The Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA) provides a federal cause of action for the first time in American history. But trade secrets also remains a state law issue, one that cuts across many practice areas such as employment law. This means trade secrets law has more jurisdictional depth, uncertainty, and potential conflicts than purely federal areas of intellectual property law. All the more reason for a specialized research service.

Trade Secrets Advisor ... in One Sentence
Launched recently, Wolters Kluwer’s Trade Secrets Advisor is a research service dedicated to the practice of trade secrets law with workflow tools, including comparison charts, checklists, and forms.

The Killer Feature
Trade Secrets Advisor enables you to search state and federal case law and statutes, news, and treatises related to trade secrets. In addition to the DTSA, statutory coverage includes the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, Economic Espionage Act, Uniform Trade Secrets Act, applicable U.S. Code sections, and all state trade secrets statutes. Case law coverage spans all 50 states and federal courts, including unpublished opinions.


“Trade secrets cases move at a very quick pace, so it is critical that attorneys stay ahead of new developments that impact their clients’ cases,” said Susan Gruesser, Portfolio Director at Wolters Kluwer. “Updated regularly, Trade Secrets Advisor consistently equips attorneys with the resources to protect and enforce their clients’ trade secrets under evolving state and federal laws.”
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**Other Notable Features**

Trade Secrets Advisor’s news feed keeps you apprised of new court opinions. Click on a case of interest to reveal the Case Findings, a summary of the facts, and a link to the full opinion. In addition to browsing or searching the news, you can subscribe to the email newsletter, *Trade Secrets Update*. If you find a case of interest, you can email it to a colleague or client.

A number of tools exist in Trade Secrets Advisor to facilitate different research needs. For example, the Business Torts Smart Chart enables you to conduct comparative research. Select one or more topics such as Misappropriation of Trade Secrets, and one or more jurisdictions to generate a table summarizing the law in each jurisdiction. Links to the corresponding treatise invite further exploration.

The Checklists and Forms feature obviates the need to comb through treatises for a particular task. Choosing a checklist or form of interest takes you directly to its location within its parent treatise. You can share, download, and customize it, print it, or add it to your favorites. The library of checklists and forms encompasses trade secret identification and protection, employee and contractor confidentiality, licensing, and litigation.

**What Else Should You Know?**

Trade Secrets Advisor is accessible through Wolters Kluwer’s Cheetah platform. Advanced search functionality enables you to narrow search results by date range, document type, court, jurisdiction, and other parameters.