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Foreword

In 2011, Frank Bennett, a law professor at Nagoya University in Japan, wrote to me about open source software he was developing that he now maintains under the name of Juris-M. Professor Bennett’s work is an extended variant of an amazingly useful tool called Zotero that is created by developers around the world who want to support scholars in their efforts to “organize, cite, and share research sources.” Frank added features to Zotero that support legal writing.

Professor Bennett was two years into work on his project when he contacted the Harvard Law Review Association concerning the use, in electronic form, of common abbreviations for U.S. sources as specified in the Bluebook. He was repeatedly rebuffed with stern “keep off the grass” warnings. I examined those abbreviations, and they are clearly facts that could only be expressed in one way. Not only are these abbreviations devoid of creativity, they are required by many legal jurisdictions in the United States before one can plead a case of law before judges. So, I posted those abbreviations on my web site, and promptly received my own “keep off the grass” missive from an outside law firm hired by the Harvard Law Review.

It is important to understand, when we are talking about “The Bluebook, A Uniform System of Citation,” that we are talking about two different things. There is a product, a spiral-bound booklet that sells for $38.50, which is accompanied by a rudimentary web site available to purchasers of the product.

Underlying that product, however, is something much more basic and fundamental, a uniform system of citation. Unpaid volunteers from a dozen law schools, under the stewardship of four nonprofit student-run law reviews, have labored mightily to reach a consensus standard for the citation of legal materials. This open consensus standard was developed, with no compensation to the authors, for the greater benefit of the legal system of the United States. By clearly and precisely referring to primary legal materials, we are able to communicate our legal reasoning to others, including pleading a case in the courts, advocating changes in legal policy in our legislatures or law reviews, or simply communicating the law to our fellow citizens so that we may be better informed.

We do not begrudge the Harvard Law Review Association one penny of the revenue from the sale of their spiral-bound book dressed in blue. However, we must not confuse the book with the system. There can be no proprietary claim over knowledge and facts, and there is no intellectual property right in the system.
and method of our legal machinery. The infrastructure of our legal system is a
public utility, and belongs to all of us.

As Harvard professor Lawrence Lessig has famously stated, “code is law.” The
system of citation is code, an algorithm consisting of rules and a set of
enumerations of text strings and their proper abbreviations. This is code about
law.

In thinking of the Bluebook, I have been reminded of Big Blue, the IBM
corporation. IBM made a fortune selling Genuine IBM personal computers, but
this did not prevent others from making clones that were able to exercise the
instructions in the underlying chipset. When technology changed the nature of
the computer industry, IBM did not spend its days trying to defend an outdated
mode of operation and instead moved up the food chain. The company has
grown and prospered because of the computing revolution and the Internet
instead of trying to preserve an outdated position of economic power that could
not last.

Likewise, I wish the Harvard Law Review Association and their three companion
law reviews the best in continuing to sell their Genuine Blue spiral-bound book
and any associated on-line services. However, that cannot mean prohibiting an
open source developer from using common abbreviations, and it certainly does
not imply any ownership or control over how, in our democracy, we
communicate the law with our fellow citizens. I hope you will enjoy Baby Blue’s
Manual of Legal Citation and that you will join me in extending my
congratulations to Professor Sprigman and his students on the excellent job they
have performed in re-coding those rules.

Carl Malamud
Public.Resource.Org
**Introduction**

Welcome to Baby Blue—a free, Creative Commons-dedicated implementation of the Bluebook’s Uniform System of Citation. Baby Blue was compiled by a team of students at the New York University School of Law, working under the direction of Professor Christopher Jon Sprigman.

Baby Blue isn’t the same as the Bluebook, but it does implement the same Uniform System of Citation that the Bluebook does. The scope of Baby Blue’s coverage is roughly equivalent to the Bluebook’s “Bluepages”—that is, Baby Blue covers legal citation for U.S. legal materials, as well as books, periodicals, and Internet and other electronic resources. In addition, Baby Blue offers citation guidance that is deeper than the Bluebook’s Bluepages—for example, Baby Blue has citation guidance for bills, and for legislative history, that the Bluepages lack. For the materials that it covers, anyone using Baby Blue will produce briefs, memoranda, law review articles, and other legal documents with citations that are compatible with the Uniform System of Citation.

Note that Baby Blue’s scope does not extend to (now virtually unused) loose-leaf reporters, nor to foreign legal materials or the publications of international organizations like the United Nations. Most American lawyers cite these materials only rarely, and providing citation rules for the enormous number of international jurisdictions is part of what makes the Bluebook as unwieldy as it has become.

Baby Blue offers a couple of important advantages to users, compared with the Bluebook. Unlike the Bluebook, Baby Blue is free. Free in two different ways that are equally important. First, Baby Blue is given to you free of charge. Considering that the Uniform System of Citation has become a basic piece of infrastructure for the American system of justice, it is vital that pro se litigants, prisoners, and others seeking justice but who lack resources are given effective access to the system lawyers use to cite to the law. That interest in access and basic fairness is part of what motivated Baby Blue’s creation.

Second, and perhaps even more importantly, Baby Blue is free of the restrictions of copyright. You are free to copy and distribute this work, and—most importantly—to improve on it. This is important, because we want people with a stake in our legal citation system to help make that system simpler and better. To achieve these goals, we are releasing Baby Blue under a Creative Commons “CC0”
public domain dedication that allows you to use it, copy it, distribute it, and—we hope—improve it.

So, what sorts of improvement do we hope for? This original edition of Baby Blue is compatible with the current, 20th edition of the Bluebook. We will admit, however, that our decision to make Baby Blue compatible with the Bluebook’s Uniform System of Citation was mostly self-interested and strategic—we want people to adopt Baby Blue, and the best way to achieve that goal, we reasoned, was to give people a citation guide that they could use to produce documents that look as if they used the Bluebook.

We think this is the right path, at least initially, but please understand that our decision to make Baby Blue Bluebook-compatible doesn’t stop you from doing otherwise. There are ways to improve Baby Blue that involve breaking free of the Bluebook. Indeed, in some ways the recent editions of the Bluebook have adopted an unhelpfully over-prescriptive approach to citation that has resulted in needless complexity. It wasn’t always that way. Back in 1959, the 10th edition of the Bluebook declared that “[t]he primary purpose of a citation is to facilitate finding and identifying the authority cited. The rules set forth in this booklet should not be considered invariable. Whenever clarity will be served, the citation form should be altered without hesitation; whenever a citation would not amplify the identification of the authority referred to, no citation should be given.”

That sounds right to us. Can we get back to a more sensible, flexible system of legal citation? Baby Blue takes the first step by restating the Uniform System of Citation for U.S. legal materials, and for books, periodicals, and Internet and other electronic resources. The next step is up to you. Take Baby Blue, use it, enjoy it, improve it—maybe you international lawyers out there will add coverage of foreign and international law? Then, consistent with the spirit of our project—give your improvements to the world.

