

# Researching Intellectual Property Topics Using Electronic Resources

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# Legal Research Tools

- **Secondary Sources**
  - Treatises, Articles, Books, Practitioner Materials ...
- **Primary Sources**
  - Statutes, Regulations, Judicial Opinions (cases) ...



[ABC News: Christian Louboutin Sues YSL Competitor Over Trademark](#)

<http://lib.law.washington.edu/>

# Getting Started

What's the best way to begin researching topics when you don't have many citations or know much about the subject?

**SECONDARY SOURCES!**

Let's start here: <http://lib.law.washington.edu>



# Practice: Find an Article

**Issue: trademark infringement in the fashion industry**

1. Use Westlaw Next
2. Find an article
3. Use “Citing References” to find more recent articles

# Practice: Find a Treatise

Issue: **copyright infringement of music**

1. Use Lexis Advance
2. Browse Table of Contents of a major copyright treatise
3. What chapter deals specifically with music?

# Practice: Find a Book

## Issue: Lanham Act

1. Use the Law Library Catalog
2. Search
3. Sort by Date—newest

# Browsing Topics: LexisAdvance

1. Find a topic for **Trade dress protection**
2. Retrieve the summary report
3. Is this summary useful?
4. Find the most recent 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals opinion citing Duraco




# Browsing Practice Areas: Westlaw

1. Click on “Practice Areas”
2. Where is trademark law?
3. Find the most recent case involving Louboutin

# Advanced Searching

Issue: Patent infringement involving computers

1. WestlawNext: Federal Patent Cases
2. Advanced An orange button with the word "SEARCH" in white, followed by the word "advanced" in white text on a blue background.
3. Synonyms
4. Term frequency
5. What is the most cited 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit opinion?

# Need help?

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