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A Deep Dive into Modern-Day Legal Research

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Featured Platforms:

- [LexisNexis](#) (CourtLink, Protégé AI, Document Analysis)
- [vLex Fastcase](#) (Free LSBA Member Benefit)
- [Thomson Reuters](#) (Westlaw)
- [PACER](#) (Federal Court Research)

Why This CLE Matters:

This CLE provides real-world tools to help attorneys work more efficiently without sacrificing accuracy, use AI responsibly, and gain a competitive edge through effective use of legal research platforms.

Who Should Watch?

Attorneys at all experience levels.

CLE Credit:

1.5 Law Practice Management (“LPM”)
Credit Hours



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Part 1: Lexis+ with Protégé

(AI assisted research and drafting)

Highlighted Features of Lexis+ AI:

- Security and privacy through commercial grade, private cloud infrastructure.
- Draft full, comprehensive documents.
- Evaluate past work product.
- Discovery prep with suggested actions.
- Draft full discovery requests (Interrogatories, etc.).
- Create secure databases with Vault (upload up to 500 documents to each vault).

Highlighted Features of CourtLink®:

- Full-docket coverage from the most state courts
- Broad federal court coverage, including tax courts, patent and trademark, etc.
- Up to 33+ years of civil litigation history.
- Order documents to be delivered to your office or via email.
- Uncover the litigation history of a company or individual.

Presented By:

Karen McCardle

Blended Practice Area Consultant

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Part 2: Clio/Vlex Fastcase, Docket Alarm, & Vincent AI

Highlighted Features of Fastcase:

- Fastcase provides an innovative research suite of primary law, dockets, treatises, legal blogs, analytics, workflow tools, and legal news.
- LSBA members receive FREE ACCESS to the full 50-state Vlex Fastcase library via LSBA login, including opinions, statutes, regulations, rules, and citator information.
- Search results show relevance, filters, citation counts, and include the CertCitator negative treatment developed after extensive editorial review.

Highlighted Features of Docket Alarm & Vincent AI:

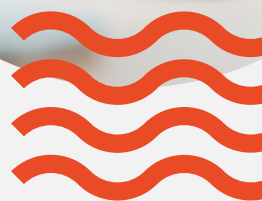
- Docket Alarm tracks state and federal dockets (41 states; Louisiana federal) and analytics on firms and lawyers.
- Centralized docket tracking helps avoid missed deadlines, a leading malpractice cause.
- Vincent AI provides secure, grounded legal AI and is integrated with the LSBA benefit to Fastcase.

Presented By:

Ed Walters

VP of Legal Innovation and Strategy at Clio

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For more information about Fastcase's legal tools, visit:
<https://www.lsba.org/PracticeManagement/AboutFastcase.aspx> or
www.fastcase.com.

See also www.docketalarm.com.



Part 3: Thomson Reuters Westlaw Advantage+CoCounsel

(AI assisted research and drafting)

Highlighted Features of Westlaw Advantage:

- Electronic access has evolved from dedicated terminals to natural language search (2010), Westlaw Edge (2018), and newer platforms Westlaw Precision and Westlaw Advantage
- Westlaw Advantage includes CoCounsel, an agentic AI that builds and executes research plans, produces verifiable reports with authorities, cases on both sides, practical implications, and iterative Q&A.
- The Agentic AI is a “closed system” which means it is safe to upload confidential information .

Presented By:

Aimee Bain

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Reuters® representative or visit
<https://www.thomsonreuters.com/en>.*





Part 4: PACER & Federal Practice Tips

Highlighted Features of PACER:

- PACER is not just for filing.
- PACER can access CM/ECF by court, pull dockets by case number, compare a party's submissions to the final order that was entered, and analyze briefing sequences.
- PACER can search dockets for proposed and final jury instructions.
- PACER's party-name search can surface a litigant's nationwide litigation for trend analysis to aid in your argument development

Practical PACER Tips for Federal Practice:

- Learn your judge by reviewing their dockets on PACER to see their persuasive reasoning style, preferred order formats, and what types of matters typically get referred to the magistrate.
- Manage client expectations by using PACER to review your judge's dockets to assess their typical timing patterns for rulings, such as motions in limine.
- Judges and law clerks carefully read full cases, so ensure your citations accurately support your arguments to maintain credibility.

Presented By:

Erin Alpandinar

Former Law Clerk for the Western District of Louisiana

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