Professor Christopher Jon Sprigman
New York University School of Law
A. BACKGROUND RULES

R1. Two Types of Legal Documents

There are two basic varieties of legal documents. The Uniform System of Citation imposes somewhat different citation rules for each.

R1.1. Standard Legal Documents (SLDs). These are the documents lawyers file in courts, agencies, or other places where practicing lawyers do what they do (e.g., briefs and motions). They also include the documents lawyers write to one another or to the public (e.g., legal letters and legal memoranda). We will refer to these as standard legal documents.

R1.2. Academic Legal Documents (ALDs). These are articles for publication in law reviews. We will refer to them as "law review articles."

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For reasons that make very little sense, the Uniform System of Citation treats law review articles and standard legal documents differently. If we were designing the system from scratch, we'd scrap this distinction. But for the moment, we're stuck with it. In Baby Blue, we'll state the rules for standard legal documents. When we need to refer to law review articles specifically, we'll do that.

R2. Typeface Standards

R2.1. Only the following items should be italicized:

- Case names—both full and short case names, and procedural phrases (e.g., In re and ex parte) preceding the case names (but note the special guidance for law review articles in Rule 11.2.3);
- Book titles
- Article titles
- Legislative materials’ titles
- Introductory signals (e.g., see, cf. and accord)
- Explanatory phrases that introduce subsequent case history (e.g., aff’d or cert. denied)
- Cross references, (e.g., infra, supra and id.)
Words and phrases that introduce related authority (e.g., \textit{reprinted in} and \textit{available in})

R2.2. The following words should be \textit{italicized} when used in the text of standard legal documents:

\begin{itemize}
  \item Publication titles (e.g., \textit{The Onion})
  \item Words that are italicized in the original quotation; and
  \item All words that would be italicized in the text (e.g., foreign words that are not commonly used in English language documents).
\end{itemize}

\textbf{INDIGO INKLING}

The typewriter was invented around the 1860s. The first edition of the Bluebook is from 1926. Typewriters of that era did not support italics or boldface. If you wanted to emphasize text, your sole option was to underline. Throughout Baby Blue, you'll see us italicizing text rather than underlining, because that's how we do it in the 21st Century. The Bluebook 20th Ed. still gives you the option to do either, but you know where we stand.

R3. In-Text Citations

R3.1. For standard legal documents, in-text citations are rendered either as (i) a complete sentence that supports a claim in the immediately preceding sentence of text, or, (ii) when the citation relates to a particular part of a sentence, as a clause within the sentence, immediately following the claim it supports.

\begin{itemize}
  \item Only use footnotes for standard legal documents when allowed by a court’s local rules.
  \item In contrast to standard legal documents, law review articles rely on footnotes for citations.
\end{itemize}

R3.2. Citations Following Sentences

\begin{itemize}
  \item Most citations in standard legal documents follow complete text sentences. It is common to have several citations following a sentence, with each citation separated by a semicolon (known as a “string citation”).
  \item It is also common to employ more than one introductory signal, with citations introduced by different signals arranged as separate sentences. (For the order in which introductory signals are arranged,
see Rule 4.2, below.) Use this citation method to cite to sources and authorities that relate to the sentence as a whole.

- **Example:** Even if the meaning of the statute were not plain, the FCC’s construction of the 1996 Act is reasonable and therefore entitled to deference. *See Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. Nat. Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 467 U.S. 837 (1984); *see also Nat’l Cable & Telecomms. Ass’n v. Brand X Internet Svcs.*, 545 U.S. 967, 1000 (2005) (holding that *Chevron* mandates that courts defer to the FCC’s reasonable interpretation of its authority under the statutes that the agency administers, even where a current FCC interpretation is inconsistent with past practice); *Home Care Ass’n of Am. v. Weil*, 799 F.3d 1084 (D.C. Cir. 2015) (finding the Department of Labor’s reasonable interpretation of a provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act was entitled to deference under *Chevron*, even where it contravened previous reasonable interpretation of same provision).

### R3.3. Citations Within Sentences

- Some citations in standard legal documents are placed within sentences. Use within-sentence citations to cite sources and authorities that relate to *only a section* of the sentence. Separate within-sentence citations from the text with commas. The citation clauses directly follow the claim which they support. Do not model them after normal sentences unless:
  - the clause opens with a source that would be capitalized anyway—this is the only case where the clause should begin with a capital letter; or
  - it is the sentence’s final clause—this is the only case where the clause should end with a period.

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Scholars have criticized this elaborate system of string citations, requiring the writer to determine not only the degrees of authoritativeness of relied-upon works but also to disclose their precise relevance, including (perplexingly) sources contrary to the writer’s argument. One might ask why the legal profession chose for itself such an odd and onerous citation system. One commentator describes the system as derived from an “anxiety of authoritativeness.” Michael Bacchus, Strung Out: Legal Citation, The Bluebook, and the Anxiety of Authority, 151 U Pa. L Rev. 245 (2002).

R4. Signals

R4.1. A signal illustrates the relationship between the author’s assertion and the source cited for that assertion. The signal begins the citation sentence or clause.

R4.2. There are four basic categories of signals:

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<td>Signals for Comparison</td>
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<td>(10) But cf.</td>
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<td>Signals for Background Material</td>
<td>(11) See generally</td>
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R4.3. When more than one authority is used in the same citation, they should be ordered first according to hierarchy of introductory signals (see table above), and then within each signal by strength of authority using a semicolon in between each one (see Rule 10 below: Order of Authorities Within Each Signal / Strength of Authority).
For citation sentences, signals in the same category are listed within a single citation sentence, each one marked off by semicolons; signals in separate categories, however, should be listed in separate citation sentences.


For citation clauses, all signals (irrespective of category) are listed within a single citation clause and separated by semicolons.


### R5. Capitalization Rules

**R5.1.** The signal is capitalized at the beginning of a citation sentence.

• **Example:** Unbelievable as it may be, the Supreme Court has weighed in on the issue of whether a tomato is a fruit or vegetable. *See Nix v. Heden*, 149 U.S. 304 (1893).

**R5.2.** The signal is left in lowercase at the beginning of a citation clause.
Example: Even seemingly trivial issues, see, e.g., Nix v. Heden, 149 U.S. 304 (1893) (addressing the question of whether tomatoes are fruits or vegetables), can sometimes merit input from the Supreme Court.

R6. Signals for Supporting Authority

R6.1. <no signal>: A citation does not need a signal if--

- The source makes the same assertion; or
  
  * Example: To impose the death penalty on an individual who is criminally insane is unconstitutional. Ford v. Wainwright, 477 U.S. 399, 410 (1986).

