

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
AUGUST 16, 2016 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>An ordinance to authorize a contract with Thomson Reuters for digital legal research.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>City Attorney's Office</p>	<p>√ <b>Ordinance</b> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<p>Authorization of the continuation of a Digital Research Platform with Thomson Reuters.</p>	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>None. This is an annual item in the overall budget for the City Attorney.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Approval of the ordinance.</p>	
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>The practice of law today requires access to a Digital Research Platform to assure that attorneys have access to the most recent decisions, State and Federal regulations and various secondary sources that need to be reviewed for contracts, resolutions, ordinances and other matters. The City Attorney's office has had a longstanding contract with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw Next to fulfill these needs. This particular platform is unique in what it can offer to the attorneys. This ordinance permits continuation of the current contractual agreement.</p>	