



CoCounsel and AI-Assisted Research

Legal research is an important part of legal work. CoCounsel's AI-Assisted Research skill uses Thomson Reuters' trusted legal content in Westlaw Precision Australia to answer your legal questions. The AI-Assisted Research skill in CoCounsel requires a separate subscription to Westlaw Precision Australia.

You may access AI-Assisted research in various ways.

Example: Legal Research Question

We will begin with a legal research question.

1. Enter a legal research question into the chat and select the send icon. CoCounsel will take a moment to review your query and provide confirmation.

An investor alleges that a publicly listed company failed to disclose critical information about the company's profitability compared to previously issued predictions. What defences are available to the company and its directors?

2. Review CoCounsel's response, the AI-Assisted Research skill is confirmed.
 - a. Above CoCounsel's response, the AI-Assisted Research skill is confirmed.
 - b. CoCounsel restates the legal research question.
 - c. In **Sources**, the source is **AI-Assisted Research**. [Note: Search & Summarise Practical Law Australia has not yet launched in Australia therefore the current option is Search & Summarise Practical Law US].
 - d. CoCounsel's response has hyperlinked reference numbers in brackets.
 - i. To review a resource, select the resource reference number in brackets. CoCounsel will open the side panel.
 - ii. To open the list of all relevant resources, select **View all cited sources**. CoCounsel will open the side panel.
 - e. Relevant resources and snippets include **Case law and regulatory information**. Scroll down to see **Additional secondary sources**.
3. Click **Follow-up** to run up to 5 follow-up questions. Enter your follow-up legal research question and then select the send icon.
4. To download the results, click the downward arrow and select **Word Document**.

AI-Assisted Research Guide

AI-Assisted Research will provide the most relevant supporting materials, including:

- **Case law and regulatory:** between about 10-20 results.
- **Additional secondary sources:** up to 3 relevant results.

Best Practice Tips:

- Write a clear, concise, and focused query that is 1-2 sentences long.
- Provide relevant facts but not extra information.
- Do not write a query in the style of a prompt, command, or instruction.
- Focus on a single issue or question.
- Avoid including proper names of people or parties.

Additional suggestions

AI-Assisted Research on Westlaw Precision Australia analyses Westlaw's comprehensive primary law, however, it does not yet support the following tasks:

- Finding documents by citation, such as "(1908) 5 CLR 765".
- Boolean queries, such as "summary judgment" /p "breach of contract".
- Requests for statistics, such as "How many cases were handed down by [Judge] in 2023?"
- Commands to execute certain tasks, such as "Summarise the Jones v. Smith case" or "Email me the Jones v Smith case and any cases that have negative KeyCite treatment".
- Requests for comprehensive document retrievals, such as "Find all cases granting summary judgment on negligent misrepresentation claims".
- Instructions to filter supporting authority, such as "Exclude any unreported cases".
- Requests for timing or mathematical calculations, such as "By which date do I need to file a notice of appeal for a judgment entered on July 8th".
- Requested summaries of how the law has changed over time.

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