- The assertion is a direct quotation from the source; or
  
  * Example: States are prohibited “from inflicting the penalty of death upon a prisoner who is insane.” Ford v. Wainwright, 477 U.S. 399, 410 (1986).

- The source is referred to in the assertion.
  
  * Example: In cases like Roper, Atkins, and Ford, the Supreme Court has established certain classes of individuals upon which the death penalty may not be imposed. Roper v. Simmons, 543 U.S. 551, 575 (2005); Atkins v. Virginia, 536 U.S. 304, 321 (2002); Ford v. Wainwright, 477 U.S. 399, 410 (1986).

R6.2. E.g.,

- Use “e.g.” if the cited source is one of multiple sources to make the same assertion. The citation may include however many sources the author finds to be helpful. Note that the comma in the signal “e.g.” should NOT be italicized.

  * Example: In a criminal case, the state bears the burden of proving the defendant’s guilt “beyond a reasonable doubt.” E.g., State v. Purrier, 336 P.3d 574, 576 (Or. Ct. App. 2014).

  * Example: Prior to the Supreme Court’s decision in Riley v. California, 134 S. Ct. 2473 (2014), several circuits had generally allowed the police to conduct warrantless searches of cell phones of individuals under arrest. E.g., U.S. v. Murphy, 552 F.3d 405, 411 (4th Cir. 2009); U.S. v. Finley, 477 F.3d 250, 260 (5th Cir. 2007).

- “E.g.” may also be used following any other signal, in which case an italicized comma should separate the two signals. Note: The comma in the signal “e.g.” should NOT be italicized.


R6.3. **Accord**

   • *Accord* is used when more than one source substantiates a proposition, but the text quotes just one of them. Use *accord* as the introductory signal for the non-quoted sources. Also, *accord* may be used as the introductory signal for indicating that the law of one jurisdiction is consistent with the law of another.


R6.4. **See**

   • *See* is used when an authority does not directly state but clearly supports the proposition. *See* is used instead of *<no signal>* when an inferential step is required to connect the proposition to the authority cited.

   • **Example:** The defendant in a criminal case cannot be forced to testify against himself or herself. *See* U.S. Const. amend. V.

R6.5. **See also**

   • *See also* is used for additional sources that support a proposition. Use *see also* when authority that states or clearly supports the proposition has already been cited or discussed. The use of a parenthetical is recommended when using *see also.*
- **Example:** Slow and steady wins the race. See Don Daily, *The Classic Treasury of Aesop’s Fables* 43-46 (1999); see also *The Shawshank Redemption* (Castle Rock Entertainment 1994) (prisoner tunnels out of a prison by removing a few stones per day).

R6.6. **Cf.**

- **Cf.** is used for supporting authority that is analogous to your proposition, or which is related but which requires some interpretive work to connect to your proposition. Always use a parenthetical with *cf.* to explain the logical connection required for the argument.

- **Example:** In the legal realm, there is a need for an easy-to-use, standard set of citation rules. *Cf.* *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (Columbia Law Review Ass’n et al. eds., 20th ed. 2015) (demonstrating, by virtue of 20 editions, the need for such a system, but producing a system that is overly complex).

R7. **Signals for Comparison**

R7.1. **Compare** <citation to source or authority>, *with* <citation to source or authority>

- **Compare** . . . is used when the relationship of multiple authorities will demonstrate or offer support for the proposition. It is highly recommended that each authority in the comparison be explained with a parenthetical in order to make the relationship and argument clear to the reader. Each portion of the *compare* . . . signal may contain multiple sources; separate these sources using commas and italicized “and” as follows.


R8. **Signals for Contradictory Authority**

R8.1. **Contra**
• *Contra* is used when a cited authority directly conflicts with the proposition it follows. *Contra* is the opposite signal to <no signal>.


R8.2. *But see*

• *But see* is used for authority that, while not directly contradicting the main proposition, nonetheless clearly opposes it. *But see* is the opposite signal to *see*.

  • **Example:** I have the right to falsely shout “Fire!” in a crowded theater. *But see* Schenck v. United States, 249 U.S. 47 (1919).

R8.3. *But cf.*

• *But cf.* is used to indicate that an authority supports a proposition that is similar to the opposite of the author’s main proposition. *But cf.* is the opposite signal to *cf.* Always use a parenthetical with *but cf.* to explain the logical connection required for the argument. This is the weakest signal for contrary authority.

  • **Example:** Restaurant commercials sell a vision of dinner as a cornerstone daily meal. *But cf.* 5 Things to Know About McDonalds All Day Breakfast, TIME, (Oct. 6, 2015), http://time.com/money/4062667/mcdonalds-all-day-breakfast/.

R9. Signals for Background Material

R9.1. *See generally*

• *See generally* is used for useful background material. It is recommended that you use a parenthetical with *see generally* in order to explain the authority's relevance to the proposition.

  • **Example:** Some commentators have argued that the Supreme Court does more than “call balls and strikes,” and that politics may even be involved in some decisionmaking. *See generally* Jeffrey Toobin, *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* (2007) (arguing that the work of the Supreme Court often involves the Justices imposing values and even political preferences).
R10. Order of Authorities Within Each Signal / Strength of Authority

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Follow the order below for citing authorities within a signal. However, there is one exception: if an authority is more helpful than others cited within a signal, it should be cited first.

R10.1. Constitutions. Order constitutions from the same jurisdiction from most recent to oldest.

1. Federal
2. State (alphabetize according to state)
3. Foreign (alphabetize according to jurisdiction)
4. Foundational Documents of International Groups (United Nations, the League of Nations, and the European Union, in that order)

R10.2. Statutes

R10.2.1. Federal:

3. Rules of Evidence and Procedure
4. Repealed Statutes (from most recently enacted to oldest)

R10.2.2. State (alphabetize according to state):

1. Statutes currently codified (in ascending order within the codification)
2. Statutes currently in force but not currently codified (from most recently enacted to oldest)
3. Rules of Evidence and Procedure
4. Repealed Statutes (from most recently enacted to oldest)

R10.2.3. Foreign (alphabetize according to jurisdiction):

1. Codes or Statutes currently codified (in ascending order in the codification)
2. Statutes currently in force but not currently codified (from most recently enacted to oldest)

3. Repealed Statutes (from most recently enacted to oldest)

R10.3. Treaties and Other International Agreements (other than those above) are cited from most recently ratified/signed to oldest.

R10.4. Cases. Order cases from the same court from most recent to oldest, without regard to prior or subsequent history. There’s no difference between Federal Circuit Court of Appeals or Federal District Courts.

