

CEB OnLAW® Pro:

FAQs

What is OnLAW Pro?

OnLAW Pro is CEB's complete legal research solution for California attorneys. Not only do you get access to CEB's authoritative practice guides in an updated, modern interface, but you also have access to our primary law research tool with TrueCite™, CEB's powerful case law citator.

What makes OnLAW Pro different?

CEB is the only authoritative resource focused exclusively on California law — and it gives you comprehensive access to:



California-specific statutes, case law, and regulations in one place, so you can get to the right answer faster.



Relevant cases with detailed headnotes and summaries, helping you confidently support your legal arguments with precedent.



Built-in verification. Confirm your citations are still good law with TrueCite™ to boost credibility and persuasiveness.



A deep contributor network with broad experience and niche subject matter expertise.



Unique secondary sources developed by industry-recognized California attorneys and judges.

What are the system requirements for OnLAW Pro?

- ✓ Active internet connection.
- ✓ Web browser.
- ✓ We officially support Windows and Mac desktop versions of the following browsers updated within the past year:
 1. Microsoft Edge
 2. Firefox
 3. Chrome
 4. Safari

Does OnLAW Pro include access to CEB's TrueCite™ case law citator?

Yes! Our color-coded treatment flags let you know immediately whether a case has negative history and which subsequent decision is responsible for the most critical treatment. Every case is attorney-reviewed to ensure our citator remains as accurate and nuanced as possible.

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Guide to TrueCite™ Color Coding ✕


- Negative Indicates the case is no longer good on at least one point of law (e.g., disapproved, overruled, superseded, disavowed, or some other directly negative treatment).
- Warning A subsequent case disputed the cited case's precedential value (e.g., criticized, limited, disagreed with, declined to extend, declined to follow, validity questioned).
- Caution Indicates the case is good law, but is not binding due to different facts (e.g., distinguished, cited for contrast, not applicable).
- Neutral or Positive Indicates the case is being cited or discussed for background legal principles or context; may also indicate more positive treatment, like upholding the case or relying on it.
- No Treatment Case has no citator treatment, either because it is a brand new case or no subsequent cases have referenced it yet.

Can I copy with cite so I can paste into another document?

Yes. Highlight the text you want to copy and choose California or Standard Bluebook style, then click Copy above your selection. When you paste the text into your document, the correct citation format will appear with the copied text.

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Liability for debts of a deceased spouse under Prob C §§13550–13554 and apportionment of debts between the estate and the surviving spouse under Prob C §§11440–11446 are discussed in chapter 4.

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For the citation to copy with the highlighted text, you must click **Copy** above your selected style. Using a keyboard shortcut will only include the text, and not the citation. Pasting can be completed with a keyboard shortcut.

Does OnLAW Pro have customized printing?

Yes. OnLAW Pro allows you to print or download customized sections of secondary sources, so you don't have to print the entire chapter.

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Can I buy single titles in OnLAW Pro?

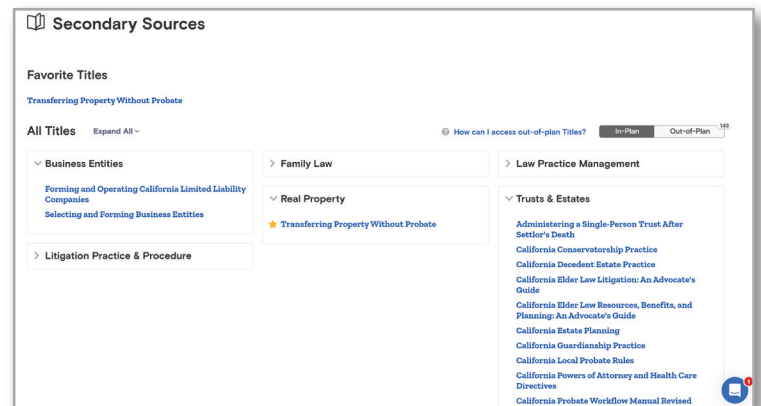
No. We've carefully curated each practice area package to give you the relevant content in your practice area(s).

How can I view all available titles in OnLAW Pro?

Click **Expand All** above the list of practice areas to view all available titles or click the arrow next to a practice area to see those specific titles.

