

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH

Intellectual property is a category of rights protecting commercially valuable products and intangible assets arising from human knowledge and ideas. Intellectual property includes patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and software. This quick reference guide highlights the intellectual property resources on Westlaw, including directories of registered patents and trademarks, and shows you how to retrieve relevant cases.

Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual property law practice not only includes familiar legal topics such as trademark, copyright, and patent law, but also covers trade secrets, publicity rights, moral rights, and protection against unfair competition.

Intellectual Property Law Resources on Westlaw

Westlaw includes an extensive collection of databases covering every facet of intellectual property law, including cases, statutes, regulations, patent applications and patent filings, trademark registrations, journals and law reviews, practice guides, and news and information. In each category listed below, a few key databases are highlighted. These databases and other intellectual property law–related resources can be accessed in the right frame of the tabbed Intellectual Property page (Figure 1). In the left frame, you can type a database identifier, e.g., **ip-motions** for the Intellectual Property Trial Motions database, in the *Search for a database* text box. You can also click **View IP Directory** to display the *Intellectual Property* section of the Westlaw Directory.

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STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND CASE LAW

Federal statutes from the *United States Code Annotated*® that relate to intangible property rights such as copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, and other similar rights are contained in the Federal Intellectual Property–U.S. Code Annotated database (FIP-USCA). Corresponding federal regulations are contained in the Federal Intellectual Property–Code of Federal Regulations database (FIP-CFR). Federal cases relating to intellectual property rights are contained in the Federal Intellectual Property–Cases database (FIP-CS).

Category:

Practice Area Fundamentals

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TEXTS AND LAW REVIEWS

The Intellectual Property–Law Reviews, Texts, and Bar Journals database (IP-TP) includes analytical texts, law reviews, and legal periodicals that discuss intellectual property law.

MOTIONS AND PLEADINGS

The Intellectual Property Trial Pleadings (IP-PLEADINGS) and IP-MOTIONS databases contain trial motions, memoranda, and pleadings from both state and federal courts that are relevant to intellectual property litigation.

PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

The U.S. Patents Full-Text database (US-PAT) contains the complete text of every patent granted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) since 1976 and the complete text of patent applications filed with the USPTO since March 2001. Each document contains the complete text that appears in the original patent, as well as links to original patent documents, including patent images.

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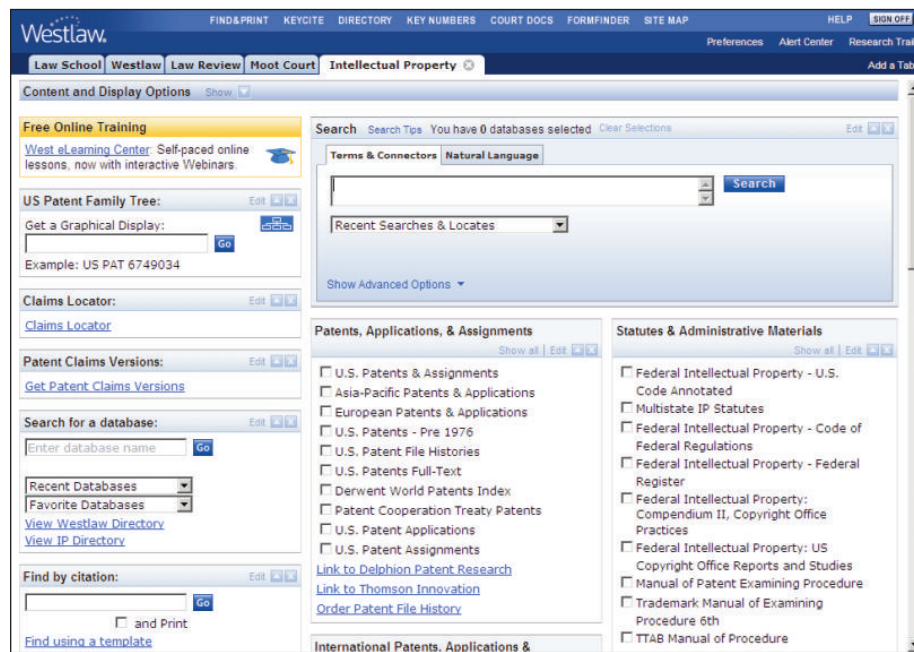


Figure 1. Intellectual Property page

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