

NSBA Switching Legal Research (Again) from Fastcase to Decisis



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For more than 20 years, providing Nebraska lawyers with access to affordable legal research through Casemaker was an important way that the NSBA supported its members. In 2021, we were surprised when Casemaker announced that it had been acquired and was merging with one of its competitor platforms, Fastcase. With no alternative legal research engines operating in the association space at that time, the NSBA began the work of transitioning our membership from Casemaker to Fastcase. On behalf of the Association, I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our members for their patience and effort during that transition.

However, soon after completing the transition to Fastcase, we learned of a new legal research platform, Decisis™, which was designed specifically for bar associations to provide as a member benefit. In an effort to make sure that the NSBA was providing the best user experience for its members, our staff convened a group of test users to compare Decisis with Fastcase and provide feedback to the NSBA's Membership Support Committee.

Why the NSBA Will Be Switching to Decisis

Our test group preferred the uncluttered interface, the reliable and consistent search results, and how intuitive Decisis is to use (dare we say Google-like?). Effective May 2, 2022, the NSBA will be switching from Fastcase to Decisis in order to provide our members with:

1. **A World Class Citator:** Decisis offers users a world-class citator that's more effective and robust than Fastcase.
2. **A More Robust Library:** Decisis offers significantly more cases than Fastcase. All of the secondary sources previously available in Casemaker are also available through Decisis.
3. **A Search Designed for Efficiency and Accuracy:** Poor user interface, search filtering, and search relevance can put an ocean between you and the single case you need to support your argument. With Decisis, you get tailored search filters to pull highly relevant results from a massive primary law database.
4. **Enhanced Customer Support:** Decisis offers customer support services seven days a week and provides substantive research assistance in addition to technical support.
5. **More Value for the Dollar:** While the typical annual fee for Decisis is \$1,740 annually, **the NSBA is proud to offer complimentary access to Decisis as an exclusive benefit to Sustaining Members.** Given the costs of other legal research tools available to law firms, we understand that our members rely on the Association's legal research platform to reduce their overhead costs and to save their clients' money.



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Transition Details

You will not need to create a separate account or remember another password. You will access Decisis just as you access Fastcase today – by logging in to www.nebar.com and clicking on the Decisis icon or under the Tools menu.


Decisis comes with a great customer support team who are there to help you as you begin to use the new platform. They are available weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (CST) and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (CST). Decisis offers some quick video tutorials on How to Navigate, View Your History, and Using Bookmarks. Members from the Decisis team will be available for you to answer any of your questions regarding the new member benefit. They can walk you through a one-on-one demo, show you how to customize your experience, and help you become a more efficient researcher. Decisis “office hours” will be held on May 30th through June 3rd from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (visit the NSBA website to register).

The NSBA will also be offering free CLE’s on Decisis. A Decisis seminar is currently available for free in the NSBA’s OnDemand platform: www.nebarondemand.com. Additionally, the NSBA will offer free webinars (scheduled for May 17 and

24 and June 3, 2022) and live training throughout the state and in conjunction with the NSBA 2022 Annual Meeting (October 12-14, 2022 at the Embassy Suites in La Vista).

During the month of May, the NSBA will continue offering access to Fastcase so that our members have time to transition platforms. **Please note, that access to Fastcase will end on May 31, 2022.**

We Welcome Your Feedback

Change is never easy, and we want to support you in this transition. Decisis is supported by a great customer support team who are there to help you as you begin to use the new platform. Our shared goal is to support you and your practice with what we are confident is a faster, more efficient and reliable research solution. As you begin to try it out, we encourage you to let us know what you think. 



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May 17, 2022

May 24, 2022

June 1, 2022

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