

### **Decisis: New Legal Research Tool for OSB Licensees**

On September 24, the bar will move its online legal research tool from the Fastcase platform to the Decisis platform. This change was prompted by declining Fastcase usage and user feedback. The OSB did extensive research, including focus groups and outreach to other bars that have migrated to Decisis. The overwhelming feedback was in favor of transitioning from Fastcase to Decisis. The following FAQ provides further detail.

#### **What is Decisis?**

Decisis is a legal research tool offered to all Oregon State Bar lawyers and licensed paralegals as part of their licensee benefits. It is a sister company of LexisNexis and offers a robust and reliable database of cases, statutes, rules, and certain administrative agency opinions and orders.

#### **What is the timeline for making this change?**

As of Sept. 24, 2025, Decisis will replace the previous legal research platform Fastcase, whose contract with the bar ends on the same date. While the official rollover is September 24, OSB licensees will have access to Decisis beginning on September 17, which provides for a brief overlap before the Fastcase contract concludes.

#### **Will training be offered to help users make this transition?**

Yes. The first live training session will be offered on Monday, September 22 at 12:00 pm [via Zoom](#). This training will be recorded and available to all licensees to view after September 23. Additional live trainings will be scheduled as needed in the coming months. Some pre-recorded short training videos are available by going to [www.youtube.com/@decisilaw9425](https://www.youtube.com/@decisilaw9425).

Additionally, once you're logged into Decisis there are research assistants available during their customer service hours, which are offered 7 days a week.

**Will I have to pay for access to the new Decisis database?**

No. If you are an Oregon State Bar licensee in active status you will not have to pay additional money to access Decisis. This is a licensee benefit paid for with your Bar fees.

**Will retired and inactive licensees be able to purchase access to Decisis similar to how they previously purchased FastCase access?**

Yes. Retired and inactive licensees will have access to the Decisis database for a nominal annual fee, just as they did with Fastcase.

**Will the new Decisis platform have AI technology?**

Decisis is focused on being a licensee-benefit platform and does not offer AI technology. However, Oregon licensees will be offered a discount on LEXIS memberships with AI options.

**Will cases cited in the BarBooks™ online library be linked to the Decisis database?**

Yes, although there will be a slight delay in adding this tool. As of September 2025, the linking tool is in development, with anticipated release in early 2026. The good news is that Decisis is working on expanding the technology to also link Oregon statutes cited in BarBooks.

**Will users have access to the same administrative agency opinions as were available in FastCase?**

For the most part, yes. The most commonly cited opinions (e.g. most Workers Compensation and Land Use Board of Appeals decisions) will be available at the time of the switch to Decisis. However, some of the lesser-cited administrative agency final orders may not be available at the initial rollover. We are working to get any agency opinions that were available on Fastcase to also be available on Decisis, and expect this process to continue for several months.

Note that initially not all LUBA decisions will be available. We understand there were random orders missing from the FastCase and Lexis databases. We will be working with Decisis to determine if the random missing orders that have been separately digitized can be uploaded to the Decisis database at some point in the near future.

**Will subsequent case history/negative history be provided for cases?**

Yes. Alerts indicating negative treatment of a case are provided in the Decisis database. This is a new feature that users have long sought in their research tool.