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What is Practical Law?

Practical Law is an online know-how service that helps you perform more efficiently, gives you a time-saving head start with the practice of law, and provides you with the tools to work faster and advise with greater confidence. Practical Law gives you access to practice notes that offer how-to guidance, standard documents that provide a better starting point, current awareness emails that keep you up to date with the latest developments, plus more.

Who contributes to Practical Law?

Our experts, who have significant experience in law firms, chambers, and organisations around the world, ensure that the foundations are taken care of so you can concentrate on adding value for your clients and your organisation.

Who uses Practical Law?

More than 140,000 lawyers worldwide already rely on Practical Law to get a quality-assured head start with the practice of law, so you'll be in good company.

Why subscribe?



Relevant, high-quality content gives you a better starting point and helps you get up to speed quickly on unfamiliar areas of law. More than just know-how, we also provide 'soft-skills' content with advice and tips for a variety of legal roles.



Comprehensive, expertly-authored resources are continually maintained so there's no risk of using out-of-date content. Links from content directly to Westlaw UK mean you can see underlying legislation and case law for yourself.



Resources are continually reviewed to adapt and expand to meet developing needs of the market. We predict and analyse future issues, alerting you through curated current awareness tools.

MORE REASONS TO SUBSCRIBE TO PRACTICAL LAW

- Thousands of practice notes and checklists that are continually maintained to reflect changes in law and practice and help you to be more efficient in your day-to-day tasks
- Access thousands of reliable and trusted market-leading standard documents and clauses that are continually maintained and essential for everyday practice
- Our editors trawl and digest legal developments across the world and report on key items, providing timely alerts with a practical editorial comment on the impact of day to day practice
- Ask our 300+ expert editors a question on a tricky point of law, see what others are asking, and join the discussion
- Collaborate and share your work with your colleagues and personalise your service in easy and intuitive ways
- Take advantage of the strong relationships we have built with the UK government, industry regulators, and legal networks, including acting as secretariat to the GC 100, giving us unique insight and understanding.

Content and coverage

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With legal know-how resources across a spectrum of practice areas, Practical Law helps you get up to speed quickly and diversify into new areas. We recognise that commercial legal practice does not operate in silos. Our resources are interlinked across practice areas, so you can find the support you need in specialist and unfamiliar areas and continue your research with ease.

“Practical Law has changed the way we inform ourselves. There isn't anyone else who brings together knowledge and analysis in the same practical way that Practical Law does”

John Hughes-D'Aeth
Partner, Berwin Leighton Paisner

What international services does Practical Law offer?

We offer five core country services: United Kingdom, United States, China, Australia, and Canada. We also cover Brexit and provide international know-how resources covering EU law, and international arbitration, as well as essential resources for working across borders.

BREXIT AND EU LAW

Practical Law's Brexit page hosts a wide range of Brexit resources from across all Practical Law practice areas that help you stay on top of the future UK-EU relationship. It is constantly updated with the latest legal updates, highlights popular resources and webinars, and groups Brexit resources under three tabs:

1. Topics which collate all Practical Law's Brexit resources into more accessible groupings, reflecting practice areas alongside Brexit specific content
2. Trackers which provide a unique insight into the latest developments; this includes alerts on statutory instruments and other legislative changes as they are drafted, published and come into force
3. External resources which include useful links to Brexit-related Acts, agreements, EU institutions and UK government departments.

An interactive Brexit time-line which shows all Practical Law's Brexit related content in the context of key developments

Practical Law's EU law page includes weekly updates and daily alerts of EU developments affecting your sector or practice area, EU legislation trackers, articles on hot topics, and an EU survival kit.

CROSS-BORDER RESOURCE CENTRE

Practical resources for lawyers advising across borders including standard documents with jurisdiction specific drafting notes covering up to 21 jurisdictions. Coverage includes all the topics where cross-border issues commonly arise including contracts and boilerplate clauses, commercial transactions, dispute resolution, employment, joint ventures, loan financing, and private company acquisitions.

