



Tips for using AI-Assisted Research

Westlaw™ Edge UK with CoCounsel harnesses the power of legally focused generative AI, grounded in our trusted content, to quickly get a synthesised summary of the relevant law for your matter enabling you to make informed decisions for the direction to take your legal research.

How to build a better query

Write a clear, concise, and focused query that is 1-2 sentences long. Consider adding information, such as practice area, governing law, remedy, desired outcome, or material facts to provide better context for the query.

- **Query:** What is the definition of worker?
- **Better query:** How has a worker been defined when it is a zero-hours contract?

Provide relevant facts material to your research but do not include extra background facts that are not material to the question. Each term in a query should be essential to finding relevant information.

- **Query:** I have a contract for the supply of cleaning products which includes chemicals and dusters. After a period of financial mismanagement, the client has gone into liquidation and is claiming that they can no longer complete the contract as it has been frustrated.
- **Better query:** In a contract for the supply of services, does liquidation of the supplier frustrate the contract?

Do not write a query in the style of a prompt, command, or instruction. We have done the prompting and instruction work for you and have designed AI-Assisted Research to work best with legal research queries that clearly identify the information you would like to find. For example, it is better to avoid including extra words or phrases like “find cases that...” that bookend the query but are not substantive. Instead, it is better to construct a query with words or phrases you would expect to find in cases, statutes, or regulations.

- **Query:** You are an experienced attorney who is an expert legal researcher, and you need to find and summarise the best cases that discuss what issues should be taken into account in calculating holiday pay.
- **Better query:** Summarise the leading cases on calculating holiday pay.

What can't AI-Assisted research process?

AI-Assisted Research does not yet support the following tasks, but we're working on them, and you can expect to see many of them in the future:

- Finding documents by citation
- Boolean or fielded queries, e.g. *“summary judgment” /p “breach of contract”*
- Questions about particular documents, e.g. *Does the Jones v. Smith case include a situation with a supervisor as a defendant?*
- Requests for analytics, e.g. *Which law firm has the most clinical negligence cases in 2024 so far?*
- Commands to execute certain tasks, e.g. *Email me the Jones v. Smith case and any citing cases that have negative treatment.*
- Requests for comprehensive document retrievals, e.g. *Find all cases where Part 36 claims have been withdrawn.*
- Instructions to filter supporting authority, e.g. *Exclude any ex-tempore judgments.*
- Requests for timing or mathematical calculations, e.g. *By which date do I need to file a notice of appeal for a judgment entered on 8th July?*
- Questions about predictions of outcomes, e.g. *Will the Supreme Court overturn the Aldi gin case?*

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