

# Comparing Westlaw and LexisNexis Features

When you move from LexisNexis to Westlaw, you don't have to relearn research skills. You will find similar features and services on Westlaw, along with powerful new resources. The list below includes commonly used Westlaw tools and their LexisNexis equivalents, where available.

## Personalizing Your Interface

Westlaw	LexisNexis
Personalized username and password	Custom ID
Change Client ID (available in Preferences)	Switch Client
Add a Tab	Add/Edit Tabs
Customizable tabbed pages	<i>no equivalent</i>
Preferences	Preferences

## Finding Documents

Westlaw	LexisNexis
Find a Document by citation	Get a Document
Find a Case by Party Name	Get by Party Name
Find a Brief by Party Name	Get by Party Name
Find an Attorney or Judge Profile	<i>no equivalent</i>
Find a Person Wizard	<i>no equivalent</i>
Find a Company Wizard	<i>no equivalent</i>
FormFinder	<i>no equivalent</i>
WestFind&Print®	Get&Print

## Searching for Information

Westlaw	LexisNexis
Westlaw Directory	Look for a Source
Scope (detailed information about a database or service)	Source Information
Recent Databases list	Recently Used Sources
Favorite Databases list	<i>no equivalent</i>
Terms and Connectors search method	Terms and Connectors search method
Natural Language search method	Natural Language search method
Require/Exclude Terms (for Natural Language searching)	Mandatory Terms
Template searching	Guided Search Forms
Thesaurus	Suggest Terms for My Search
Term Frequency	ATLEAST
Fields	Segments
KeySearch®	Search by Topic or Headnote
West Key Number System®	<i>no equivalent</i>
West Key Number Digest (Custom Digest)	<i>no equivalent</i>
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## Viewing Results

Westlaw

LexisNexis

Result List	Cite
ResultsPlus® list (documents related to your search)	<i>no equivalent</i>
Full-text document display	Full
Split-page view	<i>no equivalent</i>
West synopsis	Case Summary
West headnotes	LexisNexis Headnotes
Term arrows	Term arrows
Best arrows (available from Natural Language search result)	<i>no equivalent</i>
Previous Section, Next Section	Book Browse
Locate in Result	FOCUS
Edit Search	Edit Search
Add Related Terms	<i>no equivalent</i>
Link Viewer (previewing cited documents)	<i>no equivalent</i>
Prior version of statutes or regulations (retrieved by effective date)	<i>no equivalent</i>
Graphical Statutes® (graphical view of statutory history and amending legislation)	<i>no equivalent</i>
50 State Surveys (comparing state statutes and regulations)	50-state surveys

## Checking Citations

Westlaw

LexisNexis

KeyCite®	Shepard's® Citations Service
KeyCite status flags	Shepard's Signals
Graphical KeyCite® (KeyCite direct history in graphical view)	<i>no equivalent</i>
KeyCite depth of treatment stars (showing extent to which a citing document discusses the cited case)	<i>no equivalent</i>
KeyCite quotation marks (indicating that the citing document directly quotes the cited case)	<i>no equivalent</i>
KeyCite Citing References for this Headnote	Shepardize®: Restrict by Headnote
Table of Authorities	Shepard's Table of Authorities

## Staying Current

Westlaw

LexisNexis

WestClip®	Alert
KeyCite Alert	Shepard's Alert
KeyRules Alert (monitors status of applicable rules of procedure)	<i>no equivalent</i>
Docket Alert	CourtLink Alert
Agency Tracker	Federal Regulatory Impact Alert
Profiler Alert (monitors the profile of an attorney, judge, or expert witness)	<i>no equivalent</i>
D&B® Alert (monitors the status of a company's D&B reports)	<i>no equivalent</i>

## Delivering Information

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LexisNexis

Quick Print	FAST Print
Print/Delivery Manager	Delivery Manager
Copy with Reference	Copy w/ Cite

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