GLOBAL GUIDES

Overviews of law and regulation in more than 70 jurisdictions, spanning more than 60 practice and sectoral areas, written by leading lawyers, with analysis articles and a Country Q&A comparison tool.

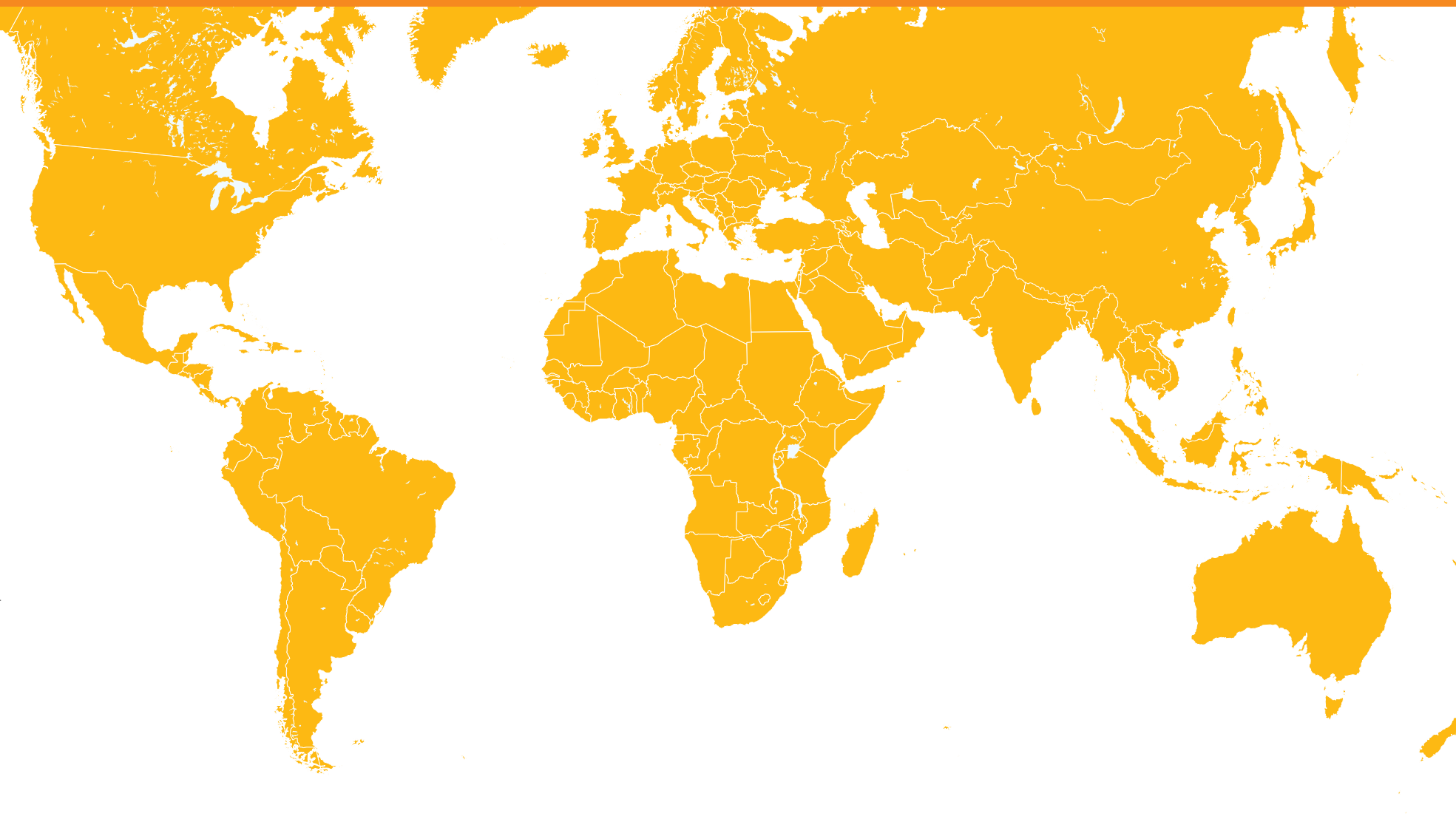
CHINA

Bilingual transactional support for Chinese law firms or lawyers doing business in China. The content is broken up into easy-to-use topics that help you find the information you need. Including hundreds of standard documents, practice notes, checklists and related know-how resources on:

