

WESTLAW ASIA OCTOBER 2020 RELEASE

Enhancing your legal research experience

Thomson Reuters works in partnership with our customers to develop solutions and services that meet your needs. We take the time to seek your feedback and incorporate it into our development schedule.

We use this information to enhance Westlaw Asia and are excited to share with you details on the enhancements scheduled to be released **on the 15**th **of October 2020.**

We recommend you review the release notes below and update any internal training material.

The Release Notes provide a summary of the enhancements, followed by a more detailed explanation.

Release Summary

Westlaw Asia will be launching a new user interface, focusing on mobility, usability, performance and a new look and feel. These exciting changes will improve your research experience significantly.

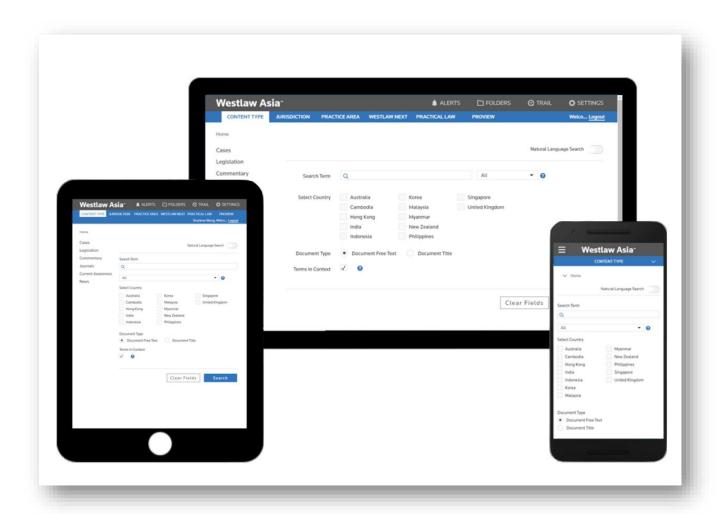
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FEATURE	SUMMARY
Responsive design	The new user interface will provide responsive design to enable a better user experience on different screen sizes and devices. More customers are using mobile devices for law related tasks outside of work due to Covid-19. Mobility is now more important than ever!
A fresh look and feel	We have made some design changes with a fresher and cleaner look interface. All existing functionalities are still available, but users will notice some changes to the colour, font, layout and much more. The changes are made to improve readability of content presented on Westlaw.
Westlaw Asia logo	The Westlaw Asia logo will take users from wherever they are in their research to the homepage.
Improved reading experience	We have introduced a show/hide left-pane control in the search result and document pages which will help optimise your reading experience.
Introducing "About this title" for HK commentary titles	In response to your feedback, we have included the "About this title" information for all Hong Kong commentary titles. The "About this title" information includes the title page of the book, a list of authors and contributors, the year of the publication, publisher's note and preface in both PDF and HTML.
Enhanced news content via Westlaw Classic (Westlaw Next)	On the new user interface, news content will be available via Westlaw Classic (Westlaw Next). Westlaw Classic will provide an optimised news experience with more than 11,000 news and business information resources including newspapers, newswires, and magazines across the world. Users will have access to substantially more content.
Enhanced browser compatibility	In response to customer feedback, we have reviewed and tested our minimum system requirements to ensure that the new user interface supports all latest browsers and devices.
Performance improvement	The new technology used for the new user interface will allow search results and documents to load even faster than before.
Increased session time-out	We have received feedback that our current session time-out is too short. In response to your feedback, we have extended the session time-out from 30 minutes to 3 hours, to prevent you from being automatically logged out before your research session is complete.
Trail functionality	We have improved the trail functionality so that it is easier to find your previous research history including searches and document views.
New quick links to Practical Law	We have introduced a new tab for Practical Law, providing a list of quick links to key resources. If you subscribe to Westlaw Asia and Practical Law, the access from Westlaw to Practical Law will be seamless. If you are interested in trialling Practical Law, please contact your account manager to experience the new feature.

Responsive design

More users are using mobile devices for law related tasks outside of work due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mobility is now more important than ever, and the new user interface will provide responsive design to enable better user experience on different screen sizes and devices.

The new user interface is mobile enabled and responsive. The benefits of the responsive screen design include:

- o **Providing a seamless user experience**: Whether Westlaw is viewed from your desktop or your smart phone, you will have an optimised user experience.
- o Adaptability to any screen size: It will intelligently detect your screen size and utilise the entire screen of your device. You can now access Westlaw Asia wherever you are on your preferred device.