To view the titles not included in your subscription, toggle from in-plan to out-of-plan.

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Searching

Can I use natural language search in OnLAW Pro?

Yes. Our best-in-class legal search does a great job of understanding legal phrases and concepts and returning the most relevant results.

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Does CEB have autocomplete or typeahead search assistance in OnLAW Pro?

Typeahead is available throughout the legal research platform.

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Does OnLAW Pro support Boolean terms and connectors?

Yes, Boolean search is fully supported. You can continue using it as you always have, or try natural language search for broader, context-driven results.

Connector	Description	Example	Connector	Description	Example
AND &	Both terms are found	disability AND discrimination	/n w/n	Terms are found within n words of each other	liability /5 insurance
OR (space)	Either term is found	discharge OR expel	+s pre/s	Terms are found within the same sentence and in order	unlawful +s detainer
NOT BUT NOT %	Term must not be found	sex NOT gender	+p pre/p	Terms are found within the same paragraph and in order	malicious +p intent
" ___ "	Exact phrase match	"strict liability"	+n pre/n	Terms within n words of each other and in order	wrongful +10 termination
/s w/s	Terms are found within the same sentence	reasonable /s person	(...)	Grouping terms	(untrue OR pretextual) /p (decision OR action)
/p w/p	Terms are found within the same paragraph	fraud /p inducement			


OnLAW Pro automatically matches some common variants:

Description	Example	Matches
Singular matches plural and possessives	city	city, cities, city's, cities'
Hyphenated term matches all compound words	at-will	atwill, at will, at-will

Wildcards let you match other variants:

Example	Description	Example	Matches
....!	Matches any number of additional letters at the end of a search term	school!	school, schools, schooling, schoolhouse
...*	Matches one letter	withdr*w	withdraw, withdrew

Can I search within results?

Yes. To do so, enter a keyword or natural language into the search bar and click on the **search icon**  or hit enter.

Go to a specific content type results page using the tabs under the search bar.

To search within your results with a keyword, enter additional key terms in the “Search within results” text box at the top of the list of results.

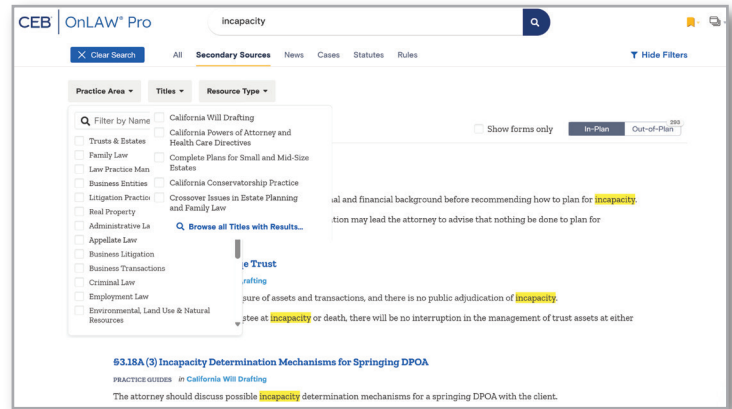
To filter your search results, click **Filter Search** to the right of the content tabs. Each content type has a unique set of filters that will appear.

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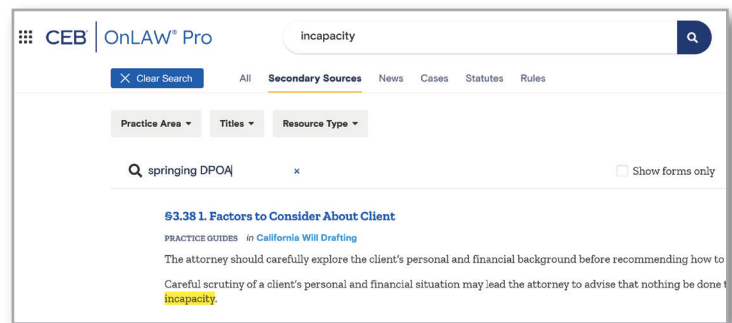


Filters used to narrow one list of results will not carry over to any other content type list of results, switching between content tabs resets and clears all filters.


