Transactional Law Research

TYPES OF TRANSACTIONAL LAW MATERIALS

- **Precedents** are agreements and contracts that have previously been used in other transactions. Precedents can save you time by allowing you to avoid starting from scratch when drafting your own documents, but you must review the precedents carefully to ensure accuracy and shape them to your facts.
- **Checklists and timelines** identify key legal issues and considerations to help ensure you are not overlooking important tasks in a transaction.
- **Practice notes** are written by practitioners and provide how-to guidance and explanations of legal concepts or topics.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR FINDING TRANSACTIONAL LAW MATERIALS

**Bloomberg Law**

The [Transactional Intelligence Center](Homepage >> Browse >> Transactional Intelligence Center) provides access to the DealMaker Documents & Clauses Database, Draft Analyzer, Deal Analytics, and a Practical Guidance Library.

- **DealMaker Documents & Clauses Database**: contains over a million documents (material contract exhibits to SEC filings) organized into more than 600 categories
- **Draft Analyzer**: tool that allows you to compare your draft language with language in the documents from the DealMaker database
- **Deal Analytics**: database of deal summaries for M&A transactions and equity offerings
- **Practical Guidance Library**: collection of drafting guides and overviews of corporate law topics

The [Due Diligence Toolkit](Due Diligence Toolkit) collects checklists, timelines, and forms pertaining to M&A, securities, finance, privacy, and data security. Bloomberg Law also provides access to two collections of forms: [ALI-ABA Forms Library](ALI-ABA Forms Library) and [BNA Sample Forms](BNA Sample Forms).
Westlaw & Practical Law

Browse and search for forms by state or topic on Westlaw using its [Form Finder](Homepage >> Forms). These forms come from form books such as *American Jurisprudence Legal Forms 2d* and *Nichols Cyclopedia of Legal Forms Annotated*, as well as from topical treatises and texts. In addition to transactional forms, this collection also includes litigation, civil, and criminal forms. The best way to restrict your search to just transactional forms is to use the [Advanced Search](click on the “Advanced” link underneath the search bar). The Advanced Search provides an option to limit results to include only transactional forms.

**Practical Law** provides access to practice notes written by practitioners, standard documents, checklists, and toolkits. To access Practical Law from Westlaw, click on the “Practical Law” link on the homepage or click on the downward arrow in the upper left corner near the Westlaw Edge logo. Standard documents can be downloaded in Word format. Are you working on a cross-border transaction? Use the [Cross-Border Resources](Pa) on Practical Law to quickly familiarize yourself with international law and foreign law pertaining to the subject matter of interest.

Lexis Advance & Practice Advisor

Browse and search across more than 220,000 forms in the [Forms collection](Homepage >> Forms) by state or practice area. These forms come from topical treatises and texts published by Matthew Bender. Use the [Advanced Search](Pa) to search for keywords in just the title of the document.

**Practice Advisor** provides access to practice notes written by practitioners, forms, clauses, and checklists pertaining to corporations, limited liability companies, joint ventures, private equity, tax, and private and public M&A. To access Practice Advisor from Lexis Advance, click on the tiles in the upper left corner and select “Lexis Practice Advisor.” Forms can be downloaded in Word format.

PLI Plus

**PLI Plus** provides access to Practising Law Institute Press treatises, course handbooks, answer books, journals, and transcripts of programs. PLI Plus can be accessed from the [Pritzker Legal Research Center’s A-Z database list](Pa). PLI Plus offers a keyword searchable database of forms that appear in PLI’s publications. Forms can be downloaded in Word format.
IICLE SmartBooks

Practicing in Illinois? IICLE SmartBooks provide access to practice guides in various substantive areas of Illinois law, covering topics such as banking and finance, corporate and commercial law, and business law. IICLE SmartBooks can be accessed from the Pritzker Legal Research Center’s A-Z database list.

Browse the table of contents of a practice guide to view a list of forms available in that guide. Forms can be downloaded in Rich Text Format.

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