

Legal Search Connect **API**

What is Legal Search Connect?

Legal Search Connect is an information retrieval tool that streamlines resources onto one search system. The search efficiency it provides can equip teams with more timely and precise results, while concurrently increasing the use of subscription services, adding value to the products you already have.

Using federated search technology, Legal Search Connect brings together internal databases and external legal information resources into a single search interface. It integrates internal document management systems with databases, websites and legal services like Westlaw UK and Practical Law.

Users are only required to know a single query syntax which is translated by the Connector. Connectors to web-based search pages and Application Programming Interfaces can easily be built by mapping the search engine properties to website/API inputs and outputs.

What does the application programming interface do?

The API is a gateway to search for and retrieve information from disparate information systems with a single query language. It processes HTTP "POST" requests using JSON data for input criteria and to return as response data. It can process multiple-system queries asynchronously or return all data from a single request in a single response.

Users can create a single query request which includes free-text and field-based criteria to be broadcast to one or more systems defined by their data connectors. This allows you to combine sources and their properties together conceptually, such as targeting party names in case data with article titles in news and current awareness data for the same words or names.

The response contains a list of relevant items grouped by each source in a standard structure:

- Title
- URL
- Description or snippet
- Date (if present)
- Source Attribution
- Extensible meta-data (if present)

How do I access and use it?

This service is authenticated and requires a client access key which must be used by a client application. We can provide a detailed specification document to tell you exactly how to authenticate, make queries and understand the result data, including how to map query input parameters to data connector properties.

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

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