

Hong Kong Secondary Sources

This guide provides information on how to search for Hong Kong Secondary sources (including Commentary, Journals and Current Awareness) on Westlaw International – Asia. It also includes useful tips through a task-based search example.

Accessing Hong Kong Commentary

1. Access Hong Kong Commentary by Jurisdiction:
 - Go to the **Asia** Home Page
 - Select **Hong Kong** as the jurisdiction
 - Then, choose **Commentary** as the Content type
2. Access Hong Kong Commentary by Content type:
 - Go to the **Asia** Home Page
 - Select **Commentary** as the Content type
 - Then, choose **Hong Kong** as the jurisdiction

The screenshot displays the Westlaw International Asia homepage. The top navigation bar includes 'THOMSON REUTERS WESTLAW INTERNATIONAL', a search bar with 'Asia' entered, and links for 'My start page', 'TRAINING', 'History', 'Folders', 'My links', 'Notifications', and 'Sign out'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Asia' section is highlighted. On the left, under 'Jurisdiction', 'Hong Kong' is selected with a red box and an arrow pointing to a dropdown menu. This menu shows 'Commentary' selected with a red box. On the right, under 'Content', 'Commentary' is selected with a red box and an arrow pointing to a dropdown menu. This menu shows 'Hong Kong' selected with a red box. The right sidebar contains 'Resources' (News, Preview, Westlaw Asia, Westlaw Australia, Westlaw New Zealand, Westlaw Canada, Westlaw UK, Westlaw U.S., Practical Law) and 'Compare text' (Compare selected snippets of text to highlight their similarities and differences, Compare text button).

Hong Kong Commentary Advanced Search Template

The Advanced Search Template provides search fields specific to commentary. Enter keywords into one or more fields to find the required commentary services. For helpful advice on searching, click Search Tips in the top right corner.

1. Click on **Advanced** next to the search bar to display the Advanced Search Template which provides various search field options.
2. Click on **Search Tips** at the top righthand corner for tips on running a more effective search, including plain language, and Boolean Terms & Connectors.
3. Use one or more of the search fields in the Advanced Search Template to search across commentary, including **Key Search Terms**, **Paragraph Number** and **Case Cited**.
4. Search with **Connectors and Expanders** in the **Key Search Terms** field to increase the efficacy of the search.

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Hong Kong Comment... advanced:

Search Tips > Advanced >

Asia > Asia Commentary > Hong Kong Commentary > Advanced Search

Advanced Search: Hong Kong Commentary

Use at least one field to create a Boolean Terms & Connectors query.

Key Search Terms

Use Boolean Terms & Connectors

Paragraph Number

e.g. M1/5, 7.01, 7-9

Cases Cited

e.g. (2014) 17 HKCFAR 60, 2014 17 HKCFAR 60

Connectors and Expanders

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Clear All

Searching Hong Kong Commentary

This example demonstrates how to find references to the case *R v Blastland* [1986] AC 41.

1. Navigate to the **Hong Kong Commentary** Advanced Search template, as explained above.
2. Type **R v Blastland [1986] AC 41** in the Case Cited search field to search the citation.
3. Click **Search** or press Enter.

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Hong Kong Comment... advanced: CC(R /3 v /3 Blastland /3 1986 /3 AC /3 41)

Search Tips > Advanced >

Asia > Asia Commentary > Hong Kong Commentary > Advanced Search

Advanced Search: Hong Kong Commentary

Use at least one field to create a Boolean Terms & Connectors query.

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Key Search Terms

Use Boolean Terms & Connectors

Paragraph Number

e.g. M1/5, 7.01, 7-9

Cases Cited

R v Blastland 1986 AC 41

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Tip: Each field in the Advanced Search form has an example (e.g.) below the field to help with how to enter search terms.

Accessing Hong Kong Journals

1. Access Hong Kong Journals by Jurisdiction:
 - Go to the **Asia** Home Page
 - Select **Hong Kong** as the jurisdiction
 - Then, choose **Journals** as the Content type
2. Access Hong Kong Journals by Content type:
 - Go to the **Asia** Home Page
 - Select **Journals** as the Content type
 - Then, choose **Hong Kong** as the Jurisdiction

The screenshot displays the Thomson Reuters Westlaw International Asia homepage. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'THOMSON REUTERS WESTLAW INTERNATIONAL' and a search bar. Below the search bar, the 'Asia' section is highlighted. On the left, the 'Jurisdiction' filter shows 'Hong Kong' selected with a red box and an arrow pointing to a 'Hong Kong' modal window. This modal window lists content types: 'Case Law', 'Legislation', 'Commentary', 'Journals' (highlighted with a red box), and 'Current Awareness'. On the right, the 'Content' filter shows 'Journals' selected with a red box and an arrow pointing to an 'Asia Journals' modal window. This modal window lists jurisdictions: 'Hong Kong' (highlighted with a red box), 'India', 'Malaysia', and 'Singapore'. The right sidebar contains 'Resources' (News, Proview, Westlaw Asia, Westlaw Australia, Westlaw New Zealand, Westlaw Canada, Westlaw UK, Westlaw U.S., Practical Law) and a 'Compare text' section.

Hong Kong Journals Advanced Search Template

The Advanced Search Template provides search fields specific to Journals. Enter keywords into one or more fields to find the required articles. For helpful advice on searching, click Search Tips in the top right corner.