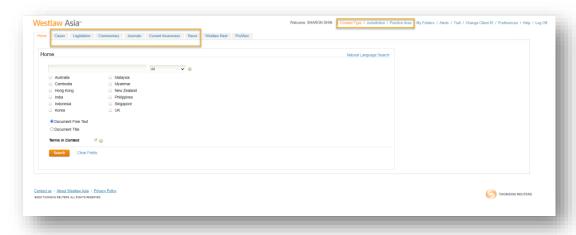


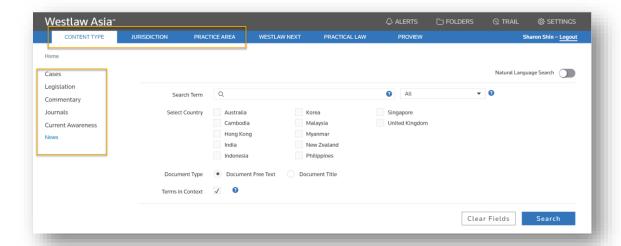
A fresh look and feel

We have made some design changes to make the Westlaw site look fresher and cleaner. All existing functionalities are still available, but users will notice some changes to the colour, font, layout and much more. The changes have been made to improve readability of the content but also to align with our global Westlaw products. The colour blue represents trust which is a hallmark of Westlaw products in the legal market.

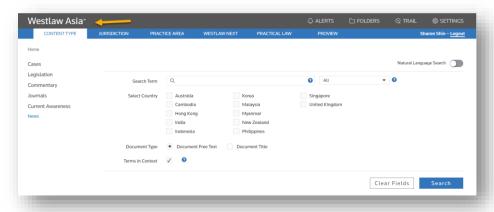
1) The homepage – layout changes

For easy navigation, we have moved the Content Type, Jurisdiction and Practice Area menu buttons to the front of the homepage while Cases, Legislation, Commentary, Journals, Current Awareness and News have been moved to the left-pane.



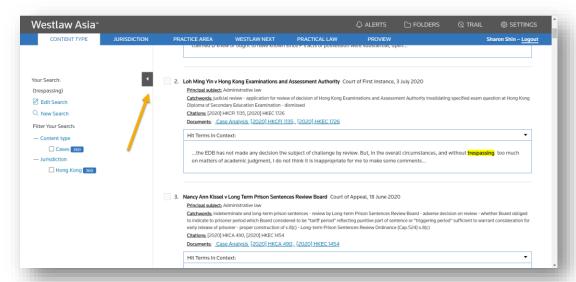


2) You can now click on the "Westlaw Asia" logo from wherever you are, and you will be taken back to the homepage.



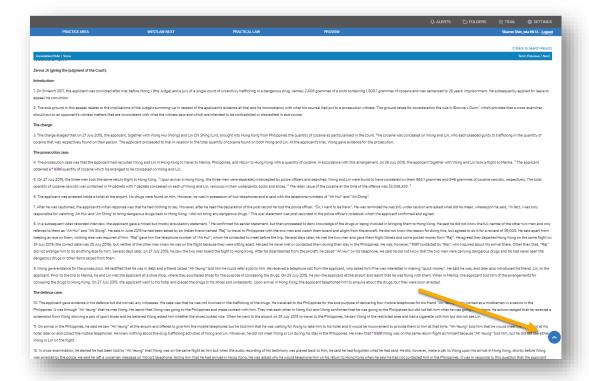
3) A left-pane control

We have introduced a show/hide left-pane control in the search results and document pages, this will help optimise your reading experience by allowing a full screen view.



4) Back to Top button

We have introduced a **Back to Top** button to allows users to quickly navigate to the top of the page whilst reading a long document.



Updating system requirements

In response to your feedback, we have reviewed our minimum system requirements to ensure that the new user interface supports all latest browsers. Please see below updated system requirements.

All Users

- High-speed internet connection (4Mbs Download, 512kbps Upload ADSL)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 9.0 or later installed (Some print functionality is lost with older versions.)
- JavaScript and cookies enabled in the browser
- Do not delete cached files

Windows Users

Microsoft Windows 7, Windows 10 running:

- Internet Explorer 11 recommended
- Firefox current version or Extended Support Release version
- Google Chrome current version
- Edge (Windows 10 only)

Mac Users

OS 10.5 or later running:

- Safari current version
- Firefox current version or Extended Support Release version
- Google Chrome current version

Mobile devices:

- iPhone (iOS 10 or later, iPhone 6 or later)
- iPad 2nd generation or later
- Android (7.0 or later)

Performance improvement

The new technology used for the new user interface enables Westlaw to perform faster. From our internal testing, search results and documents load quicker than the existing Westlaw Asia site. *

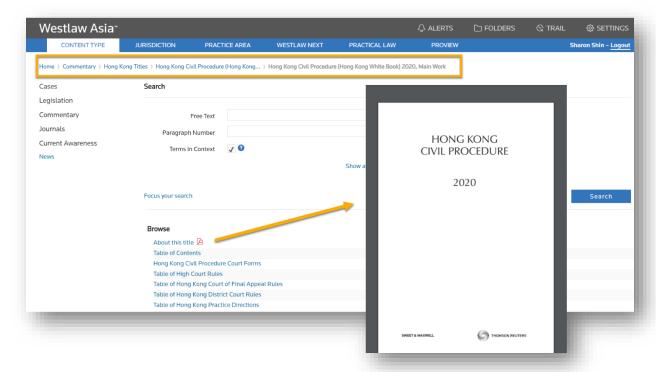
* Performance can be affected by multiple factors therefore your experience with our improved performance may vary depending on your circumstances (e.g. user's internet speed, browser cache settings, old devices & browsers etc).

