

# New Look and Expanded Search Abilities for Casemaker

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**B**y the end of 2006, the Casemaker website will contain legal libraries for all 50 states. Casemaker is enlarging its current selection of state libraries to include all appellate case law, state constitutions, rules of court and current statutes, as well as other selected items.

Casemaker's state appellate decisional case law content will equal the content found in either Westlaw or LexisNexis back to 1950. And it will far exceed the state appellate case law content of any of the other legal publishers, worldwide. These developments make Casemaker the fastest growing online legal-research service in the country.

Casemaker will also enhance its federal library to include federal appellate decisional law that will have all decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Circuit Court libraries will include all decisions post-1949.

Casemaker will also soon be sporting a brand-new look. The process of revamping the site has been designed to present a "cleaner" appearance. However, there are more important changes to the site.

By the end of November 2006, Casemaker users will find expanded and simpler search capabilities that will be even more user-friendly. Users will continue to search using Boolean operators, as well as natural language. Searching in Casemaker will continue to be as easy as typing a question.


Casemaker will also maintain its unique *Thesaurus* function, which allows users to search for words that are similar or otherwise related to the object word. Users will continue to be able to search using prefix and suffix expansions, another feature unique to Casemaker.

The newest search enhancement will allow users to be able to search in multiple state and federal libraries *simultaneously*. This feature produces expanded results in an economical amount of time.



Last year, Technolawyer.com conducted a poll among its members to determine the popularity of online legal research libraries. Casemaker received more votes in its 20 member states than did any other service. In the final nationwide vote tally, Casemaker finished second to LexisNexis even though the lawyers in the remaining 30 states did not have access to Casemaker. And since the time of this poll, an additional five state bar associations have joined the Casemaker Consortium to provide the services to each of their members.

Casemaker remains committed to members of the State Bar of Georgia by continuing to move forward with improvements. These enhancements are just another example of Casemaker's commitment to you.

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