

Harvard Baby Blue Support Letter

We are members of the Harvard Law School community. We share a commitment to ensure that everyone has access to the rules of law. We sign this letter to celebrate the release of “Baby Blue”—an open, cost-free version of the rules of legal citation. (See <http://goo.gl/NBrNGy>).

We believe that Baby Blue will help ensure that no one—whether a prisoner filing her habeas petition pro se; a public interest lawyer zealously representing indigent clients on a shoestring budget; or a first-generation professional pursuing her dream of becoming a lawyer—is denied access to these rules of legal citation. We believe that democratizing the rules of citation increases access to justice for all.

At Harvard Law, one of the schools affiliated with a publication claiming a copyright interest in the Bluebook, we have a special obligation to make this system accessible. When Baby Blue enters a period of public review, we look forward to offering our help and feedback. We encourage law students across the country to join us.

Baby Blue owes its existence to the dedication of Carl Malamud, Professor Christopher Sprigman, and students at New York University School of Law. This letter is modeled after the letter written by Yale Law students. Thanks to their efforts, everyone can freely access rules of legal citation.

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