



Westlaw's Expert Center

EXPERT WITNESS RESEARCH SOLUTIONS

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Expert Center - Agenda

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- Expert Documents
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- Expert Library Search vs. Template Search
- Demo
- Rob Alston – Westlaw Round Table Group

Historical Backdrop – The Past 20 Years

- **1991** - Federal Judicial Center survey of federal judges found that in civil cases in which admissibility of expert testimony was raised as an issue, 75% of judges surveyed said they had allowed all proffered testimony.
- **1993** - *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993).
- **1998** - Federal Judicial Center reports that in cases in which admissibility of expert testimony was raised as an issue, 59% of federal judges surveyed said they had allowed all proffered testimony without limitation.
- **2000** - Federal Judicial Center reports that judges are more likely since *Daubert* to examine the basis of expert testimony before trial and exclude at least some of the expert testimony.
- **2001 – present** - demand for expert witness information and services has exploded
 - expert witness directories and referral services
 - background information
 - curriculum vitae, credentials, authorship, and news



Experts – Types and Cases

- **Federal Judicial Center** - Types of experts:
 - Medical doctors (from all specialties) accounted for approximately one-third of all experts presented at trial.
 - Engineers and other safety or process specialists accounted for 24% of the experts presented.
 - Experts from business, law, and financial specialties (e.g., accountants, economists) comprised 22% of all experts.
 - Experts from scientific specialties (e.g., chemists) accounted for slightly more than 7% of all experts.
- **Federal Judicial Center** - Types of trials involving experts:
 - 45% - tort cases, primarily personal injury or medical malpractice
 - 23% - civil rights cases
 - 11% - contract cases
 - 10% - intellectual property cases, primarily patent cases
 - 4% - labor cases & prisoner cases
 - 8% - other civil cases



Expert Center Overview

Provides the ability to quickly, comprehensively, and confidently identify and assess the quality of an expert and prepare to challenge opposing experts.

New federated searching across expert content on Westlaw, including:

- Expert Challenge Reports including Daubert Tracker
- Expert Investigation Reports
- Expert Profiles
- Expert Witness Resumes
- Expert Witness Directories
- Expert Witness Documents
- Publications
- Cases



Expert Center – Empowers You

- **Efficiency & Productivity**
 - Federated search covers a broad collection of information all at once; this eliminates the need to select databases and to formulate separate queries for each database
 - Allows you to do more in less time
- **Relevancy**
 - Expert Center will lead you to meaningful information about experts, and will enable you to be a key player on your firm's litigation team

Expert Documents

- **Expert Testimony**
 - Locate and research an expert's testimony; 392,139 court filings
- **Expert Resumes**
 - Access to multiple resumes – including high-value, court-filed resumes; 47,620 court-filed resumes/CVs
- **Expert Witness Directories including:**
 - West's National Physicians Directory, Forensic Services Directory, and Expert Witness Directory – Canada
- **Expert Profiles**
 - Uncover critical background information on Experts; 493,717 experts
- **Expert Services**
 - Westlaw Round Table Group
 - Westlaw's expert witness search and referral service



Expert Investigation Reports

- **Expert Challenge Reports and Daubert Tracker Reports**
 - Summarize the results of proceedings in which an expert's testimony has been challenged
- **Expert Evaluator Reports**
 - Show trending and analysis information for a particular expert
- **Expert Comparison Reports**
 - Allow users to compare up to three experts side by side

Expert Center – Expert Library Search

- **Federated Search Across 57 Databases and Expert Investigation Reports**
 - A broad search, ideal for finding an expert, doing background research, or learning more about an area of expertise
 - Can add additional databases to search as desired



Expert Center – Expert Template Search

- **Federated Search Across 10 Databases and Expert Investigation Reports**
 - A targeted search by expert name and/or area of expertise

Expert Center - Access

- **Access Points**

- WestlawNext Tools tab
- Expert Center tab on Westlaw.com
- Top Navigation bar link on Westlaw.com

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- **Comprehensive, Powerful Research Tool**
- **Efficiency & Productivity**
- **Valuable, Relevant Contributions to Your Litigation Team**



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