- Anti-bribery and anti-corruption
- Arbitration and dispute resolution
- Commercial contracts and boilerplate
- Employment and benefits
- Finance
- IP & IT
- Real estate
- Corporate, FDI, and M&A
- Company law and corporate governance
- Foreign direct investment
- Free trade zones
- Mergers & Acquisitions

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Detailed coverage of UK and international arbitration law, as well as other key jurisdictions, including the U.S., Switzerland, France, Germany, China, and Singapore.



"Our international arbitration group is a regular user of Practical Law's Arbitration and Dispute Resolution services. The legal updates, to which we contribute, help us stay abreast of the latest legal developments for our clients."

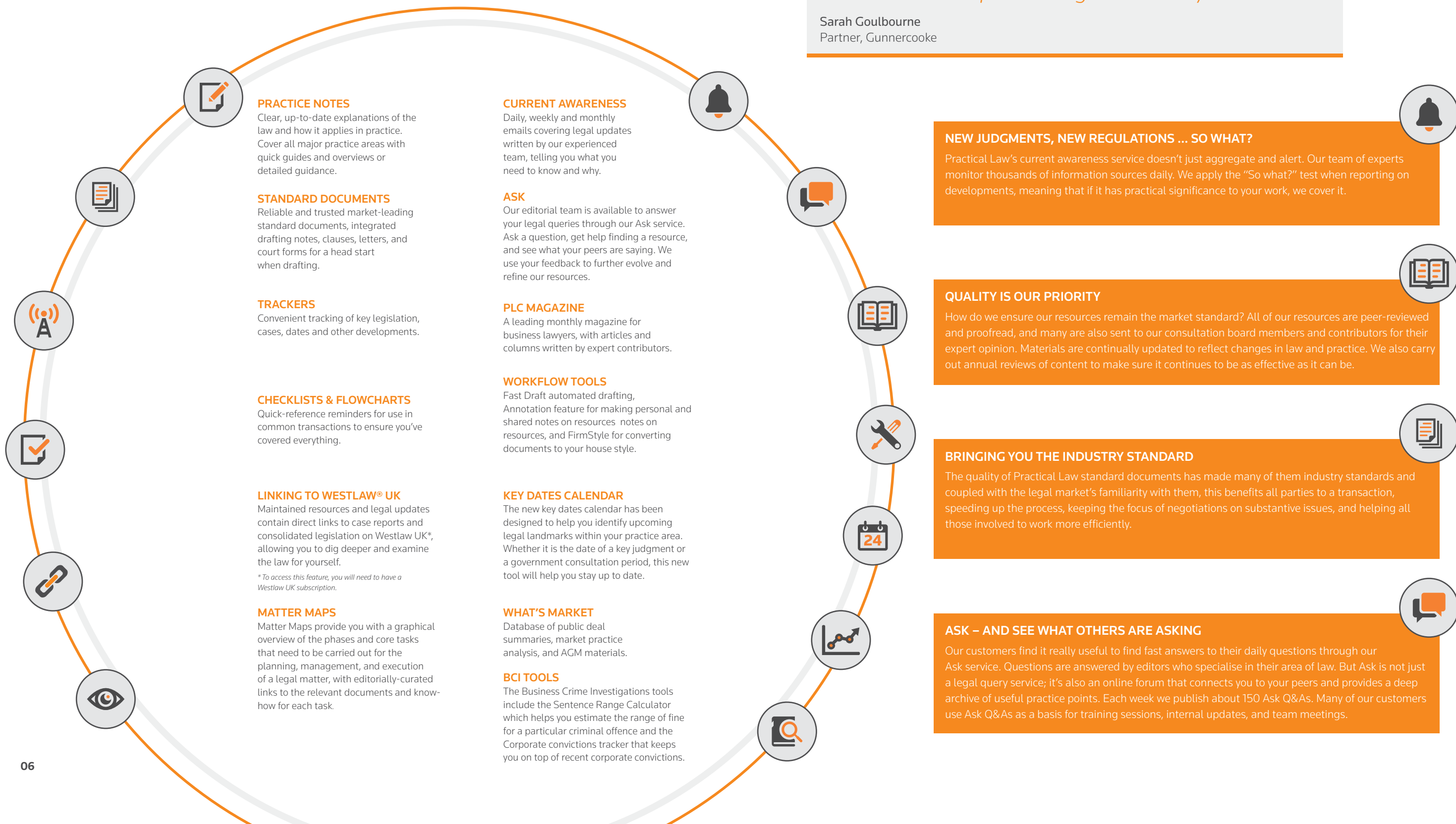
Reza Mohtashami
Freshfields Partner and Head of MENA International Arbitration Practice

