WESTLAW NZ MARCH 2019 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 have incorporated it into our development schedule.

We have used that information to enhance Westlaw NZ and are excited to share with you details on the enhancements scheduled to be released **12 am on the 1st of March.**

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.

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Release Summary

This release focuses on improving case law research. The changes will improve access to case information and create a seamless flow from cases to other secondary sources.

Training videos will be available here closer to the release date, the 1st of March.

FEATURE	SUMMARY
Re-positioning Case Information	The case information currently occupies significant space on the document page and is repeated across multiple tabs. In response to customer feedback, we are re-positioning and prioritising case information into two different sections, at the top of the document page and at the right-hand pane.
Anchoring Jump links	Currently, "Jump To" links on the top of the document page disappear as users scroll down. We are now anchoring the jump links to the right-hand pane to enable quick access to any parts of the case documents pages. The jump links remain sticky and accessible all times.
Table View - Cases Citing and Cases Cited	To improve readability of the list of Citing Cases and Cited Cases information we now display this information in a new table view with various sorting and filtering options.
Filtering Cases Citing and Cases Cited with Briefcase Classifications	We have introduced a Classification Explorer which allows you to filter the list of Cases Citing and Cases Cited by the top 60 legal digest topics, to help quickly focus on cases related to a particular point of law.
Journal Article References	We have updated the "Journal Articles" and the "Noted In Journals" lists within the cases document pages to group articles by journal title.
BriefCase & CiteCase – Total Number of Results	We now display the total number of results for each section of information within the BriefCase and CiteCase record e.g. summary, litigation history, legislation considered, cases citing, cases cited, journals noted.
Search Summary default view	The Search Summary section in the left-hand pane is now the default view while viewing a case document page. Search Summary displays where you are in your search results and allows you to browse your search results without leaving the document page.

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Repositioning Case Information

The case information will be repositioned to the top of the document page and the right-hand pane.

In our research, customers reported that the key information required to determine a case's relevance includes:

- Court Name
- Judgment date
- Judges
- Citations
- Court File Number

This prioritised information has been positioned at the top of the document page for immediate reference.

The following information has been moved to the right-hand pane under the Case Info tab. It remains searchable, and all existing functionality remains.

- Jurisdiction
- Court File Number
- Party Names

Existing Case Information Display

New Case Information Display

Anchoring the Jump Links

We are re-positioning the jump links to the right-hand pane to enable quick access to any parts of the case document pages. They will remain sticky and accessible all times.

Existing Jump links

New Jump links

* [»] : The collapsible side bar control has been moved from the top right-hand corner to further down the document page. The button will remain sticky and accessible at all times, creating additional space for more tab controls in the right-hand pane.

Table View - Cases Citing and Cases Cited

Users are often presented with lengthy and complex Citing Cases and Cited Cases lists within both the cases document records. We have heard from customers that it can be challenging to determine relevance from this extensive list.

To address this, we are introducing a new table view for Cases Citing and Cases Cited information to improve readability. This table format includes sorting and filtering options such as Courts, Types of treatments, Title, Citations and Judgment Date.

Existing Cases Citing and Cases Cited Display

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New Cases Citing and Cases Cited Display

1) **Sorting Options:** column headings (Treatment, Court, Title (Alphabetic Order) and Date) – click to sort.

2) **Filtering Options:** cases can be filtered by typing a specific treatment, court, title, citation and date (Year, Month or Date). For example, to see cases related to High Court only, typing High Court in the filter box under the "Court" header changes the list view to just include cases related to the High Court.

Filtering by Court

Filtering by Year

3) We have introduced a **Classification Explorer** which allows you to filter the list of Cases Citing and Cases Cited by the top 60 legal topics, to help quickly focus on cases related to a point of law.

   Users can select multiple classifications at once.

4) **Cases Citing** - We now display the number of other cases that have cited a case in the table. From the example below, 31 other cases cited the case *Leslie v Attorney-General* [1996] 1 ERNZ 287.

Journal Article References within the Case Document Pages.

We have updated the "Noted In Journals" and the "Journal Articles" lists within the case document page to group articles by journal title. For example, Victoria University of Wellington Law Review, New Zealand Journal of Public and International Law, New Zealand Universities Law Review.

BriefCase & CiteCase – Total Number of Results.

