



HOW MARK CONTRIBUTES TO WESTLAW AU

From his first job in the NSW Law Reform Commission, to more recent high profile class action cases, Mark has always attributed his success to a combination of advocacy and research. In fact, it was this passion for research that led to him working for Thomson Reuters in 1996 – initially writing a looseleaf service on administrative law to complete an existing suite. In the years since, he has moved on to become both an author and editor for several Westlaw AU titles, and a crucial influence on the quality of our content

"I've now been working with Thomson Reuters for more than 20 years, currently as editor and author for the NSW Administrative Law service and Administrative Law volumes of The Laws of Australia. When I was offered my first editorship, I didn't hesitate to take the opportunity – I wanted to see the job done well, and because I knew all of the relevant authors I was in a good position to do it," says Mark.

HOW WESTLAW AU HELPS MARK

These days, with so much information freely available, quality is everything to Mark. With Westlaw AU, this comes in the form of credible authorised content and sharp commentary – written and edited by some of the most respected legal professionals in Australia.

"Three main things draw me to Westlaw: its power, speed and comprehensive nature. FirstPoint is the best 'noter upperer' out there – it doesn't just show you statute, it shows how they've been interpreted. After all, it's all just words on a page until it's interpreted," says Mark.

"In many ways I miss the manual research, browsing in books. That said, the computer is a powerful tool. With Westlaw you can still browse through hierarchical search, but it also makes it so much easier to just find what you're looking for. It can take seconds. I use it routinely in my own practice, almost every single day – it's dead centre of my bookmarks and never moves. Just the other day, Westlaw helped me solve a complex legal problem that was confounding my team, and it only took one search. I almost felt a bit smug!"

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