Practical Law resources

As a **legal professional**, your time is one of your most valuable assets. Whether you need a head start from a market-leading precedent, how-to guidance on the law with an integrated drafting note, or a checklist to help mitigate risk, you can rely on Practical Law. Our editors continually maintain, review, and publish our resources with full transparency to keep you current with new developments in law and practice.

"The platform is highly reliable to provide regular updates with the latest changes across a large variety of practice areas, as well as being very user-friendly. There is also an option to register for daily email alerts."

Sarah Goulbourne
Partner, Gunnercooke



PRACTICE NOTES

Clear, up-to-date explanations of the law and how it applies in practice. Cover all major practice areas with quick guides and overviews or detailed guidance.

STANDARD DOCUMENTS

Reliable and trusted market-leading standard documents, integrated drafting notes, clauses, letters, and court forms for a head start when drafting.

TRACKERS

Convenient tracking of key legislation, cases, dates and other developments.

CHECKLISTS & FLOWCHARTS

Quick-reference reminders for use in common transactions to ensure you've covered everything.

LINKING TO WESTLAW® UK

Maintained resources and legal updates contain direct links to case reports and consolidated legislation on Westlaw UK*, allowing you to dig deeper and examine the law for yourself.

* To access this feature, you will need to have a Westlaw UK subscription.

MATTER MAPS

Matter Maps provide you with a graphical overview of the phases and core tasks that need to be carried out for the planning, management, and execution of a legal matter, with editorially-curated links to the relevant documents and know-how for each task.

CURRENT AWARENESS

Daily, weekly and monthly emails covering legal updates written by our experienced team, telling you what you need to know and why.

ASK

Our editorial team is available to answer your legal queries through our Ask service. Ask a question, get help finding a resource, and see what your peers are saying. We use your feedback to further evolve and refine our resources.

PLC MAGAZINE

A leading monthly magazine for business lawyers, with articles and columns written by expert contributors.

WORKFLOW TOOLS

Fast Draft automated drafting, Annotation feature for making personal and shared notes on resources, notes on resources, and FirmStyle for converting documents to your house style.

KEY DATES CALENDAR

The new key dates calendar has been designed to help you identify upcoming legal landmarks within your practice area. Whether it is the date of a key judgment or a government consultation period, this new tool will help you stay up to date.

WHAT'S MARKET

Database of public deal summaries, market practice analysis, and AGM materials.

BCI TOOLS

The Business Crime Investigations tools include the Sentence Range Calculator which helps you estimate the range of fine for a particular criminal offence and the Corporate convictions tracker that keeps you on top of recent corporate convictions.

NEW JUDGMENTS, NEW REGULATIONS ... SO WHAT?

Practical Law's current awareness service doesn't just aggregate and alert. Our team of experts monitor thousands of information sources daily. We apply the "So what?" test when reporting on developments, meaning that if it has practical significance to your work, we cover it.

