

## A QUICK-REFERENCE COMPARISON OF LEXIS®LIBRARY AND WESTLAW

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<i>Background</i>	UK version launched in 1980 Owned by RELX Group	UK version launched in 2000 Owned by Thomson Reuters
<b>Coverage</b>		
<i>UK legislation and cases</i>	Legislation as amended.  Over 50 UK law reports, including <i>All England Law Reports</i> , <i>Weekly Law Reports</i> and <i>The Law Reports</i> .  <i>Case Overview</i> gives status, parallel citations, summaries.  Transcripts 1980 onwards	Legislation as amended.  Over 50 UK law reports, including <i>Fleet Street Reports</i> , <i>Weekly Law Reports</i> and <i>The Law Reports</i> .  <i>Case Analysis</i> gives status, parallel citations, summaries, journal references.  Transcripts 1967 onwards
<i>UK books and encyclopedias</i>	<i>Halsbury's Laws</i> + ten books, incl. <i>Bennion on Statutory Interpretation</i>	Over 250 books and encyclopedias, incl. <i>Chitty on Contracts</i> , <i>Benjamin's Sale of Goods</i> and <i>Palmer's Company Law</i>
<i>Journals</i>	Over 120 series on Journals page, mainly UK, European & international  <i>Journals Index</i> covers >500 journals, newsletters & blogs; includes abstracts; goes back to 1995.	114 series on Journals page, mainly UK, European & international  <i>Legal Journals Index</i> covers >1000 journals/newsletters; includes abstracts; goes back to 1986.
<i>European Union</i>	Legislation, cases, international agreements, COM docs, OJ C, etc.  Several commercial publications, notably <i>All England Law Reports (EC)</i>	Legislation, cases, international agreements, COM docs, OJ C, etc.  Several commercial publications, notably <i>Common Market Law Reports</i> .
<i>United States</i>	(Via Sources tab)  Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state  Over 700 journals  A few hundred books	(Via Services menu - WL International Materials)  Vast collections of legislation and cases, federal and state  Almost 1000 journals  Over 2000 books
<i>International law</i>	(Mostly via Sources tab)  <i>International Legal Materials</i> (vol.1 - ); treaties; cases; WTO/GATT and NAFTA arbitral awards  >60 journals focusing on international law (see main Journals page + International Law Review Articles, Combined)	(Mostly on Westlaw International Materials)  <i>International Legal Materials</i> (vol.19 - ); treaties; cases; WTO/GATT, NAFTA, ICSID, ICC & other arbitral awards  >150 journals focusing on international law (see WL UK's Journals page + Westlaw International Materials' <i>World Journals</i> )

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<i>Connectors</i>	<b>and</b> to combine: <i>arbitration and evidence</i> <b>or</b> for alternatives: <i>medical or clinical</i> <b>and not</b> to exclude: <i>taxation and not income</i>  <b>w/5</b> = within 5 words of: <i>tax w/5 gifts</i> <b>w/s</b> = within the same sentence as <b>w/p</b> = within the same paragraph as	<b>and</b> to combine: <i>arbitration and evidence</i> <b>or</b> for alternatives: <i>medical or clinical</i> <b>not</b> to exclude: <i>taxation not income</i>  <b>/5</b> = within 5 words of: <i>tax /5 gifts</i> <b>/s</b> = within the same sentence as <b>/p</b> = within the same paragraph as  If no connector is used (e.g. <i>arbitration evidence</i> ):-  WL UK automatically inserts ' <b>and</b> ' ( <i>arbitration and evidence</i> )  <u>but</u> WL International Materials inserts ' <b>or</b> ' ( <i>arbitration or evidence</i> )
<i>Truncation</i>	<i>bank!</i> finds bank, banks, banking, etc.	<i>bank!</i> finds bank, banks, banking, etc.
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