



## *A Whole New World*

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### **The first encounter**

I encountered Westlaw for the first time at my legal research course. Since this worldwide legal database was very briefly introduced to us in class, it left me with an impression of “a highly professional and powerful search engine that is way too complex for students to use”. However, my view has changed dramatically after being the Westlaw Student Representative (“WSR”) at University of Hong Kong.

### **Westlaw Student**

### **Representative**

Being a WSR is a challenging yet rewarding task and I was lucky to be appointed as one of them. Having received advanced training at Thomson Reuters, I found that the Westlaw product development team has been putting a lot of effort in simplifying the user interface

and linking up relevant sources to show a full picture of the issue with one single search. Its powerful search function makes research possible even for less experienced researchers. I worked with my partner student representative to promote this database at HKU campus. We conducted one-to-one consultation sessions during every lunchtime for a whole week and a workshop for students ranging from LLM students to freshmen. Carrying out this Westlaw HK workshop not only helps other fellow students to get started with this powerful database but also greatly enhances our own research skills. This is because students may come up with questions involving all sorts of legal issues or problems they have encountered in their research. Through the question and answer process, we all know better about how helpful this research tool could be for our research in law schools. It is also a valuable experience to act as a teacher for fellow students.



### **We are here waiting for you!**

During the workshop, I stayed in the computer lab of the HKU law library during lunchtime and got ready to solve research difficulties faced by law students. Just come across and we are here for you!



### **Pleasant working environment at Thomson Reuters**

This is a photo I took by myself at the pantry of our office. At Thomson Reuters, you can meet passionate colleagues and also enjoy the marvelous harbour view!



## Summer internship at Thomson Reuters

I have been given the opportunity to work at Thomson Reuters, the world's leading media and information provider. When I first arrived at its office, I was very impressed by the working environment. All colleagues stayed in the open area without separate rooms. The working environment is friendly and lighthearted. Since there are no walls or barriers, people from different teams stay close to one another and get along very well. Moreover, the pantry is a spacious area with a great view of the Victoria Harbour. Staff may have a coffee or take their lunch there in a very relaxed environment.

During the internship, I met another WSR from Chinese University. We worked together to test the contents of titles before official launching of

them on Westlaw HK. Moreover, I worked closely with the marketing department which made me realise that a successful launch would rely on close coordination between different departments. Trying something totally new is actually a good way to improve the ability to adapt and make prompt response to changes. Although many of us may prefer professional legal training during summer, I feel really fortunate to have had this backstage work experience at Thomson Reuters.



### Friendly colleagues

Mandy, my fellow intern in a black coat, me and together with Mr. Robert Head, the Online and Commercial Director, Legal, GGO ANA, Thomson Reuters, in the picture.

## Join our first introductory session on

### Westlaw HK!

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 (WED)

**Time:** 13:00-14:00

**Venue:** Computer Lab in Law Library at Cheng Yu Tung Tower

**Seats are limited! Reserve a place with us through [tsangszechingtina@gmail.com](mailto:tsangszechingtina@gmail.com) or [jingkei@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:jingkei@yahoo.com.hk) and we look forward to meeting you on that day.**