R10.4.1. Federal:

1. Supreme Court
2. Court of Appeals, Emergency Court of Appeals, and Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals
3. Court of Claims, Court of Customs, and Patent Appeals and Bankruptcy Appellate Panels
4. District Courts, Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, and Court of International Trade (formerly the Customs Court)
5. District Bankruptcy Courts and Railroad Reorganization Court
6. Court of Federal Claims (formerly the Trial Division for the Court of Claims), Court of Appeals for the Armed Services (formerly the Court of Military Appeals), and Tax Court (formerly the Board of Tax Appeals)
7. Administrative Agencies (alphabetize according to agency)

R10.4.2. State:

1. Courts (alphabetize according to state, then by hierarchy in descending order)
2. Agencies (alphabetize according to state, then by agency)

R10.4.3. Foreign:

1. Courts (alphabetize according to jurisdiction, then by hierarchy in descending order)
2. Agencies (alphabetize according to jurisdiction, then by agency)

R10.4.4. International:
1. International Court of Justice, Permanent Court of International Justice

2. Other International Tribunals and Arbitral Panels (in alphabetical order)

R10.5. Legislative Materials (always cite federal materials first)
   1. Bills and Resolutions (most recent to oldest)
   2. Committee Hearings (most recent to oldest)
   3. Reports, Documents, and Committee Prints (most recent to oldest)
   4. Floor Debates (most recent to oldest)

R10.6. Administrative and Executive Materials
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      1. Executive Orders
      2. Current Treasury Regulations, Proposed Treasury Regulations
      3. All Other Regulations currently in force (numerically by C.F.R. title in ascending order)
      4. Proposed Rules not yet in force (numerically by future C.F.R. titles, if any, in ascending order; otherwise from most recently proposed to oldest)
      5. All Materials repealed (from most recently promulgated to oldest)
   R10.6.2. State:
      1. State (alphabetize according to state), currently in force, then repealed
   R10.6.3. Foreign:
      1. Foreign (alphabetize according to jurisdiction), currently in force, then repealed

R10.7. Resolutions, Decisions, and Regulations of Intergovernmental Organizations
   1. United Nations and League of Nations (from most recent to oldest by issuing body, listing General Assembly first, then Security Council, then other organs alphabetically)
   2. Other Organizations (in alphabetical order by name)
R10.8. Records, Briefs, and Petitions are cited in the same order as discussed in
Rule 10.4. Briefs from the same case and court are ordered: (i) plaintiff/petitioner; (ii) defendant/respondent; (iii) amicus curiae (alphabetize according to amicus party)

R10.9. Secondary Materials

1. Uniform Codes, Model Codes, and Restatements, in that order (from most recent to oldest within each category)

2. Books, Pamphlets, and Shorter Works in a collection of single author’s works (in alphabetical order by author’s last name; when there is no author, by the title’s first word)

3. Journal Pieces (excluding magazines, newspapers, and student-written materials), including Forthcoming Works and Shorter Works in a collection of various authors’ works (in alphabetical order by first author’s last name)

4. Book Reviews not written by students (alphabetize according to reviewer’s last name)

5. Student-Written Law Review Pieces including Book Reviews (in alphabetical order by author’s last name; if there is no author, by the title’s first word; if there is no title, alphabetically by the periodical’s abbreviation)

6. Annotations (from most recently published to oldest)

7. Magazine and Newspaper Articles (in alphabetical order by author’s last name; if there is no author, by the title’s first word)

8. Working Papers (in alphabetical order by author’s last name; if there is no author, by the title’s first word)

9. Unpublished Materials not forthcoming (in alphabetical order by author’s last name; if there is no author, by the title’s first word)

10. Electronic Sources, including Internet Sources (in alphabetical order by author’s last name; if there is no author, by the title’s first word)

R10.10. Cross-references to the author’s own text or footnotes.
B. CASES

**INDIGO INKLING**
Although the Bluebook encourages citations to Lexis or Westlaw when appropriate, note that many of the states have adopted public domain or media neutral citation of cases, as shown in Table T3. Baby Blue encourages the use of public domain or media neutral citations. When giving a public domain citation, also include a parallel citation to the appropriate regional reporter if possible.

R11. Full citation

R11.1. Elements of a full citation. When providing a full citation to a case, you should generally include the following:

1. case name;
2. volume number, reporter, first page;
3. pincite (the exact page number you are referring to, if necessary);
4. court, year (see special instructions below for pending and unreported cases);
5. explanatory parenthetical (if necessary);
6. prior or subsequent history of the case (if any).

Examples:

- *Leonard v. Pepsico, Inc.*, 88 F. Supp. 2d 116, 127 (S.D.N.Y. 1999) (“Plaintiff’s understanding of the commercial as an offer must also be rejected because the Court finds that no objective person could reasonably have concluded that the commercial actually offered consumers a Harrier Jet.”), *aff’d*, 210 F.3d 88 (2d Cir. 2000).


R11.2. Case Name. Case names are often lengthy. Therefore when citing to a case, do not always include the case name in full.

R11.2.1. When referring to a case with an individual’s name in the case name, use the person’s full family name (i.e., their last name). Delete first name and initials, except when the full name of the person is in
a language that lists the surname first, or when referring to the name of a business or where the court has abbreviated the party's surname.

**Example:** *Van Leeuwen v. Souto de Moura*

**Example:** *James T. Kirk & Assocs. v. Luke S.*

**Correct:** *Smith v. Jones*

**Incorrect:** *Jonathan H. Smith v. Allison T. Jones*

**Correct:** *Xu Lanting v. Wong*

**Incorrect:** *Xu Lanting v. James Wong*

**R11.2.2.** Only include the last name of the first listed party of the plaintiffs and the first listed party of the defendants.

**R11.2.3.** Italicize everything in the case name, but don’t italicize the comma at the end of the case name. Exception for law review articles: *do not* italicize case names in law review full citations, but *do* italicize case names in law review article short form citations and procedural phrases such as “*In re.*”

**R11.2.4.** Delete “et al.,” nicknames, and aliases.

**Correct:** *Jackson v. Leviston*

**Incorrect:** *Curtis James Jackson III, p/k/a 50 Cent v. Lastonia Leviston*

**R11.2.5.** Replace procedural phrases, and omit all besides the first procedural phrase.

1. When you see “on the relation of,” “on behalf of,” and similar expressions, replace with “*ex rel.*”

**Correct:** *Affleck ex rel. Damon v. Kimmel*

**Incorrect:** *Ben Affleck, on behalf of Matt Damon v. Jimmy Kimmel, et al.*

2. When you see “in the matter of,” “petition of,” and similar expressions, replace with “*In re*”, except do not use “*In re*”, or any procedural phrases besides “*ex rel.*” when the case name contains the name of an adversary.

**Correct:** *In re Nat’l Football League Players’ Concussion Injury Litig.*
Correct: Estate of Jones v. Smith
Incorrect: In re Estate of Jones v. Smith

R11.2.6. Abbreviate words in case names according to Table T11. If the resulting abbreviation is not ambiguous, words of eight or more letters may be abbreviated to save substantial space. Also omit terms such as “L.L.C.” and “Inc.” that indicate the party is a business when that fact is made clear because the party name includes a word such as “Co.” or “Ins.”


