



Legal Research: What to Know in 2025

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DESCRIPTION

This research refresher covers all the bases. We'll help you figure out the ins-and-outs of researching on the WSBA's new vLex/Fastcase platform. We'll discuss how to ethically use ChatGPT and AI tools in your law practice. We'll take you on a tour of legal research resources available remotely at home or the office. We'll finish with a deep dive into the world of skip tracing resources and methods of finding public information online.

AGENDA

1 Advanced Fastcase/vLex

Learn to make the most of your Fastcase/vLex subscription included for free with your WSBA membership. We'll cover advanced search techniques to save time and get better results.

Maya Swanes - University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA

2 Ethically Using AI in Your Legal Practice

AI holds both promise and pitfalls for practicing lawyers. We'll discuss thoughtful integration of generative AI into your legal work. We'll cover necessary considerations and best practices for using AI ethically in your legal practice.

LeighAnne Thompson - Seattle University Law School, Seattle, WA

3 Remote Legal Research Resources

The shift to work from home has placed a premium on remote access to research. Learn about legal research databases available remotely on both law library and public library websites.

Barbara Engstrom - King County Law Library, Seattle, WA

4 Skip Tracing

Skip tracing is a form of research for locating people and assets used by professional investigators. You'll learn proven strategies for tracking down subjects and uncovering their assets with mostly open-source resources.

Stephen Seely - King County Law Library, Seattle