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Selected E-Commerce and Technology Databases on Westlaw

Westlaw provides an extensive collection of materials covering the development of e-commerce and technology. Legal texts and periodicals on Westlaw provide you with expert commentary on technology and related topics. News and business information databases help you stay up-to-date on developments in the Internet and e-commerce. Below is a list of some of the many e-commerce and technology databases on Westlaw.

Type of Material	Database Name	Identifier
Intellectual property	McCarthy on Trademarks and Unfair Competition	MCCARTHY
	PLI Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, and Literary Property Course Handbook Series	PLI-PAT
	Software Law Bulletin	ANSLB
	Software Law Bulletin Court Documents	ANSLB-DOC
Commercial law	A.S. Pratt & Sons: The Law of Electronic Commercial Transactions	ECOMTR
	PLI Commercial Law and Practice Course Handbook Series	PLI-COMM
	Westlaw Topical Highlights–E-Commerce	WTH-ECOMM
Business organizations	Advising eBusinesses	ADVEBUS
	Andrews E-Business Law Bulletin	ANEBUSLB
	Andrews E-Business Law Bulletin Court Documents	ANEBUSLB-DOC
Litigation	Andrews Computer and Internet Litigation Reporter	ANCOMPILR
	Andrews Computer and Internet Litigation Reporter Court Documents	ANCOMPILR-DOC
Securities	Wallstreetlawyer.com: Securities in the Electronic Age	GLWSLAW
Treatises and analytical material	Domain Names–Global Practice and Procedure	DOMAIN-GPP
	Hardesty: Electronic Commerce: Taxation and Planning	WGL-ECOM
	Information Law	INFOLAW
	Internet Law and Practice	INTERNET
Periodicals	RIA–Tax Advisors Planning System Title 43: Electronic Commerce	RIA-TAPSECOMM
	Cyberspace Lawyer	GLCYLAW
Periodicals	E-Commerce and Technology	HECTEC
	E-Commerce Law and Strategy	ECOMLS
	E-Commerce Law Report	GLECOMLR
	Electronic Banking Law and Commerce Report	GLEBLCR
	Internet Connection	GLINTCON
	Internet Law and Strategy	INTERLSTR
	Internet Law Researcher	GLILR GLILR

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The Tabbed E-Commerce Page

The tabbed E-Commerce page in westlaw.com® places preselected search options within easy reach, allowing quick access to primary and secondary legal materials, news, and other information commonly used in e-commerce research.

Click **My Westlaw** to add the tabbed E-Commerce page to your westlaw.com interface.

The *Shortcuts* section provides the fastest way to retrieve and check documents on Westlaw.

The *Quick Search* section includes databases you can access and features you can use to search these databases.

Click **Edit** to personalize a section.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw E-Commerce interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Law School', 'Westlaw', and 'E-Commerce' tabs. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column contains various search filters and shortcuts, including 'Shortcuts', 'Current Awareness', 'Search', 'Find by citation', 'KeyCite this citation', 'Search these databases', 'Profiler - Attorney or Judge', 'Profiler - Expert', 'People', 'Tables of Contents', 'Legislative and Model Acts', 'Law Reviews', and 'Topical News'. The right column is titled 'Quick Search' and contains a search form with 'Search for:' and 'Terms and Connectors' fields, a 'Recent Searches and Locates' dropdown, and a 'Select a date restriction' dropdown. Below the search form is a list of databases to search in, categorized by subject area: Intellectual Property, Commercial Law, Business Organizations, Litigation, Securities, Model Acts, Treatises and Analytical Material, and E-Commerce Periodicals. Each database has a checkbox and an 'Edit' button next to it. Annotations with arrows point to the 'Edit' buttons in the 'Shortcuts' section, the search form, and the database list.

Tabbed E-Commerce page

Adding the Tabbed E-Commerce Page

To add the tabbed E-Commerce page, complete these steps:

1. Go to lawschool.westlaw.com and sign on to Westlaw.
2. Click **My Westlaw** in the upper-right corner to display the Welcome to My Westlaw page.
3. In the *Topical* section, select the **E-Commerce** check box, then click **Next**. A list of the tabbed pages you have chosen is displayed.
4. Select a page from the list to be your default page—the first page you see each time you sign on to Westlaw via lawschool.westlaw.com—and click **Save**. If you selected the E-Commerce page as your default page, it is displayed. Otherwise, click the **E-Commerce** tab to display the page.

Once you've added the E-Commerce page, you can personalize it to reflect the research tasks you frequently perform by clicking the **Edit** links in the *Shortcuts* and *Quick Search* sections.

Using Shortcuts

The *Shortcuts* section lets you quickly find a document, check a document in KeyCite®, and search e-commerce sources or other databases on Westlaw.

Find

The Find service enables you to retrieve a document using its citation. Type the citation in the *Find by citation* text box and click **GO**. For example, to retrieve 15 U.S.C.A. § 278g-4, which established the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, type **15 usca 278g-4**.

KeyCite

The KeyCite citation research service allows you to determine whether a case, statute, regulation, or administrative decision is good law and to retrieve a list of citing references.

To retrieve a KeyCite result, type a document's citation in the *KeyCite this citation* text box and click **GO**. For example, to retrieve a KeyCite result for *New York Times Co. v. Tasini*, 121 S. Ct. 2381 (2001), type **121 sct 2381**.