QUALITY IS OUR PRIORITY

How do we ensure our resources remain the market standard? All of our resources are peer-reviewed and proofread, and many are also sent to our consultation board members and contributors for their expert opinion. Materials are continually updated to reflect changes in law and practice. We also carry out annual reviews of content to make sure it continues to be as effective as it can be.

BRINGING YOU THE INDUSTRY STANDARD

The quality of Practical Law standard documents has made many of them industry standards and coupled with the legal market's familiarity with them, this benefits all parties to a transaction, speeding up the process, keeping the focus of negotiations on substantive issues, and helping all those involved to work more efficiently.

ASK – AND SEE WHAT OTHERS ARE ASKING

Our customers find it really useful to find fast answers to their daily questions through our Ask service. Questions are answered by editors who specialise in their area of law. But Ask is not just a legal query service; it's also an online forum that connects you to your peers and provides a deep archive of useful practice points. Each week we publish about 150 Ask Q&As. Many of our customers use Ask Q&As as a basis for training sessions, internal updates, and team meetings.

Features and functionality

Beyond the content, we add features and functionality that give you the ability to work faster, collaborate better, and advise with greater confidence.

“The underlying materials (practice notes, drafting notes, case and legislation tracker tables, etc.) are extremely useful. The resources really hit the nail on the head – I think this is due to the quality of the lawyers behind the service.”

James Davies
Partner, Lewis Silkin

1 SEARCH

With a powerful, and intuitive search, the content you're looking for is easy to find. Multiple filters and search connectors allow you to narrow down your results and quickly pinpoint the resource you're looking for.

2 PERSONALISATION

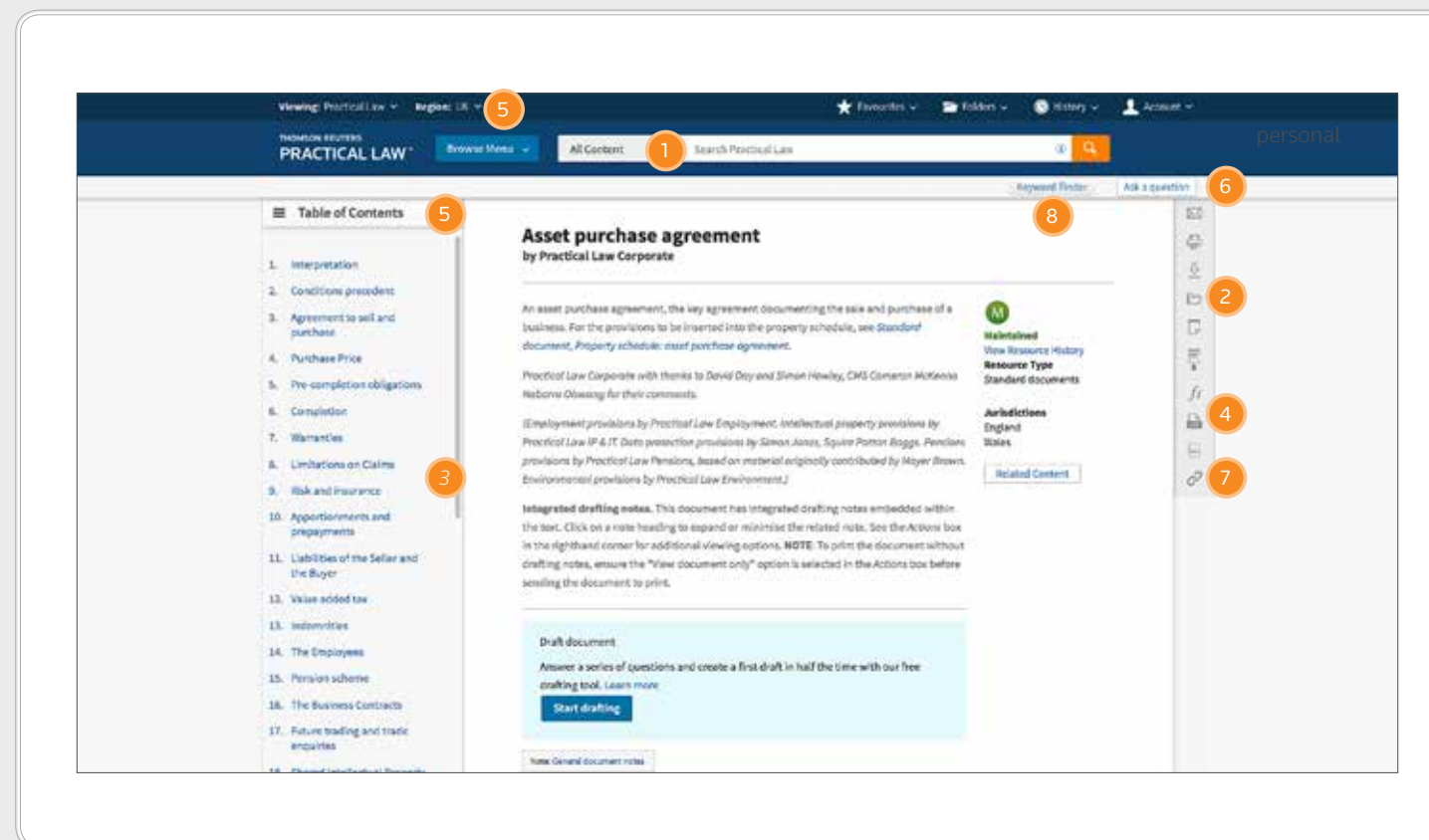
You can create your own folders and save whole documents or snippets, depending on your preference. You can even mark any practice area or topic page as a favourite for quick and easy future access. Share these folders with your colleagues for easy collaboration. The ability to quickly access your search history and recently viewed resources means that you can quickly pick up right where you left off.

