

2007 Legal Research E-Survey



Law Firm Results by Firm Size & with Grand Totals

Databases Available/Must Know:

By Count (n = 162)

	1-50 (n=28)	51-100 (n=46)	101+ (n=88)	Total (n=162)
Westlaw	26/24	41/38	82/78	149/140
LexisNexis	25/21	44/41	84/80	153/142
LivEdgar	11/2	25/7	66/7	102/16
Courtlink	18/5	28/5	70/15	116/25
Pacer	25/11	39/13	72/16	136/40
CheckPoint	8/3	20/4	58/10	86/17

Databases Available/Must Know:

By Percentage (n = 162)

	1-50 (n=28)	51-100 (n=46)	101+ (n=88)	Totals (n=162)
Westlaw	93/86	89/83	93/89	92/86
LexisNexis	89/79	96/89	96/91	94/88
LivEdgar	39/7	54/15	75/8	63/10
Courtlink	64/18	61/11	80/17	72/15
Pacer	89/39	85/28	82/18	84/25
CheckPoint	29/11	43/9	66/11	53/10

Print Sources Available/Must Know

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	1-50 (n=28)	51-100 (n=46)	101+ (n=88)	Total (n=162)
Fed Rptrs	13/15	26/23	57/44	96/82
USC	21/16	39/28	83/55	143/99
CFR	15/11	32/22	75/39	122/72
Agency Dec	3/4	10/9	30/10	43/23
Fed Digests	10/11	29/20	67/37	106/68
Fed Sec	22/15	40/23	84/42	146/80

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Fed Rptrs	46/54	57/50	65/50	59/51
USC	75/57	85/61	94/63	88/61
CFR	54/39	70/48	85/44	75/44
Agency Dec	11/14	22/20	34/11	27/14
Fed Digests	36/39	63/43	76/42	65/42
Fed Sec	79/54	87/50	95/48	90/49

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State Cases	17/17	31/22	67/36	115/75
State leg code	23/18	32/30	86/55	141/103
State Ad Code	18/13	33/20	77/37	128/70
State Ad Dec	4/4	14/10	41/14	59/28

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State Cases	61/61	67/48	76/41	71/46
State leg code	82/64	70/65	98/63	87/64
State Ad Code	64/46	72/43	88/42	79/43
State Ad Dec	14/14	30/22	47/16	36/17

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State Digests	18/13	34/24	76/35	128/72
State Secondary	21/12	43/25	81/41	145/78
Reg Rptrs	4/4	7/5	21/10	32/19

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State Digests	64/46	74/52	86/40	79/44
State Secondary	75/43	93/54	92/47	90/48
Reg Rptrs	14/14	15/11	24/11	20/12

Most Important Research Tasks

By Count & Percentage (n = 162)

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Cases/ Digests	24/86%	38/83%	68/77%	130/80
Leg Codes	17/61%	24/52%	43/49%	84/52
Admin Codes	9/32%	15/33%	29/33%	53/33
Shep/ KeyCite	13/46%	26/57%	51/58%	90/56
Secondary	21/75%	33/72%	57/65%	111/69

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	1-50 (n=28)	51-100 (n=46)	101+ (n=88)	Total (n=162)
Cost Effective	24/86%	39/85%	71/81%	134/83
Pull Doc/ Cite	16/57%	26/57%	44/50%	86/53
Leg History	5/18%	5/11%	16/18%	26/16

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Cases/Digests	3/19	11/29	11/55	25/103
Leg Codes	13/7	27/10	46/12	86/29
Admin Codes	6/7	18/11	27/10	51/28
Shep/KeyCite	0/23	1/40	0/79	1/142
Secondary	20/4	36/6	71/5	127/15

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Cases/Digests	11/68	24/63	13/63	15/64
Leg Codes	46/25	59/22	52/14	53/18
Admin Codes	21/25	39/24	31/11	31/17
Shep/KeyCite	0/82	2/87	0/90	.6/88
Secondary	71/14	78/13	81/6	78/9

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Cost Effective	5/14	13/19	27/24	45/57
Pull Doc/Cite	1/20	2/36	0/71	3/127
Leg History	11/7	17/10	40/10	68/27

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Cost Effective	18/50	28/41	31/27	28/35
Pull Doc/ Cite	4/71	4/78	0/81	2/78
Leg History	39/25	37/22	45/11	42/17

Westlaw/LexisNexis Plans

By Count (n = 162)

	1-50 (n=28)	51-100 (n=46)	101+ (n=88)	Total (n=162)
Flat Rate	15/18	36/37	60/62	111/117
Unlimited	0/0	1/2	3/2	4/4
Limited	15/17	33/35	56/59	104/111
No Flat Rate	11/7	7/6	15/16	33/29
Transact	13/10	7/11	24/27	44/48
Hourly	7/8	8/8	23/19	38/35

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Unlimited	0/0	3/5	5/3	4/3
Limited	100/94	92/95	93/95	94/95
No Flat Rate	39/25	15/13	17/18	20/18
Transact	46/36	15/24	27/31	27/30
Hourly	25/29	17/17	26/22	23/22



Reasons for High Online Charges

Reading online while using Hourly

Ignoring dollar signs in LexisNexis

Unaware that some info is online for free

Engaging in fishing expeditions

Free law school searching

Not limiting “citing references” in KeyCite

Start with case law research

Not planning before going online

Not using Focus/Locate or Segments/Fields