The KeyCite history is displayed in the right frame (see figure at right). Click **Citing References** on the Links tab in the left frame to view citing references for the case.

Using Quick Search

The *Quick Search* section allows you to access a database and enter a search from the same page. After you select a database (you can select up to 10 databases to search at one time from the *Quick Search* section), choose either the Terms and Connectors or the Natural Language search method by clicking its hypertext link. Then type your search in the text box in the right frame and click **GO**.

Terms and Connectors searching allows you to enter a query consisting of key terms from your issue and connectors specifying the relationship between those terms. For example, to search the PLI Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, and Literary Property Course Handbook Series database (PLI-PAT) to find materials discussing the copyright implications of peer-to-peer file sharing, select the **Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks and Literary Property** check box and type the following query:

copyright /p file /s shar! /s peer

Natural Language searching allows you to enter a description of your issue in plain English. For example, to search the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy Arbitration Decisions database (UDRP-ARB) to find arbitration decisions concerning the use of another person's legal name as a domain name, select the **UDRP Arbitration Decisions** check box and type the following description:

using another person's legal name as a domain name

The screenshot shows the Westlaw KeyCite interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Law School', 'Westlaw', and 'E-Commerce'. The main content area is titled 'KeyCite' and displays the case 'New York Times Co., Inc. v. Tasini, 121 S.Ct. 2381 (U.S., 2001)'. The 'History' section shows a list of citing references, including 'Tasini v. New York Times Co., 972 F. Supp. 804, 1997 Copr.L.Dec. P 27,672, 43 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801, 25 Media L. Rep. 2057 (S.D.N.Y. Aug 13, 1997) (NO. 93 CIV. 8678 (SS)) (RNA Version)'. The left sidebar contains a 'KeyCite citation:' field and a 'Links for 121 S.Ct. 2381' section with a 'Citing References' link circled in red. The bottom of the page shows a 'Print Doc' button and a 'Show Negative History Only' checkbox.

KeyCite history for 121 S. Ct. 2381

Topic and Key Numbers

Each legal issue in a case published by West is identified, summarized in a headnote, and assigned a topic and key number by West attorney-editors. West topic and key numbers help you focus your research and retrieve relevant cases.

To run a topic and key number search, access an appropriate database and type the topic number, the letter **k**, and the key number. For example, to search for cases containing topic 372, Telecommunications, and key number 461.15, Computer Communications and Digital Messages, type **372k461.15**.

You can find topic and key numbers in case law headnotes, West's digests, and the online Custom Digest.

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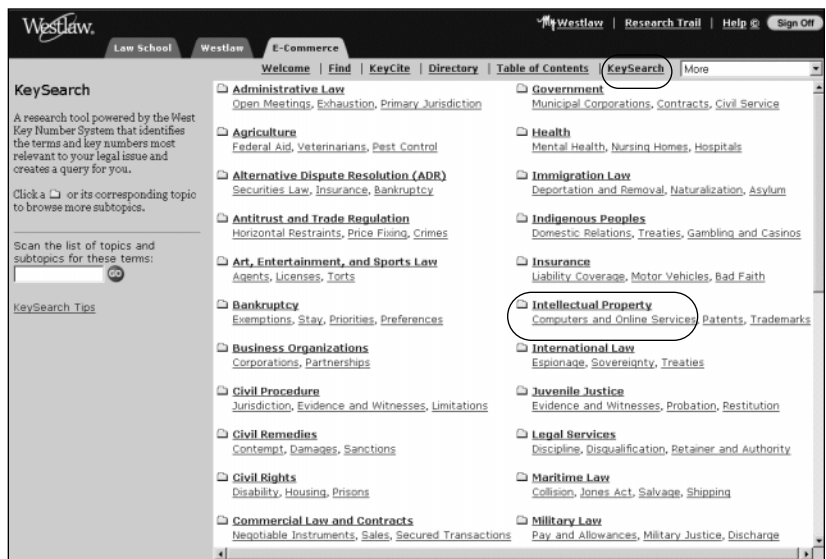
KeySearch is a research tool that helps you find cases and secondary sources in a specific area of the law. KeySearch guides you through the selection of terms from a classification system based on the West Key Number System® and then uses the key numbers and their underlying concepts to supply a query for you.

To access KeySearch, click **KeySearch** on the toolbar. Then browse the list of topics and subtopics and select a topic or subtopic to search by clicking the hypertext links. For example, to search for cases discussing cybersquatting, click **Computers and Online Services** under **Intellectual Property** at the first KeySearch page. Then click **Cybersquatting** at the next page.

The Custom Digest

The Custom Digest contains the complete topic and key number outline used by West attorney-editors to classify headnotes. You can use the Custom Digest to find topic and key numbers related to your issue and to retrieve cases with headnotes classified under those topic and key numbers. The information you retrieve using the Custom Digest is based on your unique needs.

Access the Custom Digest by choosing **Key Numbers and Digest** from the *More* drop-down list on the toolbar. Select up to 10 topics and key numbers from the easy-to-browse outline of West topics and key numbers and click **Search selected**. Then follow the on-screen instructions.



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