Exception: do not abbreviate if the citation appears in a textual sentence as explained in Rule 11.2.19, below

R11.2.7. Abbreviate countries, states, and other geographical places according to Table T12.

Correct: Church of Scientology of Cal. v. Blackman
Incorrect: Church of Scientology of California v. Blackman

Exception: if the geographical place is one of the parties in the case, do not abbreviate it

Correct: South Dakota v. Fifteen Impounded Cats
Incorrect: S.D. v. Fifteen Impounded Cats

Exception: do not abbreviate if the geographical place is part of a citation that appears in a textual sentence as explained in Rule 11.2.19, below

R11.2.8. Spell out “United States” when it is a named party.

Correct: United States v. Ninety Five Barrels, More or Less
Incorrect: U.S. v. Ninety Five Barrels, More or Less

R11.2.9. Omit “People of,” “State of,” and “Commonwealth of,” unless citing a court located in that state, in which case retain only “People,” “State,” or “Commonwealth.”


R11.2.10. Omit phrases such as “Town of” and “City of” if the expression does not comprise the first part of the name of a party.
Correct: James v. Village of Jamestown
Incorrect: James v. Jamestown

Correct: James v. King of Jamestown
Incorrect: James v. King of the Village of Jamestown

Correct: Stevenson v. Board of Trade
Incorrect: Stevenson v. Board of Trade of Colorado

Correct: ACLU of N.D. v. Jones
Incorrect: ACLU v. Jones

Correct: Dam Things from Denmark v. Russ Berrie & Co.
Incorrect: Dam Things v. Russ Berrie & Co.

R11.2.11. Do not include a prepositional phrase indicating location, unless the resulting party name would have only one word, or the phrase is part of a business’ full name.
Correct: Stevenson v. Board of Trade
Incorrect: Stevenson v. Board of Trade of Colorado

Correct: ACLU of N.D. v. Jones
Incorrect: ACLU v. Jones

Correct: Dam Things from Denmark v. Russ Berrie & Co.
Incorrect: Dam Things v. Russ Berrie & Co.

R11.2.12. Include geographical designations introduced by a preposition, but omit those that follow a comma. Use “United States” instead of “United States of America,” but otherwise omit designations of national or larger geographical areas.
Correct: Cal. Bd. of Commerce v. City of Sacramento
Incorrect: Cal. Bd. of Commerce v. City of Sacramento, California

R11.2.13. Delete “the” as the first word of a party’s name, unless the party is “The Queen” or the “The King,” or when referring to the established popular name in a citation or citation clause.
Example: The Railroad Comm’n Cases
Correct: Int’l Soc’y for Krishna Consciousness of Cal., Inc. v. City of Los Angeles
Incorrect: Int’l Soc’y for Krishna Consciousness of Cal., Inc. v. The City of Los Angeles

Exception: retain “the” if it is part of the name of the object of an in rem action.

Correct: In re the Snug Harbor
Incorrect: In re Snug Harbor

R11.2.14. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue should be cited as “Commissioner” (abbreviated as “Comm’r” in citations).

Correct: Plainfield-Union Water Co. v. Comm’r
Incorrect: Plainfield-Union Water Co. v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue

R11.2.15. For cases with multiple dispositions, include an italicized identifier if useful. In future citations of that case, the identifier can replace the full case name.


R11.2.16. If a mandamus action is known by the name of the judge against whom the writ is sought, that name can be indicated in an italicized parenthetical.

Example: Jones v. United States District Court (Smith), 89 U.S. 233 (2011).

R11.2.17. If a case is known both by the reported name and a distinct short form name, always include the reported name in a full citation. The short name may be included in italics in a parenthetical.


R11.2.18. Abbreviate any commonly recognized organizations, such as the SEC and the ACLU.

R11.2.19. If you’re including the case name within a sentence (instead of a citation sentence or clause or a footnote) do NOT abbreviate words listed in the tables referenced in Rule 11.2.6 and Rule 11.2.7 above.

**Correct:** According to *Texas Department of Community Affairs v. Burdine*, once the plaintiff has established a *prima facie* case, there is a rebuttable presumption of unlawful discrimination. 450 U.S. 248, 254 (1981).

**Incorrect:** According to *Texas Dep’t of Cmty. Affairs v. Burdine*, once the plaintiff has established a *prima facie* case, there is a rebuttable presumption of unlawful discrimination. 450 U.S. 248, 254 (1981).

**Exception:** Shorten well-known acronyms and the following eight words: “&,” “Ass’n,” “Bros.,” “Co.,” “Corp.,” “Inc.,” “Ltd.,” and “No.”

**Correct:** In *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Green*, the Supreme Court held that in a disparate treatment case, the plaintiff bears the initial burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of employment discrimination. 411 U.S. 792 (1973).

**Incorrect:** In *McDonnell Douglas Corporation v. Green*, the Supreme Court held that in a disparate treatment case, the plaintiff bears the initial burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of employment discrimination. 411 U.S. 792 (1973).
There are multiple ways to incorporate a case citation in the text of an article, brief, or other written work. In the previous example (reproduced below), the case name is stated in the text and the rest of the citation is included as a separate sentence. There is no strict rule here, so choose whichever method will be clearer to the reader.

In *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Green*, the Supreme Court held that in a disparate treatment case, the plaintiff bears the initial burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of employment discrimination. 411 U.S. 792 (1973)

Alternatively, one can include the entire citation in-text as follows:

In *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Green*, 411 U.S. 792 (1973), the Supreme Court held that in a disparate treatment case, the plaintiff bears the initial burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of employment discrimination.

R11.3. Volume Number, Reporter, First page. The citation should include: volume number of the reporter, abbreviated name of the reporter (listed by jurisdiction in accordance with Table T1), first page of the case.

- **Example:** *Terrible v. Terrible*, 534 P.2d 919 (Nev. 1975) (denying ex-husband’s petition to split up property he and ex-wife owned as tenants in common).

This is how you decode case citations. The left column shows what your citation should look like. The right column shows what the citation means for someone looking for the case.

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<th>Citation</th>
<th>Reporter</th>
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R11.4. Pincite. To direct the reader to the specific page you are referring to, you must include a **pincite** after you list the first page where the case is found in the reporter. If the pincite is the first page of the opinion, be sure to still include it by just repeating the number.
Example: Mattel, Inc. v. MCA Records, Inc., 296 F.3d 894, 908 (9th Cir. 2002) (“The parties are advised to chill.”)

Example: Brown v. State, 216 S.E.2d 356, 356 (Ga. Ct. App. 1975) (“The D. A. was ready. His case was red-hot. Defendant was present, His witness was not.”).