Search within results with the filter:



Search within results by keyword:



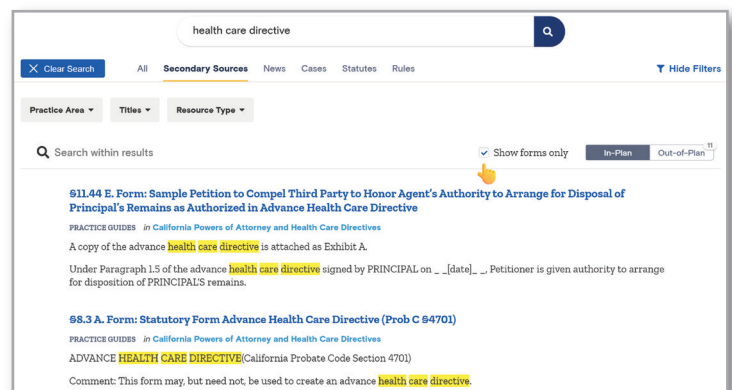
How do I search just for forms?

Enter a keyword or natural language into the search bar and click on the **search icon**  or click enter.


Go to the **Secondary Sources** list of search results and check “**Show forms only**” in the upper right corner above the results.

Click **Filter Search** to further narrow the results by practice area, titles, or resource type.

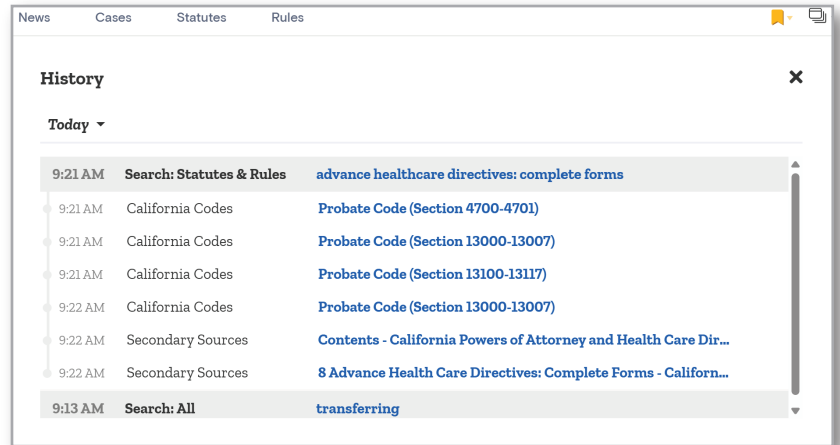
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How can I access my search history?

To view your full history, click the **History icon**  in the upper right corner of any page, next to the bookmark icon.

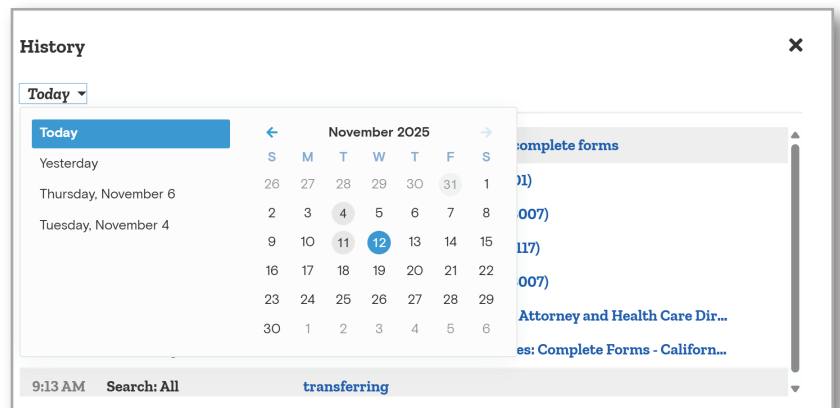
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Can I view my search history for specific dates?

Yes, click on **Today** in your search history window to reveal the calendar and navigate to a specific date.

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Bookmarks

Can I bookmark CEB content and save it to folders?

Yes! CEB offers folders and bookmarks to help you organize your research.

