



## Understanding research methods in Westlaw Precision with CoCounsel

Westlaw Precision with CoCounsel™ is a powerful legal research platform that offers a suite of advanced tools designed to streamline and enhance the research process for legal professionals. By leveraging various search methods such as AI-Assisted Research, Precision Research, WestSearch Plus, and Parallel Search, you can access comprehensive legal information tailored to your specific needs. Each tool is uniquely designed to address different aspects of legal research, whether it's quickly finding case citations for a rule of law, conducting broad topic explorations, or delving into highly specific legal issues. This guide will provide a concise overview of these tools and how they can be effectively utilized in legal research.

### AI-Assisted Research

#### FOR ACCELERATED RESEARCH AND GAINING AN OVERVIEW

Leverage the power of generative AI to make informed decisions in your legal research journey. Ask a question in everyday language, and receive a relevant answer generated exclusively from Westlaw content, the most comprehensive and accurate legal authority in the industry. AI-Assisted Research helps you find answers to legal questions faster, providing a summarized overview along with a list of key cases, statutes, and regulations. The summary includes links to supporting authority for additional verification and follow-up research. Remember, while the AI-generated summary is useful for an initial understanding, it should not replace thorough research.



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### Precision Research

#### FOR DETAILED AND NUANCED RESEARCH

Utilize Precision Search to quickly find a core set of highly relevant cases. Precision Research allows for detailed and nuanced searches, helping you pinpoint specific legal issues or topics with greater accuracy. You can search and filter by legal issue, outcome, fact pattern, motion type, and more to efficiently gather a core set of relevant cases. From these cases, tools like KeyCite and Key Numbers can help you easily find additional necessary information



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WestSearch Plus refines and completes your research, returning relevant results from a broad range of legal content. Whether using a plain language query or Boolean terms and connectors, WestSearch Plus allows for precise queries, especially beneficial for experienced researchers who require tight control over search parameters. You can also enter a citation to access a specific document directly. With advanced AI, WestSearch Plus surfaces the information you need right at the top of your results, saving you time and allowing you to complete your research with confidence.



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## Parallel Search

### FOR SIMPLE, QUICK SEARCHES IN CASE LAW

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To learn more about Parallel check out [How to quickly find citations for a rule of law with Parallel Search](#).

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