R11.5. Pincite referencing multiple pages or a page range:

1. Multiple pages: Gordon v. Secretary of State of New Jersey, 460 F. Supp. 1026, 1026, 1028 (D.N.J. 1978) (dismissing a complaint charging that plaintiff, by reason of his illegal incarceration in jail, had been deprived of the office of the President of the United States).

2. Page range: Helton v. State, 311 So. 2d 381, 382–84 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 1975) (reciting the prosecutor’s closing arguments in a parody of “‘Twas the Night Before Christmas”).

3. Passim. If your proposition appears in many locations in the opinion, or if you are referring to a general idea that pervades a source, feel free to append the word “passim” instead of a pincite.

Example: Anyone alive in the eighteenth century would have known that the problem of determining a ship’s longitude at sea was one of the most prominent scientific quests of the day. Dava Sobel, Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time passim (1995).

INDIGO INKLING
For page ranges consisting of page numbers 100 or greater, you need only provide the last two digits of the second number in the page range, providing that the preceding digits are identical between the two numbers (e.g., 284–89; 4158–72). Otherwise, include both numbers in their entirety (e.g., 199–231).

INDIGO INKLING
Learn to differentiate between hyphens, en dashes, and em dashes. These three marks all comprise short, horizontal lines that with the help of glasses and/or a magnifying glass, you will see have microscopically varying lengths.

- **Hyphens** (shortest in length) are used for: phrasal adjectives (e.g., “laser-sharp focus,” “larger-than-life character,” and compound words (e.g., “daughter-in-law,” “over-the-counter”).

- **En dashes** (longer than hyphens, shorter than em dashes) are used for: ranges of values (e.g., page ranges) and contrasting or connected pairs of words (e.g., Sarbanes–Oxley Act).

- **Em dashes** (longest in length) are used for: inserting a break in a thought; isolating a concluding phrase; setting on a parenthetical explanation or amplification; and signaling a collection of ideas (e.g., When her new Volkswagen was finally delivered—nearly three months after it was ordered and following the revelation of VW's massive scheme of emissions control fraud—Alice decided she didn't want it).

R11.6. Citing a footnote. To cite a footnote, provide a page number followed immediately with a footnote number, using “n.” to show footnote number. There is no space between “n.” and the footnote number:

- **Example:** *Davis v. City of New York*, 902 F. Supp. 2d 405, 412 n.22 (S.D.N.Y. 2012) (describing how Jay-Z “showcased his knowledge of these Fourth Amendment rights” in his song *99 Problems*).

R12. Court & Year

R12.1. Citations should include both the deciding court and the year of decision in parentheses.

R12.2. See [Table T1](#) for how to abbreviate the names of all U.S. federal and state courts.

See the chart below for common examples:

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<th>Court</th>
<th>Rule</th>
<th>Example</th>
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<td>United States Supreme</td>
<td>Use U.S. if the opinion is published in the</td>
<td><em>Two Pesos, Inc. v. Taco Cabana, Inc.</em>, 505</td>
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<td>2729, 2738 (2011) (noting that Justice Alito</td>
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<td>Federal Courts of Appeals</td>
<td>Either F., F.2d, or F.3d, depending on the decision.</td>
<td><em>Batman v. Commissioner</em>, 189 F.2d 107 (5th Cir. 1951).</td>
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<td><em>Nance v. United States</em>, 299 F.2d 122, 124 (D.C. Cir. 1962) (&quot;How do you know it was me, when I had a handkerchief over my face?&quot;).</td>
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<td>State High Courts</td>
<td>Cite to the regional reporter for the region in which the court sits, if the opinion appears there. If not, cite to the state’s official reporter, as listed in Table T1. Note: If citing an official reporter that publishes only decisions of the state’s highest court (e.g., &quot;Cal.&quot; for the California Supreme Court’s reporter), do not include the court’s name in parentheses.</td>
<td><em>Terrible v. Terrible</em>, 534 P.2d 919 (Nev. 1975).</td>
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<td>Other State Courts</td>
<td>Cite to the regional reporter for the region in which the court sits, if the opinion appears there. If not, cite to the state’s official reporter in Table T1. Note: Do NOT include the department or district of intermediate state courts.</td>
<td><em>Brown v. Swindell</em>, 198 So. 2d 432, 434 (La. Ct. App. 1967) (holding plaintiff could not recover damages for emotional distress allegedly due to embarrassment of owning a three-legged dog).</td>
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**INDIGO INKLING**
See Table T12.1 for the correct abbreviation for each state—even though some may not be consistent (e.g., New York is N.Y., whereas Michigan is Mich.). Also, be mindful of spacing.

R12.3. Parallel Citation in State Court Documents

R12.3.1. When submitting documents to state courts, follow the local rules for citations in Table T3.

R12.3.2. State courts’ local rules often require a parallel citation: i.e., a citation to both the official state reporter and the unofficial regional and/or state-specific reporter, the latter following the former.
R12.3.3. Two important notes:

- Use one pincite per reporter citation.
- When the official reporter title makes the state or court name apparent, then don’t include it again in parentheses.

R12.4. Special Note on Pending and Unreported Cases: Some cases or opinions are not assigned to reporters. They generally can be found in one of the following three sources:

R12.4.1. **LEXIS and Westlaw cases:** Citations to these electronic databases are similar to regular citations, except that they (a) replace the case code with a docket number and a database code supplied by LEXIS or Westlaw, and (b) include the full date of the decision in the following parenthetical, not just the year.

Citations to these electronic databases should be formatted as follows: <Case Name>, <case docket number>, <database identifier and electronic report number>, at *<star page number> <(court, full date)>.

- **Example:** *Yates v. United States*, No. 13–7451, 2015 U.S. LEXIS 1503, at *40 (Feb. 25, 2015) (Citing Dr. Seuss, Justice Kagan explained, “[a] fish is, of course, a discrete thing that possesses physical form.”).


R12.4.2. Slip opinions: A slip opinion is a published decision by a court that has not yet been included in a reporter. If there is a slip opinion for an unreported case, but it’s not in LEXIS or Westlaw, include the docket number, the court, and the full date of the most recent major disposition of the case:


R12.4.3. Opinions only available online, but not in an electronic database: Some cases, particularly ones that are pending, may be accessed only through a court’s website. If so, include the URL.

R12.4.4. Different courts and publishers use different acronyms to identify civil and criminal docket numbers (e.g., CIV-A, Civ. A., Civ., No., etc.). Cite to the case docket number exactly as it appears. If a case has more than one docket number, these acronyms do not need to be included after the first reference:


**R13. Weight of Authority and Explanatory Parenthetical**

R13.1. To highlight information regarding the weight of the cited authority (e.g., for concurring and dissenting opinions), insert an additional parenthetical after the date parenthetical. Remember to separate the parentheticals with a space.