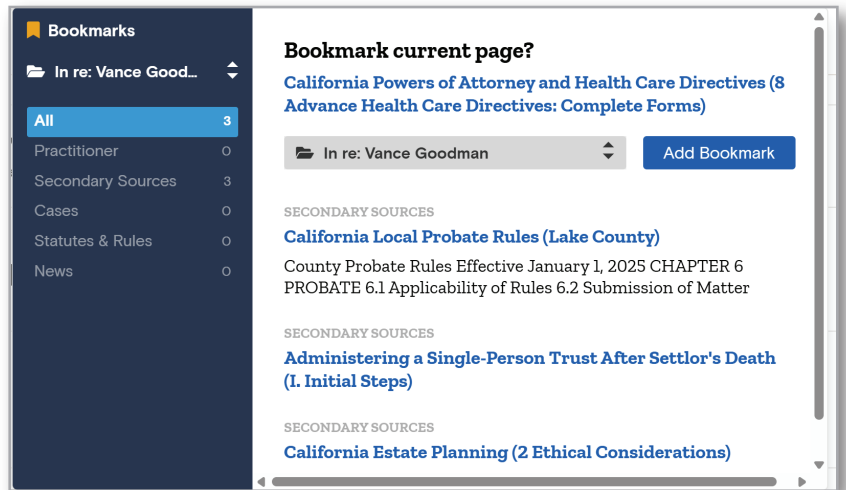
How do I bookmark a document?

At the top of any page, click on the gold bookmark icon . Click the gray drop down menu to select an existing folder or create a new one.


Once the folder has been selected, click **Add Bookmark**.

OnLAW Pro allows you to bookmark all content including primary law, news, and secondary sources.

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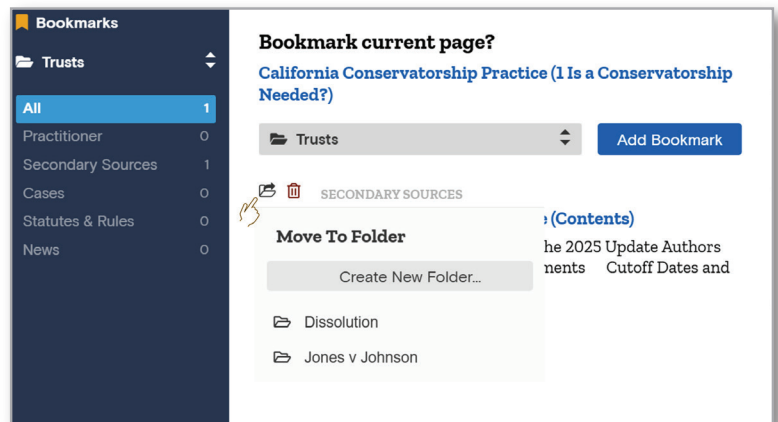


How do I find and use my existing bookmarks?

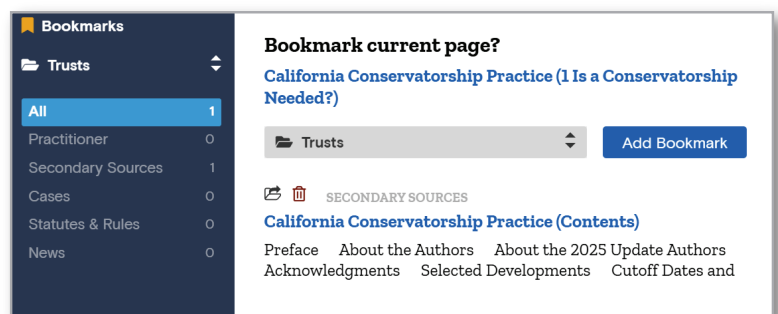
Use the same gold bookmark icon  at the top of your screen. Navigate between existing folders to find saved content using the drop-down menu on the left.

Can I move or delete a bookmark?

Yes, you can. To move a bookmark, click the small folder icon above the bookmark you'd like to move.



To delete a bookmark, hover over the bookmark you'd like to delete, and click the small red trash icon that appears or click the delete button.



How do I favorite frequently used titles?

Hover over a title and click the ★ icon. Favorites appear at the top of your Secondary Sources page and on your homepage.

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What does the lock symbol mean on certain titles?

The lock symbol 🔒 shows out of plan titles included in other libraries.