including searches in the Custom Digest, KeySearch, or the Table of Contents service
- Viewing a database Search page or performing a task (such as typing a query, editing a query, or using the thesaurus) at the Search page
- Viewing Scope information after accessing a database
- Viewing documents retrieved with Find
- Retrieving documents using hypertext links, including documents displayed in the Link Viewer
- Clicking the **Previous Section** or **Next Section** link in a document
- Using the Locate in Result feature
- Manually running an entry in the directory of an alert service
- Returning to documents in the current or a previous research trail

Notes: Usage in some databases, such as Dun & Bradstreet® Business Records Plus databases and dockets databases, is billed per transaction, even when you have chosen the hourly pricing method. In addition, some services, such as Graphical Statutes™, are billed per transaction.

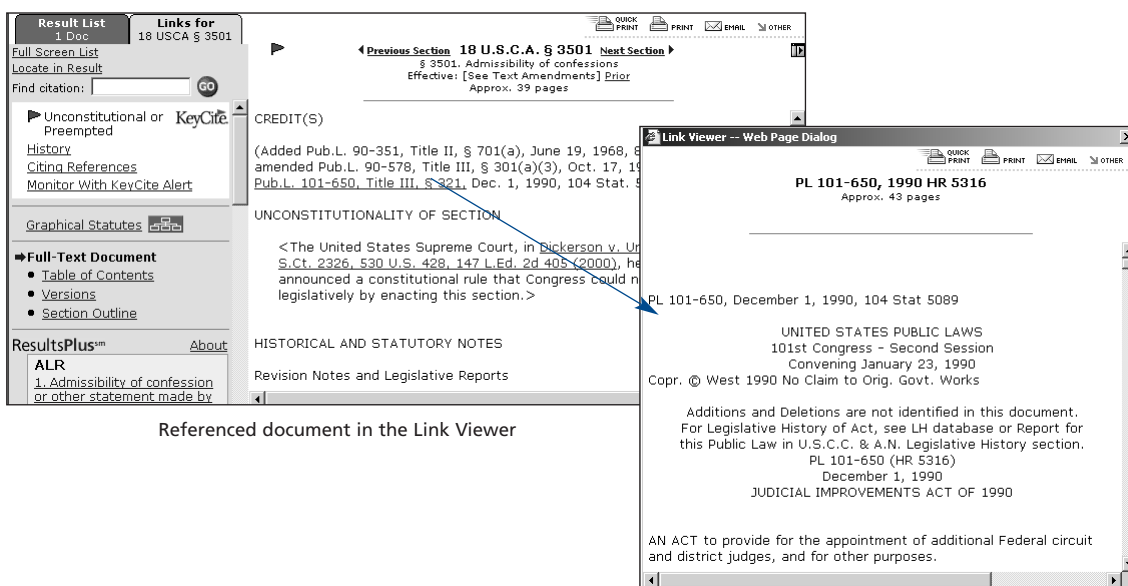
If you access westlaw.com Help or a Web site other than www.westlaw.com, database charges plus connect time and communications charges will continue to accrue. Sign off from Westlaw as soon as you access Help and before you access other Web sites to avoid being charged.

Charges for Searching Multiple Databases

Multiple-database searching is available for case law, statutes, court rules, administrative materials, legal texts and periodicals, and news and business databases. When you access multiple databases under the per hour pricing method, the Multisearch Database rate is applied at the Search page and when you view the retrieved documents.

Charges for Previewing Documents in the Link Viewer

When you click a hypertext link to view a referenced document, the document is displayed in the Link Viewer. You are charged the applicable database rate for the document displayed in the Link Viewer. When you close the Link Viewer and return to your original document, you are charged the applicable database rate for the original document.



Referenced document in the Link Viewer

Hourly Pricing (continued)

Charges for Viewing Documents Retrieved from a ResultsPlus® List

When you view a document retrieved from a ResultsPlus list, you are charged the applicable database rate, plus a ResultsPlus access fee. Per minute charges for accessing a database and per minute charges for accessing a database via ResultsPlus are listed in the *Schedule A to Westlaw Subscriber Agreement* (e.g., compare per minute charges for Allfile databases and ResultsPlus Allfiles in your Schedule A). Database-specific pricing for ResultsPlus is available in the SUBSCRIBER database.

Charges for Viewing Documents Retrieved from the Links Tab

Remember: The hourly rate is determined by the contents of the right frame in split-page view. This means that when you click a link in the left frame that displays new content in the right frame—for example, when you click Versions on the Links tab in the left frame—the hourly rate may change as well. Database-specific pricing for unique links is available in the SUBSCRIBER database; for example, the hourly rate for viewing the past version of a USCA® section is listed in SUBSCRIBER as the rate for PastStat Locator Access.

