

# July 2017: How to Retrieve Case Law

## 1. Navigate to the BNA IP Search Page

Bloomberg BNA is the publisher of the United States Patent Quarterly. Examiners have desktop access to the Bloomberg BNA Intellectual Property Law Resource Center search page.

- Click the USPQ link in the Examiner's Tool Kit, or
- Click START on the lower left of your monitor and enter USPQ in the search box, or
- Go directly to <http://iplaw.bna.com/iplw/>, or
- Navigate via PTOWeb
  - from the PTOWeb home page, click "Resources"
  - click "STIC (Scientific and Technical Information Center)"
  - click "Legal e-Library"
  - click "USPQ (U.S. Patents Quarterly)."

## 2. On the BNA IP Search Page, Search For The Case

- Enter either the West reporter citation or the USPQ citation in the citation search box, and then click GO. Example: to retrieve *KSR v. Teleflex*, enter either 550 U.S. 398 or 82 USPQ2d 1385 in the search box.
- For more information about using the BNA IP Search Page, consult an ITRP.

The screenshot shows the Bloomberg BNA Intellectual Property Law Resource Center search page. The page has a blue header with the Bloomberg BNA logo and the text "Intellectual Property Law Resource Center with The United States Patents Quarterly". Below the header is a navigation bar with links like "MY HOME PAGE", "SITE MAP", "PREFERENCES", "MY FOLDERS", "ACCOUNT PROFILE", "GETTING STARTED", "ABOUT", "CONTACT US", and "HELP". There is also a "SIGN IN for additional content" button and social media links for "Intellectual Property Blog", "Facebook", and "Sign up for email updates". The main content area includes a "SEARCH" section with a "Search Resource Center" input field and a "GO" button. Below this is a "Search USPQ Cases" section with a "By Citation" input field and a "GO" button. A red arrow points to the "By Citation" input field with the label "citation search box". There are also "Find this case" and "Find cases citing this case" checkboxes, and a "By Keyword" input field with a "GO" button. At the bottom of the search section is a "More Search Tools" section with a "Headnote Finder" dropdown and a "GO" button. The page also features a "LEGAL ANALYSIS" section with "Treatises" and a "Welcome" message.

Note: The information on this QRS is excerpted from slides 31 and 32 of the training module titled "Responding to Legal Arguments Part I: Understanding Case Law and the Federal Court System", which is posted on <http://ptoweb.uspto.gov/patents/exTrain/responding-to-legal-arguments.html>.