

Routledge-Cavendish Legal Research Skills Guide **QUICK GUIDES TO FINDING LEGAL INFORMATION**

Quick guide to finding cases with paper sources

I want to find...

Cases on a particular subject. Try:

- The Digest's Subject Index
- Current Law Monthly Digest's Index

Case summaries from a case name. Try:

- The Digest's Consolidated Table of Cases
- Current Law Monthly Digest's Cumulative Table of Case

Case reports citations. Try:

- Current Law Case Citator

Judicial history of a case. Try:

- Current Law Case Citator

Quick guide to finding statutes with paper sources

I want to find...

Statutes by subject. Try:

- Halsbury's Statutes

Full text of statutes at the time of Royal Assent. Try:

- Public and General Acts
- Law Reports Statutes

Annotated full text of statutes

- Current Law Statutes Annotated

Full text of statutes since 1866

- Law Reports Statutes

Quick guide to finding statutes with electronic sources

I want to find...

Statutes by subject. Try:

- Westlaw UK
- LexisNexis Butterworths

Amendments and repeals of statutes and statutory instruments. Try:

- UK Statute Law Database

Original unamended versions of statutes. Try:

- OPSI Statutes (only available back to 1988)

Quick guide to online databases

I want to find...

Cases. Try:

- Westlaw UK
- LexisNexis Butterworths
- Lawtel UK

Information about legislation. Try:

- Westlaw UK: for full text consolidated statutes and statutory instruments
- LexisNexis Butterworths: for full text consolidated statutes and statutory instruments
- Lawtel UK: to find out if legislation is currently in force
- UK statute law database: gives access to updated versions of statutory material

European information. Try:

- Westlaw UK: for primary source material and journals for commentary and analysis of European law
- LexisNexis: for primary source material and journals and newspapers
- Eur-Lex for treaties, legislation and cases. Also useful for finding updates to legislation

Articles in journals. Try:

- Westlaw UK: the articles approach gives you references to articles and many full text journals
- LexisNexis Butterworths: many full text journals and newspapers

Information about recent developments in the law. Try:

- Westlaw UK: use the current awareness options
- LexisNexis Butterworths: look in the newspapers and in the journals
- Lawtel UK: use the current awareness options