Introducing "About this title" for HK commentary titles

We know from customer feedback that when lawyers are submitting authorities for legal proceedings in court, it is customary to include the title page of a book as the first page of the exhibit.

To help our users save time, we have introduced "About this title" to all Hong Kong commentary titles. The "About this title" information includes the title page of the book, a list of authors and contributors, the year of the publication, publisher's note and preface in both PDF and HTML.

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Increased session time-out

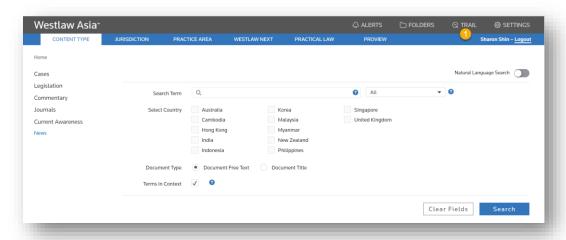
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Improved trail functionality.

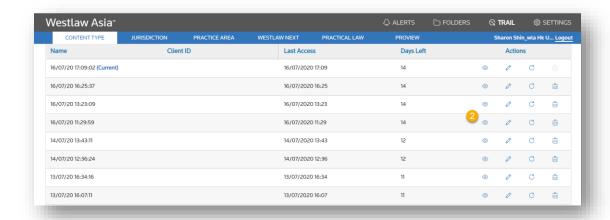
Based on customer feedback, we have simplified the trail functionality. We have removed filters from the TRAIL to make it easier to find previous research history, including searches and document views.

To display previous research history:

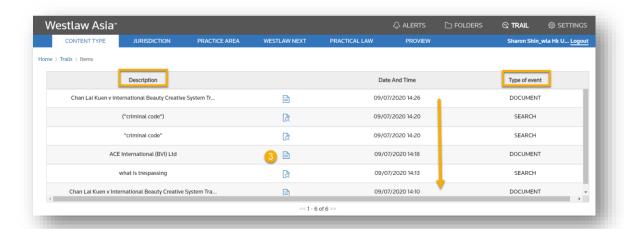
1. Click on the TRAIL button.



2. Select the button to re-visit a session date.



3. A full list of searches and documents will be displayed for that session in reverse chronological order. Select a document or a search that you would like to view.

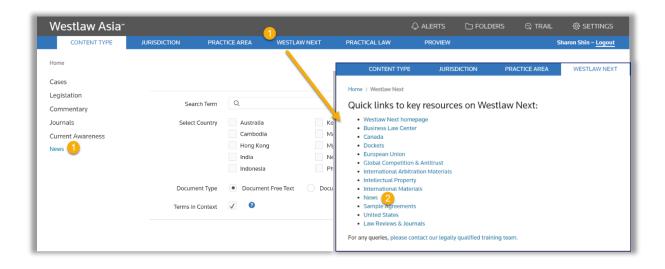


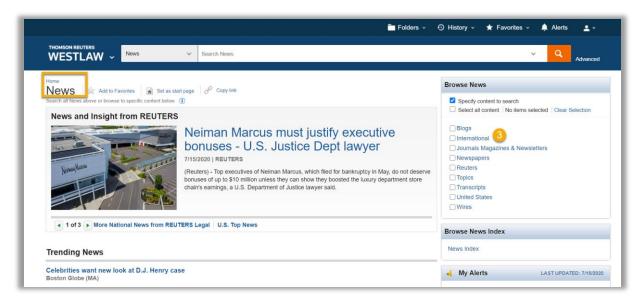
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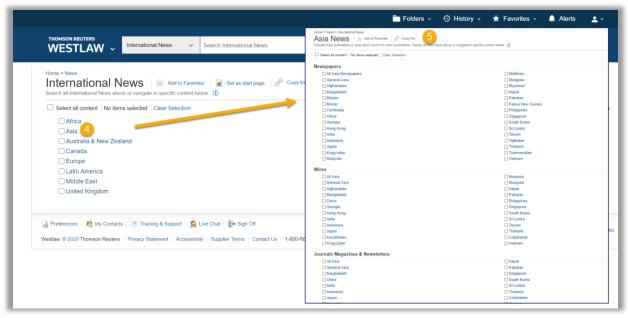
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To access news content, select the News button on the home page or click on the Westlaw Next menu tab and then select News from the key resources list. You will then be authenticated into Westlaw Classic in a new browser window where you can access news content.

If you are unable to access news content or require training, please contact Customer Service.







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