Comparisons Between
2004 & 2007
Survey Results for Law Firms

By Total Number of Valid Submissions

What type of office do you work in?

	2004 Totals	**2007 Totals**
	(71 responses)	(199 responses)
Law Firm:	66 (93%)	162 (81.4%)
Government:	3 (4.2%)	23 (11.6%)
Business:	2 (2.8%)	7 (3.5%)
Academic:	0	6 (3%)
Pro Bono	0	1 (.5%)

About how many attorneys are in your local office?

	2004 Law Firm	**2007 Law Firm**
	(66 responses)	(162 responses)
1-25:	3 (4.5%)	5 (3.1%)
26-50:	11 (16.7%)	23 (14.2%)
51-100:	15 (22.7%)	46 (28.4%)
101-200:	23 (34.8%)	42 (25.9%)
Over 200:	10 (15.2%)	46 (28.4%)
Did not specify	4 (6.1%)	

What online legal research services do entry level attorneys in your local office have access to?

	2004 Law Firm	**2007 Law Firm**
	(66 responses)	(162 responses)
Westlaw:	61 (92.4%)	149 (92%)
LexisNexis:	57 (86.4%)	153 (94.4%)
PACER:	54 (81.8%)	136 (84%)
CourtLink:	44 (66.7%)	116 (71.6%)
LIVEDGAR:	39 (59.1%)	102 (63%)
Loislaw:	15 (22.7%)	28 (17.3%)
ChoicePoint:	12 (18.2%)	20 (12.3%)
RIA Checkpoint:	11 (16.7%)	86 (53%)

Note: RIA Checkpoint was not listed as a checkbox option on the 2004 survey, which would likely result in fewer responses: The only option available was to type that title in the “Other” text box.

Which online legal research services must entry level attorneys in your local office know how to use?

	2004 Law Firm (66 responses)	**2007 Law Firm** (162 responses)
Westlaw:	54 (81.8%)	140 (86.4%)
LexisNexis:	47 (71.2%)	142 (87.7%)
PACER:	16 (24.2%)	40 (24.7%)
CourtLink:	7 (10.6%)	25 (15.4%)
LIVEDGAR:	6 (9.1%)	16 (9.9%)
RIA Checkpoint:	2 (3%)	17 (10.5%)

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What print-based resources do entry level attorneys have access to in your local office?

	2004 Law Firm (66 responses)	**2007 Law Firm** (162 responses)
State secondary:	60 (90.9%)	145 (89.5%)
Fed. secondary:	59 (89.4%)	146 (90.1%)
State reporters:	58 (87.9%)	115 (71%)
State leg. codes:	53 (80.3%)	141 (87%)
Fed. leg. codes:	51 (77.3%)	143 (88.3%)
Fed. Reporters:	46 (69.7%)	96 (59.3%)
State admin. code:	44 (66.7%)	128 (79%)
Fed. admin. code:	42 (63.6%)	122 (75.3%)
Regional reporters:	22 of 47 (46.8%)	32 (19.8%)
State ad. law decisions:	20 (30.3%)	59 (36.4%)
Fed. ad. law decisions:	12 (18.2%)	43 (26.5%)

Note: Regional Reporters was not listed as a checkbox option on the SCALL 2004 survey, which would likely result in fewer responses: The only option available was to type that title in the "Other" text box.

Which print-based resources must entry level attorneys in your local office know how to use?

	2004 Law Firm (65 responses)	**2007 Law Firm** (162 responses)
State leg. codes:	40 (61.5%)	103 (63.6%)
State secondary:	40 (61.5%)	78 (48.1%)
State reporters:	40 (61.5%)	75 (46.3%)
Fed. leg. codes:	38 (58.5%)	99 (61.1%)
Fed. Reporters:	40 (61.5%)	82 (50.6%)
Fed. secondary:	38 (58.5%)	80 (49.4%)
State admin. code:	29 (44.6%)	70 (43.2%)
Fed. admin. code:	28 (43.1%)	72 (44.4%)
Regional reporters:	20 of 47 (42.6%)	19 (11.7%)
State ad. law decisions:	14 (21.5%)	28 (17.3%)
Fed. ad. law decisions:	7 (10.8%)	23 (14.2%)
State digest		72 (44.4%)
Fed. digest		68 (42%)

Note: State & Federal Digests were not checkbox options on the 2004 survey, which would likely result in fewer responses: The only option available was to type those titles in the "Other" text box.

What are the most important research tasks (online or in print) that entry level attorneys in your local office must know how to perform?

	2004 Law Firm	**2007 Law Firm**
	(62 responses)	(162 responses)
Case law/digests:	38 (61.3%)	130 (80.2%)
Leg. codes:	20 (32.3%)	84 (51.9%)
Admin. Codes:	15 (24.2%)	53 (32.7%)
Secondary sources:	22 (35.5%)	111 (68.5%)
Shepardize/KeyCite:	13 (21%)	90 (55.6%)
Retrieval by citation:	5 (8.1%)	86 (53.1%)
Legislative histories:	5 (8.1%)	26 (16%)
Cost-effective research:		134 (82.7%)

NOTE: 2004 totals were likely low as there were no check box answers. All answers were typed in the text box.

Based on your experience, what research tasks should usually be conducted in books as opposed to online?

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	(66 responses)	(162 responses)
Secondary source:	57 (86.4%)	127 (78.4%)
Legislative code:	15 (22.7%)	86 (53.1%)
Admin. code:	8 (12.1%)	51 (31.5%)
Case law/digests:	12 (18.2%)	25 (15.4%)
Shepardize:		1 (.6%)
Legislative histories:		68 (42%)
Doc. retrieval by cite:		3 (1.9%)

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If your office subscribes to Westlaw and/or LexisNexis, what contract plan or plans do you have? [Note: Firms usually have more than one pricing plan]

	2004 Law Firm (66 responses)	**2007 Law Firm** (162 responses)
Westlaw flat-rate:	56 (84.8%)	111 (68.5%)
Westlaw transactional:	11 (16.7%)	44 (27.2%)
Westlaw hourly:	9 (13.6%)	38 (23.5%)
Do not subscribe to Westlaw:	5 (7.6%)	7 (4.3%)
LexisNexis flat-rate:	45 (68.2%)	117 (72.2%)
LexisNexis transactional:	20 (30.3%)	48 (29.6%)
LexisNexis hourly:	8 (12.1%)	35 (21.6%)
Do not subscribe to LexisNexis:	4 (6.1%)	6 (3.7%)

If your office has a flat-rate plan, is it unlimited in scope or confined to a certain jurisdiction, where any research beyond that jurisdiction would cost extra?

	2004 Law Firm (66 responses)	**2007 Law Firm** (162 responses)
Flat Rate Plans (WL & LN):	109 (165%)	228 (141%)
Limited:	54 (49.5%)	215 (94.3%)
Totally unlimited:	6 (9.1%)	8 (3.5%)
Have no flat-rate plan:	31 (28.4%)	62 (27.2%)

NOTE: 2004 survey combined the “limited” flat-rate plan question for Westlaw and LexisNexis into just one question. The low total for the 2004 limited flat-rate plan is likely attributed to those instances where respondents whose firms had flat-rate plans from both services included one answer for both plans. The 2007 survey asked separate questions for Westlaw flat-rate plans and LexisNexis flat-rate plans.