We now display the total number of results for each section of the information within the BriefCase and CitedCase records.
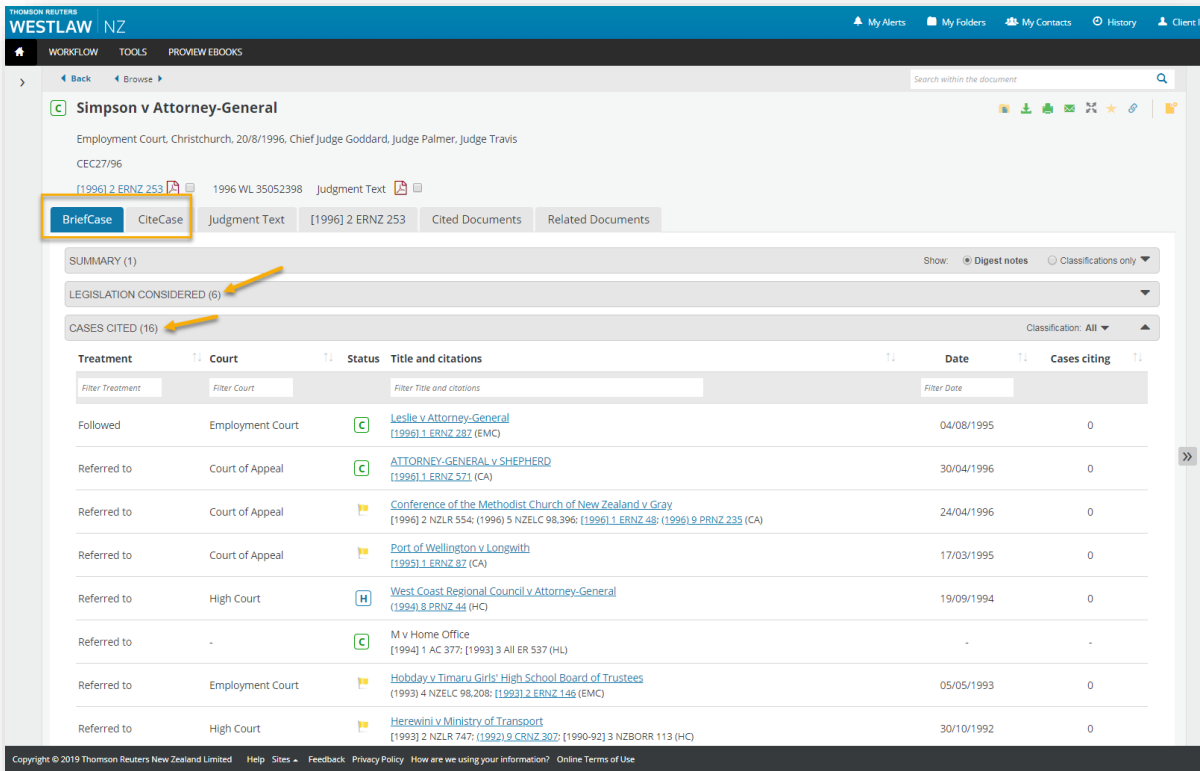
Search Summary default view

The Document in Context in the left-hand pane is currently the default view when viewing a document.

Document in Context indicates where you are in the source material and allows you to browse and print surrounding documents

