

Patent Profiler

Patent Examiners and Patent Administrative Law Judges

Patent Profiler on Westlaw provides valuable information on patent examiners and patent administrative law judges. Profiles include information about the individual's position, areas of expertise, contact information, and patents the examiner examined or Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decisions in which the judge was involved.

Retrieving Profiles

There are several ways to retrieve a profile.

SEARCH A DATABASE

From the tabbed Westlaw Patents page, you can access a Patent Profiler database search template by pointing to the database name under *Profiler* and clicking the **Show** button (▼). Then click the database identifier (Figure 1).

- To search for profiles of patent examiners, access the Profiler–Profiles of Patent Examiner database (PROFILER-PATEX).
- To search for profiles of patent administrative law judges, access the Profiler–Profiles of Patent Judges database (PROFILER-PATJ).

At the search template, you can search using a name, position, or practice area. Alternatively, you can click the **Terms and Connectors** tab to run a Terms and Connectors search.

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The screenshot displays the Westlaw Patents interface. At the top, there are navigation links: FIND&PRINT, KEYCITE, DIRECTORY, KEY NUMBERS, COURT DOCS, FORMFINDER, SITE MAP, HELP, and SIGN OFF. Below this is a search bar with 'Terms & Connectors' and 'Natural Language' tabs. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Search Motions, Memoranda, Pleadings:** Includes a link for 'Financial Crisis Trial Filings'.
- Profiler - Attorney or Judge:** Search by name or practice area, with a dropdown for 'All States' and a 'Go' button.
- Profiler - Expert:** Search by name or area of expertise, with a dropdown for 'All States' and a 'Go' button.
- US Patent Family Tree:** Get a Graphical Display with an example: US PAT 6749034.
- Patent Claims Versions:** Get Patent Claims Versions.
- Profiler:** A list of search options, with 'PROFILER-PATEX' selected. Other options include Profiles of Intellectual Property Professionals, Profiles of Patent Judges, Profiles of Trademark Examiners, Profiles of Trademark Judges, Profiles of Attorneys & Judges, and Profiles of Expert Witnesses.
- Cases & Administrative Decisions:** A list of search options including All Federal Intellectual Property Cases, Court of Appeals Federal Circuit, Markman Orders, Court of Federal Claims, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Decisions, Federal International Law - International Trade Commission, Fed. IP - Decisions All, Annotated Patent Digest (Matthews), U.S. Patents Quarterly (USPQ), and Fed. IP - District Courts Decisions.
- Patents, Applications, & Assignments:** Search options for U.S. Patents, Applications & Assignments and European Patents & Applications.

Figure 1. Westlaw Patents tabbed page

LINK TO A PROFILE FROM A DISPLAYED DOCUMENT

To access an individual's profile from a displayed document, click the name of the individual in the document. For example, while viewing a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision, click the name of a judge to view that individual's profile (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Links to profiles in displayed document

Viewing Profile Information

From a displayed profile (Figure 3), click **Profiler References** on the Links tab, to view a list of patents or decisions involving the examiner or judge (Figure 4). To limit the display of Profiler references by Locate term, date, or document type, click **Profiler Limits** at the bottom of the list of Profiler references in the right frame.

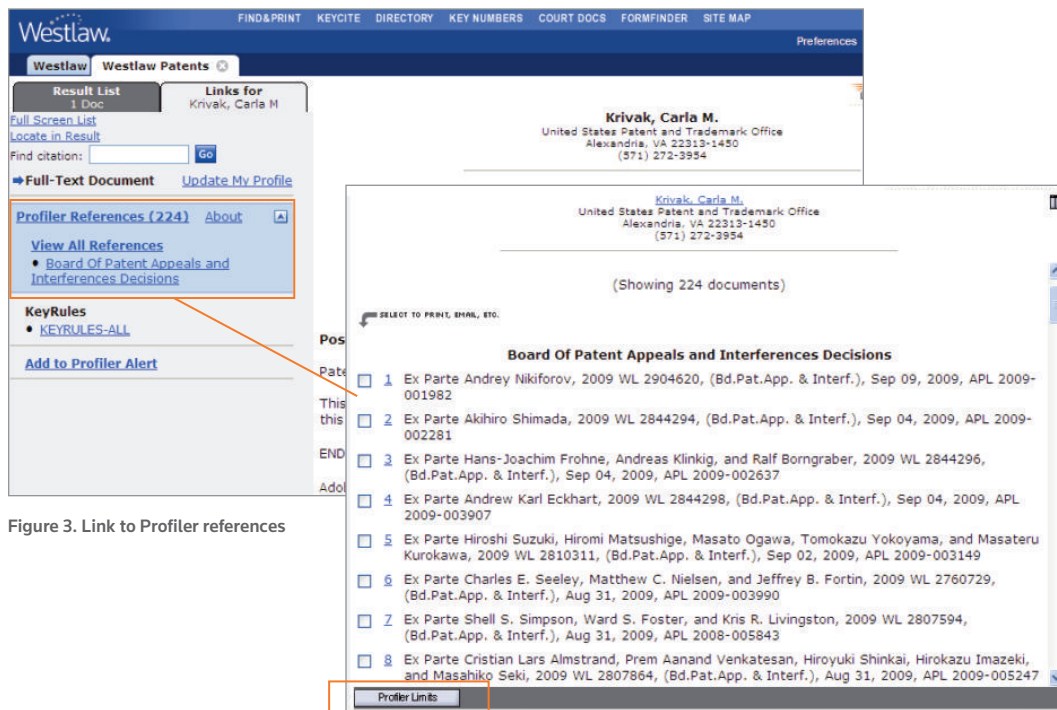


Figure 3. Link to Profiler references

Figure 4. Profiler references