Offline Transmission Charges (Printing and Downloading)

You can choose one of the following pricing options for printing and downloading your Westlaw documents:

- per-line pricing (default)
- per-document pricing (a flat rate per document)

Note: Charges to print and download Westlaw documents vary by database. See the SUBSCRIBER database for database-specific pricing information.

Images

For most Westlaw databases, there is no additional charge to print or download an image you are viewing—offline transmission charges for the document include images. Database-specific pricing for images, including images in PDF (Portable Document Format), is available in the SUBSCRIBER database.

Transactional Pricing

With transactional pricing, you incur a charge for each transaction that you complete. Transactions include running a search in a database, retrieving a document using its citation, using KeyCite, or using a hypertext link to go to a new document.

Transactional pricing is usually best when you

- want to read retrieved documents online
- expect to retrieve many relevant documents with one search
- are performing multiple tasks with other software

You are not charged any connect time or communications charges. (For sales tax purposes only, a percentage of each transactional search charge is allocated to communications on your Westlaw bill.)

Chargeable Usage

The following tasks are considered chargeable transactions under the transactional pricing method:

- Running or modifying searches, including searches in the Custom Digest, KeySearch, or the Table of Contents service
- Retrieving documents using the Find service
- Retrieving documents using hypertext links, including documents displayed in the Link Viewer
- Clicking the Previous Section or Next Section link in a document
- Using KeyCite and the Table of Authorities
- Running a search that retrieves no documents
- Manually running an alert service entry
- Returning to documents in a previous research trail

Nonchargeable Usage

The following tasks are free—you do not incur any transactional charges:

- Browsing the Westlaw Directory
- Viewing Scope information
- Selecting or personalizing tabbed custom pages
- Using the Locate in Result feature
- Running a Find request that retrieves no documents
- Browsing the Custom Digest, KeySearch, or the Table of Contents service
- Using QuickView+
- Browsing or updating alert service entries
- Signing on to and signing off from Westlaw
- Using selected documentation databases (e.g., IDEN, NEW, SUBSCRIBER)
- Viewing the current or a previous research trail
- Returning to documents in the current day's research trails until 2 a.m. the following day
- Using online Help

Pricing for Delivering Documents

You can choose either per-line or per-document pricing for documents that you **print**, **e-mail**, **fax**, or **download**. Charges vary by database. See the SUBSCRIBER database for more information.

Per-line Pricing

You incur a charge for each line of information delivered. This pricing method is usually most cost-effective for shorter documents, such as a short result list.

Per-Document Pricing

You pay a flat rate per document delivered, regardless of the length of the document. Each of the following items is considered a document when using per-document pricing: the full text of a document; a page, selected pages, or a range of pages from a document; or a result list.

Subscriber Information Database (SUBSCRIBER)

Use the SUBSCRIBER database to determine the prices and classifications for databases that may apply under your plan. The SUBSCRIBER database includes classifications for hourly database searching; transactional charges, including retrieving documents using the Find service; and offline transmission charges (printing and downloading).

Note: To determine the hourly database charges, see the *Schedule A to Westlaw Subscriber Agreement* that you received when you became a Westlaw subscriber. The classifications and charges for hourly searching are listed under the *Per Minute Charges* heading.

For pricing information for the New York Times database (NYT), access SUBSCRIBER and type **nyt** in the *Database Identifier* text box. Then click **Search**.

Database: Subscriber Information ⓘ Change Database(s) | Tips

Standard Search | Template Search

Your database is: **SUBSCRIBER** (Subscriber Information)

Please fill in one or more selections below.

Database Identifier: (e.g.: CJ-TP)

Database Name: (e.g.: "State and Federal Cases")

Contractual Document Name: (e.g.: "Westlaw Subscriber Agreement" or "Selected Print Pricing")

Contractual Conditions:

SUBSCRIBER search template

The SUBSCRIBER database lists pricing information for the New York Times database (NYT).

Result List 3 Docs Links

<< Full Screen List

Edit Search | Locate in Result

Result Options ▾

- 1. New York Times, The NYT
- 2. New York Times Abstracts NYT-ABS
- 3. DATABASE PRICING CHANGES - PRIVATE PRICE PLANS

[Clear all](#) | [Clear 1-3](#)

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NAME OF WESTLAW DATABASE OR SERVICE:
New York Times, The

IDENTIFIER:
NYT

PRICING INFORMATION*

1) Hourly Charges:
Westlaw BASIC Rate

Connect time and Communications charges apply.

2) Transactional Charges:
\$14.00 per Search
\$6.00 per Find

Offline Transmission Charges from Hourly and Transaction Sessions

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SUBSCRIBER search result