

CoCounsel Release Notes:

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Resources:

Our Help Articles provide robust resources on how to optimize CoCounsel. We strongly encourage users to read these articles, as they provide detailed information with video walkthroughs and more step-by-step guidance. **You can access Help Articles [here](#). You can also access video tutorials [here](#).**

Released: Enhancement - Inline Citations for AI Assisted Legal Research

For customers who are CoCounsel Core and Westlaw Precision subscribers, you now have the option to generate legal research questions in the CoCounsel application. The “AI Assisted Legal Research” (AALR) skill combines the chat interface of CoCounsel with the robust content provided in Westlaw Precision. **More detailed instructions for this skill can be found [here](#).**

Step 1: Log in and Trigger the “AI-Assisted Legal Research” skill

After entering your legal research prompt and logging into your Westlaw Precision account (steps on how to integrate your CoCounsel Core account with other Thomson Reuters products listed [here](#)), click the purple “Submit Request” button to trigger the skill:



CoCounsel 7:32 PM

AI-Assisted Research

I understand you want to research recent Illinois case law regarding the non-precedential effect of a denial by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Your request

Prompt ⓘ

Recent Illinois case law stating that a denial of a case by the Illinois Supreme Court does not have precedential effect when the denial is not on the merits.

Cancel

Submit request

Step 2: Expand Results, View Inline Citations

When the skill is 100% completed, you can expand the results and view the inline citations. “AI-Assisted Legal Research” results now clearly list out the specific legal citation:

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Researching: Recent Illinois case law stating that a denial of a case by the Illinois Suprem...
AI Assisted Research

100% Complete

REQUEST [Hide research request ^](#)

Recent Illinois case law stating that a denial of a case by the Illinois Supreme Court does not have precedential effect when the denial is not on the merits.

RESPONSE

Based on the search results, it is clear that the denial of a petition for leave to appeal by the Supreme Court of Illinois does not necessarily imply approval of the reasons expressed by the Appellate Court, but rather an approval of the decision or the result reached [\(Corbett v. Devon Bank, 12 Ill.App.3d 559 \(1973\)\)](#)^[1]. However, this denial does not have precedential effect and in no way amounts to a consideration of the merits of the case. The Supreme Court's previous denial of a petition for leave to appeal does not bar it from reviewing the same case on the merits at a later stage [\(ILCS S. Ct. Rule 315\)](#)^[2], [\(Mattis v. State Universities Retirement System, 212 Ill.2d 58 \(2004\)\)](#)^[3]. This is in line with the principle that the Illinois Supreme Court has jurisdiction to allow a party's petition for leave to appeal following a decision by the Appellate Court declining to grant the same party's application for leave to file an interlocutory appeal on the merits of a question certified by the circuit judge [\(ILCS S. Ct. Rule 315\)](#)^[2], [\(Healy v. Vaupel, 133 Ill.2d 295 \(1990\)\)](#)^[4]. Furthermore, it is noted that only the Illinois Supreme Court can overrule or modify its precedent, and the appellate court has no authority to do so [\(Blumenthal v. Brewer, 2016 IL 118781 \(2016\)\)](#)^[5]. [\(In re Shelby R., 2012 IL App \(4th\) 110191 \(2012\)\)](#)^[6].

Clicking on the citation will lead you to the “Sources” section of the results, where you can click on the specific citation title and view in your Westlaw Precision account to continue your search:

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Corbett v. Devon Bank

Appellate Court of Illinois, First District, First Division. · June 25, 1973 · 12 Ill.App.3d 559 · 299 N.E.2d 521 (Approx. 16 pages)

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Disagreed With by County of Cook, Cermak Health Services v. State Local Labor Relations Bd., Ill.App. 1 Dist., June 30, 1989

12 Ill.App.3d 559
Appellate Court of Illinois, First District, First Division.

J. Joseph CORBETT et al., Plaintiffs-Appellants,
v.
DEVON BANK et al., Defendants-Appellees.

No. 56690.
June 25, 1973.

Synopsis

Class suit seeking to halt renewal sales of Illinois motor vehicle licenses through various banks in state, and for an accounting for service charges paid to the banks. The Circuit Court, Cook County, Francis T. Delaney, J., dismissed suit with prejudice, and plaintiffs appealed. The Appellate Court, Goldberg, J., held that transactions, whereby bank acted as agent for Secretary of State in validating motor vehicle license renewal applications, distributing license plates, accepting statutory fees and remitting those fees to Secretary, and whereby bank acted as agent for applicant in issuing a license and in charging and accepting a fee for services thus rendered, were not ultra vires and were not beyond statutory functions of national banks, and also were not ultra vires as regarding state banks.

Affirmed.

You must be logged into your Westlaw Precision account to automatically see the citation, otherwise you will see the login screen.

More detailed guidance on “AI-Assisted Legal Research” can be found in this [article](#).

Released: Market check - EDGAR M&A Database updated until 4/30/24

An option in “Market check” is to use publicly available mergers and acquisition agreements filed with the SEC. Once you log into CoCounsel and launch the “Market check” skill, you can select the EDGAR Database. The EDGAR database will be pre-populated in this skill. This database can also be used with other skills that are compatible with database searches including:

- “Review Documents”
- “Search a Database”
- “Extract Contract Data”
- “Summarize”
- “Timeline”

When “Market check” first launched on 5/1/23, the EDGAR Merger Agreements Database had merger agreements from 2021-2023. **Now this database includes merger agreements from 1/1/2009-4/30/2024.**

When you launch a database-compatible skill in CoCounsel, you can select the “Market Check Merger Agreements” database from the “Database management” tab in your Workspace:

Database Management

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