

# Westlaw UK Search Service **API**

## What is Westlaw UK?

Westlaw UK is a dynamic, ever-growing and easily searchable source of case law, legislation, news, legal journals, commentary, expert written insight, current awareness alerts and EU legal materials.

Westlaw UK draws on over 125 years of experience to deliver the most relevant legal information faster and more accurately than anyone else. We do this by investing in our people, process, and technology.

## What does the search service do?

The Search Service allows you to search all of the content collections within Westlaw UK and on any of the configured fields appropriate to each content collection. It processes HTTP "GET" requests and returns XML data for the search criteria used. Criteria can include:

- Free text search terms and operators
- Content Source Type
- Subject Area/Keywords
- Party Names / Document Titles
- Date restrictions
- Sort options

The response contains a list of relevant articles and content-specific meta-data which includes such items as:

- Abstracts
- Court Information
- Subject Area/Keywords

These items can be used to provide filtering and combine with other data sources.

## How do I access and use it?

This service requires authentication and is IP restricted, which can be provided on request. We can provide a detailed specification document to tell you exactly how to make queries and understand the result data, including how to create a link to the documents on Westlaw UK for each result.

It is assumed that the reader understands basic HTTP URL construction and XML data.

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