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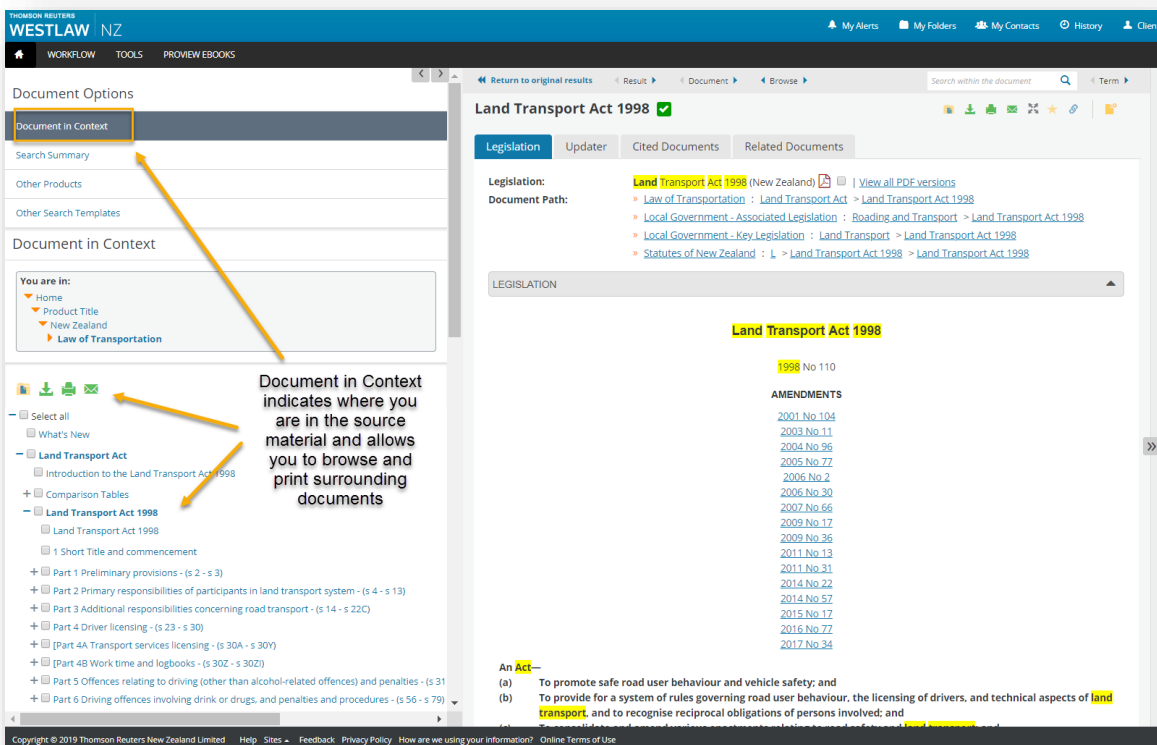
Document in Context is useful when viewing secondary sources, however customers have reported that it is less useful when viewing a case document. To address this, when viewing a case document, the Search Summary will now be the default view. Search Summary displays where you are in your search results and allows you to browse your results without leaving the current document page.
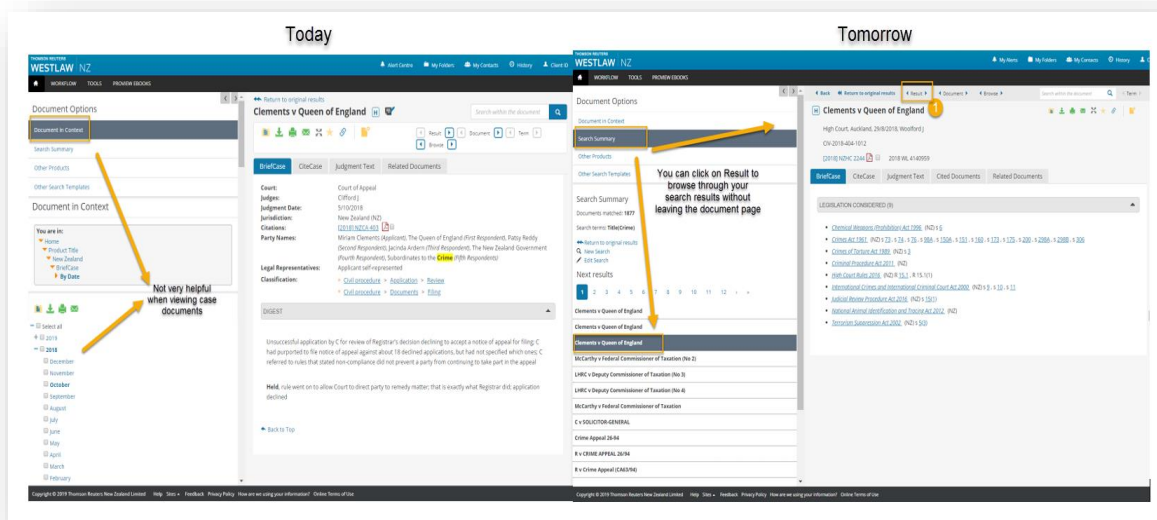
Additional Preference Settings

Users can choose to update the default view of the right-hand pane in preferences.

- Right Pane in the Case Document Page

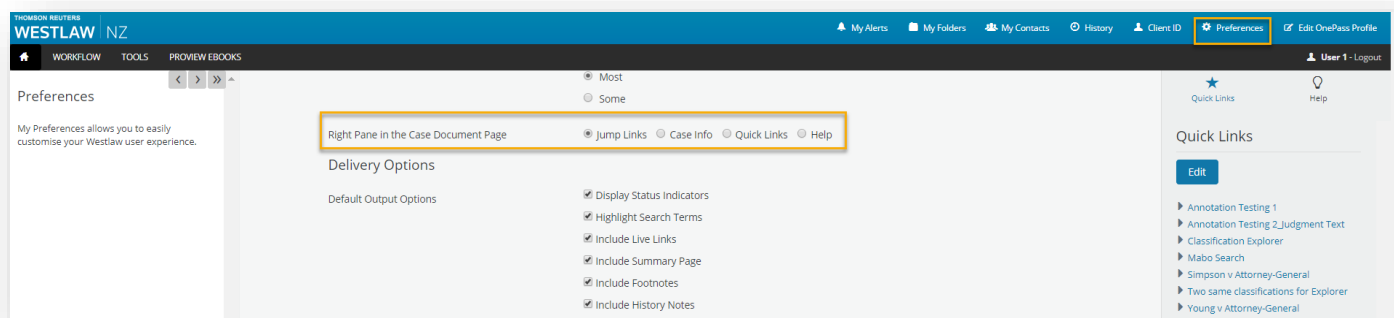Upcoming improvements in later releases:

- **Delivery options with new design**

The new design won't be applied to delivery options as part of the February release, which means that when printing, downloading or emailing the case document, the previous design will be displayed. Updating delivery options to reflect the new design will be part of a later 2019 release.

If you would like to print the new design now, please use the browser print function by entering Ctrl + P from your keyboard.