3 DOCUMENT DISPLAY

Documents are easy to read and navigate, with different views depending on your preference. With a table of contents accessible from the left-hand side of the screen, you can easily scan the structure and scope of the resource and jump between any relevant sections. The table of contents can be collapsed, and page header will minimise as you scroll to optimise the reading experience.

4 DOCUMENT DELIVERY

The document delivery options allow you to download, print and email in PDF or Microsoft® Word formats (including any personal annotations you have made on the resource), as well as a draft-ready version of standard documents and clauses, which is also available in your own FirmStyle. Save your valuable resources in folders for easy future access.



5 NAVIGATION

Intuitive navigation and a sophisticated homepage allow you to quickly and easily find and browse through the resources you're looking for. You can set your own personal homepage and jump back to it from anywhere in the site. The Browse Menu makes it really easy to switch between global websites, practice areas, and other key pages to ensure that no matter where you are in the site you've always got instant access to your most important resources. The smart breadcrumb trail will help you navigate back to where you or between recently viewed resources as you delve deeper into the site.

6 ASK A QUESTION

Ask is a unique service that allows you to ask our expert editorial team any legal queries you may have. But Ask is not just a legal query service, it's also an online forum that connects you to your peers and provides a deep archive of useful historic legal queries.

7 LINK BUILDER

The new Link Builder tool allows users to quickly create shorter URL links for Practical Law pages and content.

8 KEYWORD FINDER

Find exactly what you are looking for in the content you are looking at with the keyword finder, which highlights the terms in context, and allows you to quickly jump to relevant matches.

Meet our team of legal experts

Our difference? The practical experience of our 300+ experts, some of whom have been with Practical Law since it launched over 25 years ago.

Our quality starts with our people. Our editorial team of more than 300 experts has significant practice experience gained in law firms and organisations around the world. Working closely with top law firms worldwide, our editors ensure all resources reflect current law and market practice. The team liaises regularly with our consultation boards and our contributors, all practicing lawyers and/or leaders in their fields.



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