



Westlaw IE

Content

Westlaw IE offers online access to Irish legal materials such as case reports, case digests, legislation, legal journals, and unreported judgments. Dates of coverage are as follows:

<i>Annotated Statutes (1984 – current)</i>	<i>European Human Rights Reports (1979 – current)</i>
<i>Employment Law Reports (1990 – current)</i>	<i>Human Rights Law Reports (2000 – current)</i>
<i>Irish Current Law Monthly Digest (1995 – current)</i>	<i>Irish Law Reports Monthly (1976 – current)</i>
<i>Irish Law Times (1983 – current)</i>	<i>Irish Law Times Reports (1871 – 1980)</i>
<i>Tottel Irish Tax Reports (1923 – current)</i>	<i>Irish Current Law Monthly Digest (1995 – current)</i>
<i>Unreported Judgments (2002 – current)</i>	<i>Irish Current Law Statutes Annotated (1984 – current)</i>
<i>Irish Legal Journals (up to 15 years available for most titles)</i>	

Access

Within DIT: Access **Westlaw IE** from the Library Databases Web page at: <http://www.dit.ie/library/databases>

Remote / From Home: From the same link as above but you will need the **Student Intranet** username and password - ask for details from the library.

Searching Westlaw IE

Accessing the Full Text of a Case Report

1. Click on the [Case Reports](#) module at the top left hand side of the **Westlaw IE** page.
2. This defaults to a basic search screen where you either use:
 - a. Free text in the General search box, or
 - b. Party Name(s), For example when looking for a case involving *Greally AND Minister for Education*, enter *Greally*, and then click **Search** - (Please note One party name suffices).
3. Alternatively, you can opt for the **Advanced Search**
Here, in addition to using free text and party name(s) – you can use other search criteria such as:
 - i. CASE Citation - [1936] 70 I.L.T.R 53
 - ii. Legislation used -
 - iii. Other limiters, such as: source title and / or date restriction.

Finding a Case on a Particular Issue

1. Click on the [Case Reports](#) module at the top left hand side of the **Westlaw IE** page.
2. Enter your Keyword(s) / subject (e.g., *unfair dismissal*) in the Free text search box and apply any limiters as appropriate. Using Quotation marks "*Unfair dismissal*" refines your search by searching for terms appearing directly beside each other.

Consolidated legislation

1. Click on the [Consolidate legislation](#) module, top right hand side of the **Westlaw IE** page.
2. This defaults to a basic search screen where you either use:
 - a. Free text in the General search box, or
 - b. Act / SI title, For example, "Family home protection" and then click **Search**.
3. Alternatively, you can opt for the **Advanced Search**
 - a. Here, in addition to using free text and Act / SI title(s) – you can use other search criteria such as:
 - i. Year / Act No., e.g. 1989 e.g. 28
 - ii. Limiting results by a desired court ruling or legislation category

Finding a Journal Article on a Particular Case or Topic

1. Click on the [Journals](#) module at the top of the **Westlaw IE** page.
2. This defaults to a basic search screen where you either use:
 - a. Free text in the General search box, or
 - b. Article title, for example: "*Do we need a jury?*"
3. Alternatively, you can opt for the **Advanced Search**
 - a. Here, in addition to using free text and Article title – you can use other search criteria such as:
 - i. Author name(s) – e.g. Patrick McInerney
 - ii. Case cited – e.g. D.P.P. v Ryan
 - iii. Legislation cited
 - b. If you are looking for an article that was published in a particular Journal, select the Journal title
e.g. Irish Law Times and complete relevant search boxes and perform the search.
4. You can also browse the contents of a particular Journal title: – Select title, the year of publication, right down to a specific individual article.

Annotated Statutes

Commentary from legal experts, who have interpreted original Acts, enacted 1984 to date. The commentary is fairly Up to date, as to the date the Act was published.

Using the Current Awareness Service

This gives access to the latest Irish legal and regulatory developments that have been added to Westlaw in the last 8 weeks.


1. Click on the [Current Awareness](#) module at the top left hand side of the **Westlaw IE** page
2. Free text search can be used to find the latest information on a particular topic.
3. Alternatively, browse the Current Awareness entries by **Document Type**, or **Legal Subject**.

Browsing

There is an option to browse content in each of the Westlaw contents tab. The option to **Browse** is available below the search box under each contents tab.

- Contents can be obtained by: Title, Year and right down to a specific article, case or piece of legislation

Printing and Saving Results: There are different options for printing.

1. Printing from within the viewed document: a viewed document opens up in the right hand pane of the page, () with this icon at the bottom of the page. Clicking on this icon, will download the document into MS-Word from which you can use can then use the standard MS-Word print commands.
2. Printing from the search hits area: When you have conducted a search, you will see a drop-down menu on the top left hand side of the results page – select as appropriate. For example, the "Cite List Tab" will print a list of the search hits themselves, along with the appropriate citation / location details.

Help

1. The Help link at the top of each **Westlaw IE** page provides information about using the database.
2. **Westlaw IE's** homepage (<http://www.westlaw.ie>) offers User Guides which give instructions on using the database.
3. Contact the library by e-mail: aungier.info@dit.ie or phone 01-4023068

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