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New study compares research conducted on Westlaw and Lexis.

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Thomson Reuters recently sponsored a study conducted by an independent research firm. The purpose of the study was to measure any differences in efficiency and/or relevancy of research conducted using Westlaw versus research conducted using LexisNexis.

Research Overview

The blinded study was conducted from October through December 2008 by an independent research firm. It involved 120 research projects comprised of 15 issues. Each issue was researched by four Westlaw-proficient researchers and four LexisNexis-proficient researchers. To account for differences in skill levels, researchers were paired based on competency exam scores.

Total research time was recorded and the quality of each work product (an annotated list of citations) was reviewed and rated by an independent panel of experienced attorneys and legal editors. (See reverse side for methodology details.)

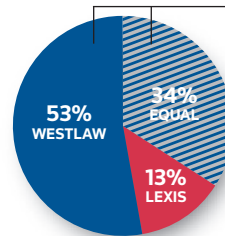
The Measurables

The related work products produced by researchers using Westlaw and researchers using Lexis were measured in terms of:

- The relevance of cited authorities
- The number of cited authorities
- Total research time

The Results

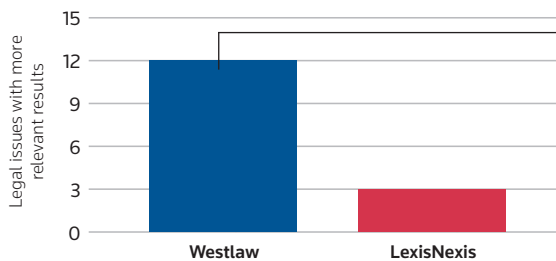
Relevancy of Citations by Matched Project Pairs



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Based on the 120 research sessions (60 matched pairs based on skill level), researchers using Westlaw achieved better relevancy scores than researchers using Lexis – including equal or better relevancy results in 52 of the 60 pairs, or 87% of the time.

Relevancy of Citations by Issue



80%
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achieved higher
relevancy scores

Westlaw researchers received higher average relevancy scores on 12 of the 15 research issues, or 80% of the time.

Number of Citations, Total Research Time*

Westlaw researchers not only produced, on average, 7% **more citations** than Lexis researchers, but they also took, on average, 9.5% **less total research time*** to complete their projects.

In Summary

The work product based on Westlaw research was, on average, more relevant, more complete, and took less time. Your results may vary, so we encourage you to compare for yourself to determine which service gives you *better results faster*.**

METHODOLOGY

Research issues (topics)

- Fifteen (15) legal issues pertinent to law firm, corporate, and government practices were randomly selected from a third-party research firm's issue databases. The database is comprised of over 20,000 real life research projects.
- Each issue was researched eight (8) times: by four (4) Lexis-proficient researchers and by four (4) Westlaw-proficient researchers – for a total of 120 research projects.

Legal researcher qualification

- Attorneys with over five years of legal experience specializing in legal research.
- All researchers took both a Westlaw- and Lexis-proficiency exam. Researchers of equal knowledge were matched based on their proficiency scores. Thus, if a researcher scored 10 on Westlaw proficiency, they were paired with a researcher who scored 10 on Lexis proficiency.
- To further ensure user parity between the Westlaw and Lexis researchers, a subset of researchers who were proficient at both services completed a portion of their projects on Lexis and the other on Westlaw. (On average, the cross-over researchers had higher relevancy scores when using Westlaw.)

Blinded study

- Neither the researchers nor the panel of attorneys and legal editors who judged the results knew who sponsored the study.

Research deliverables

- List of the relevant authorities for the issue researched, including the citation, date, and a brief parenthetical.
- Record of time spent on research – including online research, offline time reviewing results, as well as time spent on writing.

(No outside research assistance was used.)

Research results reviewed for authority

- The lists of authorities were sent to a neutral attorney panel for review. There was no indication of which research source was used for each list. The attorney panel scored the list of sources based on a master key created for each issue.

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* Total research time includes research time spent online finding materials as well as offline time reviewing those materials.

** The research study, funded by Thomson Reuters, was conducted by an independent third-party firm. This study is not statistically significant and should not be construed as applying specifically to your practice. For complete information about the methodology of this study, please visit west.thomson.com/westlaw/advantage.

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