Examples:


R13.2. To explain the proposition for which the case stands, insert an explanatory parenthetical.

Examples:

- *People v. Foranyic*, 74 Cal. Rptr. 2d 804, 807 (Ct. App. 1998) (police have probable cause to detain someone they see riding a bike at 3 a.m., carrying an axe).
R14. History of the Case

R14.1. When citing a case, include the prior or subsequent history of the case, subject to several exceptions. Refer to Table T14 for how to abbreviate explanatory phrases when introducing case history. Italicize the explanatory phrase.

INDIGO INKLING
The United States is a common law system, where court decisions play an important role in defining what the law is. Simply put, there’s good case law and bad case law. To figure out the difference, we have to look at the case’s prior and subsequent history, because our view of what is good law may evolve as a case moves through the appeals process.

R14.2. Always use the following explanatory phrases when applicable and italicize them:

◦ aff’d
◦ aff’g
◦ cert. denied (but drop this explanatory phrase when the Supreme Court’s certiorari denial is more than two years in the past)
◦ cert. granted
◦ rev’d
◦ rev’d on other grounds

Examples:


INDIGO INKLING
Note that in the above examples, the relevant explanatory phrases precede the subsequent history. Explanatory parenthetical information about the preceding case should be included before any subsequent history.

R14.3.
When the case has a different name in the subsequent history, provide the new case name after the italicized phrase “sub nom.” (“under the name of”).


Exception: Do not provide the new case name if either the parties’ names are merely reversed or if the subsequent history is simply a denial of certiorari or rehearing:


R15. Short Form Citation for Cases

R15.1. In Text

R15.1.1. The first time a case is mentioned in the text, include a full citation as shown here:

- Example: In Fenton v. Quaboag Country Club, the court held that the house owners were entitled to an abatement of the trespasses by flying golf balls. 233 N.E.2d 216, 219 (Mass. 1968).

- Example: In Fenton v. Quaboag Country Club, 233 N.E.2d 216, 219 (Mass. 1968), the court held that the house owners were entitled to an abatement of the trespasses by flying golf balls.

R15.1.2. For subsequent cites in text, refer to one party’s name (or an unambiguous reference to the case name), as well as a short form citation in the form of <volume> <Name of Reporter> at <pincite>, as shown here:

- Example: The court in Fenton also held that there was error in the award of damages based on loss of fair market value of property due to the flying balls. 233 N.E.2d at 219.

R15.2. In Citations

R15.2.1. If the reference is unambiguous and the full citation is easily accessible elsewhere, then you may use a short form citation.

R15.2.2. For cases, a short form citation usually includes: <The First Party of the Case Name>, <volume number> <Reporter> at <pincite>. 

**R15.2.3.** Don’t use the first party of the case name if that party either is a geographical or governmental unit or a party name that is used for multiple cases. Otherwise, it may confuse the reader.

- **Example:** *United States v. Carmel*, 548 F.3d 571 (7th Cir. 2008) becomes *Carmel*, 548 F.3d at 573.
- **Example:** *Gonzalez v. Raich*, 545 U.S. 1 (2005) becomes *Raich*, 545 U.S. at 8.

**R15.2.4.** Shorten a long party name . . . but only if the reference remains clear.


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**INDIGO INKLING**

In the absence of a clear rule on this matter, a “preceding five” norm has developed wherein one may continue to use a short form citation as long as the full citation appears in one of the previous five footnotes.

There has been some variation in the application of this rule; for example, some practitioners will continue to use the short form throughout an entire article or brief unless they need to use “id.” repeatedly, in which event they follow the “preceding five” rule to avoid potential ambiguity. However, none of these conventions are absolute.

**R15.3.** Using *Id.*

- **R15.3.1.** If you are citing to the same case referenced in the immediately preceding citation, use *id.* as the short form citation.

- **R15.3.2.** *Id.* should be used only if the preceding citation cites to one source.

  - **Correct:** In examining the third factor—the proximity of the parties’ products in the marketplace—courts assess whether the parties occupy “distinct merchandising markets.” *Hormel Foods Corp. v. Jim Henson Prods., Inc.*, 73 F.3d 497, 504 (2d Cir. 1996); *Naked Cowboy v. CBS*, 844 F. Supp. 2d 510, 517-18 (S.D.N.Y. 2012). For example, would an unsophisticated viewer confuse the source of the long-running daytime television series with
another party’s street performances or his souvenirs? *Naked Cowboy*, 844 F. Supp. 2d at 517-18.

- **Incorrect:** In examining the third factor—the proximity of the parties’ products in the marketplace—courts assess whether the parties occupy “distinct merchandising markets.” *Hormel Foods Corp. v. Jim Henson Prods., Inc.*, 73 F.3d 497, 504 (2d Cir. 1996); *Naked Cowboy v. CBS*, 844 F. Supp. 2d 510, 517-18 (S.D.N.Y. 2012). For example, would an unsophisticated viewer confuse the source of the long-running daytime television series with another party’s street performances or his souvenirs? *Id.*

R15.3.3. If you are referring to the immediately preceding case, but to a different page, use *id.* at `<pincite>`.

- **Example:** In addition to suing all the federal judges in the Southern District of Georgia, the plaintiff also requested the government to fund a sex change for him. *Washington v. Alaimo*, 934 F. Supp. 1395, 1398 (S.D. Ga. 1996). Accordingly, the court ordered plaintiff to show cause why he should not be sanctioned for "filing a motion for improper purposes," such as those hinted at in the title of the pleading, "Motion to Kiss My Ass." *Id.* at 1401.

R15.3.4. *Id.* can be used for all types of authorities—not only for cases.

- **Example:** After conducting research on the use of Yiddish words in law, the authors found that the word “chutzpah” had appeared in 101 cases since 1980. Alex Kozinski & Eugene Volokh, *Lawsuit Shmawsuit*, 103 Yale L.J. 463, 468 (1993). Their search for the use of “schmuck” was impeded “by the fact that many people are actually named Schmuck.” *Id.* at 464–65.

- **Example:** The Supreme Court has consistently proven hostile to any statute that could be interpreted as imposing prior restraint on publications. *See, e.g., Near v. Minnesota ex rel. Olson*, 283 U.S. 697 (1931) (holding that a statute that enabled the state to close down newspapers on grounds they contributed to public nuisance violated the Fourteenth Amendment). The conspicuous absence of prior restraint laws in our nation’s history are indicative of a consistent belief they violate constitutional rights. *Id.* at 718.
C. STATUTES, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE MATERIALS

R16. Federal Statutes

R16.1. Basic citation form

R16.1.1. A full citation to a federal statute includes three things: (1) the official name of the statute; (2) the published source where the act may be found; and (3) indication of either (i) the source publication date or (ii) the year the statute was passed.