1. Click on **Advanced** next to the search bar to display the Advanced Search Template which provides various search field options.
2. Click on **Search Tips** at the top righthand corner for tips on running a more effective search, including how to search with plain language, and how to use Boolean Terms & Connectors.
3. Use one or more of the search fields in the Advanced Search Template to search across journals, including **Key Search Terms**, **Article Title**, **Author**, **Journal Title** and **Publication Year**.
4. Search with **Connectors and Expanders** in the **Key Search Terms** field to increase the efficacy of the search.

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Hong Kong Journals advanced: [Search Tips >](#) [Advanced >](#)

Asia > Asia Journals > Hong Kong Journals > Advanced Search

Advanced Search: Hong Kong Journals

Use at least one field to create a Boolean Terms & Connectors query.

Key Search Terms

Use Boolean Terms & Connectors

Article Title

Author

Journal Title

e.g. Hong Kong Lawyer

Publication Year

e.g. 2019

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Searching Hong Kong Journals

This example demonstrates how to find articles with “AI Security” in the title from the Hong Kong Lawyer journal.

1. Navigate to the **Hong Kong Journals** Advanced Search template, as explained above.
2. Type **“AI Security”** with quotation marks into the Article Title search field. This will search for these terms as an exact phrase.
3. Type **Hong Kong Lawyer** into the Journal Title search field.
4. Click **Search** or press Enter.

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Hong Kong Journals advanced: TI("AI Security") & journal-title(Hong Kong Lawyer)

Search Tips > Advanced >

Asia > Hong Kong > Hong Kong Journals > Advanced Search

Advanced Search: Hong Kong Journals

Use at least one field to create a Boolean Terms & Connectors query. [Clear All](#)

Key Search Terms

Use Boolean Terms & Connectors

Article Title

Author

Journal Title

e.g. Hong Kong Lawyer

Publication Year

e.g. 2019

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Accessing Hong Kong Current Awareness

1. Access Hong Kong Current Awareness by Jurisdiction:
 - Go to the **Asia** Home Page
 - Select **Hong Kong** as the jurisdiction
 - Then, choose **Current Awareness** as the Content type
2. Access Hong Kong Current Awareness by Content type:
 - Go to the **Asia** Home Page
 - Select **Current Awareness** as the Content type
 - Then, choose **Hong Kong** as the Jurisdiction

The screenshot displays the Thomson Reuters Westlaw International interface. The top navigation bar includes 'THOMSON REUTERS WESTLAW INTERNATIONAL', a search bar, and various user links. The main content area is titled 'Asia' and features a 'Jurisdiction' section with a list of countries: Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, and Singapore. A red box highlights 'Hong Kong' with a red circle and arrow labeled '1'. To the right, a dropdown menu for 'Hong Kong' is open, showing 'Content' types: Case Law, Commentary, Current Awareness (highlighted with a red box), and Legislation. Below the 'Jurisdiction' section is a 'Content' section with checkboxes for Case Law, Legislation, Commentary, Current Awareness (highlighted with a red box), and Journals. A red circle and arrow labeled '2' points to the 'Current Awareness' checkbox. To the right of the 'Content' section, a dropdown menu for 'Asia Current Awareness' is open, showing a list of jurisdictions: India, Hong Kong (highlighted with a red box), Malaysia, and Singapore. On the far right, there is a 'Resources' section with links to various Westlaw services and a 'Compare text' section.

Hong Kong Current Awareness Advanced Search Template

The Advanced Search Template provides search fields specific to current awareness. Enter keywords into one or more fields to find the required articles. For helpful advice on searching, click Search Tips in the top right corner.

1. Click on **Advanced** next to the search bar to display the Advanced Search Template which provides various search field options.
2. Click on **Search Tips** at the top righthand corner for tips on running a more effective search, including how to search with plain language, and how to use Boolean Terms & Connectors.
3. Use one or more of the search fields in the Advanced Search Template to search across current awareness, including **Key Search Term, Subject, Date and Document Type**.
4. Search with **Connectors and Expanders** in the **Key Search Terms** field to increase the efficacy of the search.

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Hong Kong Current A... advanced: [Search Tips](#) [Advanced](#)

Asia > Asia Current Awareness > Hong Kong Current Awareness > Advanced Search

Advanced Search: Hong Kong Current Awareness

Use at least one field to create a Boolean Terms & Connectors query.

Key Search Terms

Use Boolean Terms & Connectors

Subject/Keyword
Any

Date
All

Document Type
All

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Searching Hong Kong Current Awareness

This example demonstrates how to find latest developments on “crypto”.

1. Navigate to the **Hong Kong Current Awareness** Advanced Search template, as explained above.
2. Type **crypto** in the Key Search Terms search field.
3. Select **Latest 90 days** from the **Date** dropdown menu.
4. Click **Search**.

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Hong Kong Current A... advanced: crypto & DA(aft 12-09-2024)

1 Asia > Hong Kong > Hong Kong Current Awareness > Advanced Search

Advanced Search: Hong Kong Current Awareness

Use at least one field to create a Boolean Terms & Connectors query.

2 Key Search Terms
crypto

Use Boolean Terms & Connectors

3 Date
Last 90 days

Document Type
All

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