R16.1.2. U.S. Code: For citations to the U.S. Code (the preferred citation):


1. The U.S.C. is codified once every six years. Therefore, citations to the U.S.C. should be to the appropriate codifying year (e.g., 2000, 2006, 2012). Cite the most recent edition that includes the version of the statute being cited.

2. Supplements: If you are citing to a statute that may have been amended after the most recent official codification, be sure to consult the supplements, which are published each year between codifications and are cumulative.

Examples:

R16.1.3. U.S. Code Annotated: If the U.S.C. cite is not available, then cite to the U.S. Code Annotated. The citation form is <Name of Statute>, <title> U.S.C.A. § <section number> <(Name of Publisher) <year published>>.

1. Note: Electronic databases like Westlaw or LEXIS generally refer to the most recent unofficial code, such as “U.S.C.A” (United States Code Annotated).


Examples:


R16.1.4. Pinpoint citations: To cite to an individual provision within a statute, use the following form: <Name of Statute> <original section number>, <title> <Abbreviation for Name of Statutory Code> § <section number> <(Name of Publisher, but only if citing unofficial code) <year published>>

1. Include the original section number of the provision after the statute name.

2. “Original section number” refers to the section in the original act, whereas “section number” refers to the equivalent section as codified in the code.

Examples:

R16.1.5. Official Session Laws: If neither a U.S. Code or U.S. Code Annotated citation is available, then cite to official session laws, using the following forms:


2. Cite with pinpoint: <Name of Statute,> Pub. L. No. <____>, <original section number>, <volume> Stat. <page number>, <page pinpoint> <(year passed)>.

Examples:


INDIGO INKLING
“Session laws” are a bound collection of all statutes enacted by a given legislature, each volume collecting statutes chronologically in the year they were passed.

- The Statutes at Large (“Stat.”) is the official compilation for federal session laws.

- Generally, only cite to session laws if the official or unofficial code is unavailable or insufficient, or if you need to refer to the historical fact of the statute’s enactment.

- If the statute name includes the year it was passed, the date parenthetical is unnecessary.

R17. State Statutes

R17.1. Official state codes: You should cite state statutes to official codes if at all possible. State code compilations are ranked by order of preference (in a manner that seems arbitrary); those rankings are available in **Table T3**.

R17.2. The elements of a citation to a state code include: <Name of Code, abbreviated> § <section number> <(year published)>

Examples:
Ala. Code § 13A-12-5(a)(1) (2000) (“A person commits the offense of unlawful bear exploitation if he or she knowingly . . . [p]romotes, engages in, or is employed at a bear wrestling match.”).

N.Y. Arts & Cult. Aff. Law § 60.03 (McKinney 2000) (prohibiting the sale of knowingly forged sports personality autographs).

INDIGO INKLING
Don't worry about the year the statute was passed—the only year that matters is the edition of the code or the publication date of the volume containing the statute.

If you can't find the official code, include the name of the publisher in the date parenthetical, preceding the year.


R18.1. Rules of Evidence and Procedure

R18.1.1. Cite current or uniform rules of evidence or procedure by indicating the abbreviation of the source, followed by the rule number (no comma in between).

Examples:

- Unif. R. Evid. 601.

R18.1.2. We do not mandate specific abbreviations, but here are several suggestions:


R18.2. Restatements

R18.2.1. Cite Restatements by indicating the title of the particular Restatement cited, followed by the number of the section
containing the material you are referencing, followed by the name of the publisher and the year published in parentheses.

- Do not use a comma in between title and section number, or between the section number and the year parenthetical.
- You may in addition refer to a comment by its letter designation if the material you are citing is contained in a comment.
- Comments are abbreviated “cmt.”

Examples:

- Restatement (Second) of Trusts § 46 (Am. Law Inst. 1959).

**INDIGO INKLING**

It is unclear whether the Bluebook requires citation to different volumes. In practice, it makes little difference since the section number will direct the reader to the appropriate volume.

R18.3. Uniform Commercial Code: Cites to the Uniform Commercial code take the following form: U.C.C. § <section number> (<publisher> <year published>).

  - **Example:** U.C.C § 9-105 (Unif. Law Comm’n 2010).

R18.4. Uniform Laws Annotated: Citations to the Uniform Laws Annotated take the following form: <Title of Act> § <section number>, <volume> U.L.A. <page> (<year published>).

1. Use the abbreviations specified in Table T11; thus, “Uniform” becomes “Unif.”

2. Cite the title of the act in full, including year of enactment where it is included in the title.

Examples:

Judge Posner has criticized the long lists of uniform abbreviations mandated by the Bluebook as a contradiction in terms, since a non-obvious abbreviation (one you must learn from a predesignated list) will likely confuse the reader, and so should not be used at all. Still, we follow the system of abbreviations the Bluebook requires as a matter of consistency.

**R19. Administrative Rules and Regulations**

R19.1. Citations to “administrative” rules and regulations—that is, those promulgated by an administrative agency (e.g., the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food and Drug Administration)—take the following form: `<title number of CFR provision> C.F.R. § <section number> <(year published)>.`

R19.2. If the regulation is generally referred to by name or listing the name and/or the name of the agency issuing the regulation would otherwise improve clarity, include it at the beginning of the citation. Citations to administrative rules and regulations that include the regulation name take the following form: `<Name of the Regulation and/or Name of the Agency Promulgating the Regulation>, <title no. of CFR provision> C.F.R. § <section number> <(year published)>.

R19.3. Include a parenthetical to explain content of rule or regulation where that information would be helpful.

**Examples:**

- 36 C.F.R. § 272.1 (2014) (defining the Forest Service’s iconic character as “a fanciful owl, who wears slacks (forest green when colored), a belt (brown when colored), and a Robin Hood style hat (forest green when colored) with a feather (red when colored), and who furthers the slogan, Give a Hoot, Don’t Pollute”).
- DOE Employee Privacy Standards, 10 C.F.R. § 1008.3 (2000).

There aren’t specific rules for state agency citations—just cite them using approximately the same form as you would the federal rules.
R20. Federal Taxation Materials

R20.1. Internal Revenue Code: Citations to the Internal Revenue Code take either of two forms:

R20.1.1. Citations to the code itself take the following form: I.R.C. § <section number> <(year published)>.

R20.1.2. Citations to Title 26 of the U.S. Code, which is where the Internal Revenue Code is codified, take the following form: 26 U.S.C. § <section number> <(year published)>.

Examples:

R20.2. Treasury Regulations

- The Department of the Treasury issues Treasury Regulations pursuant to § 7805 of the Internal Revenue Code. Treasury Regulations are codified in Title 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations (“C.F.R.”), but should be cited as “Treas. Reg.” according to the following form: Treas. Reg. § <section number> <(year published)>.
  If the regulation is temporary, then begin the citation with Temp. Treas. Reg. instead.

Examples:

R20.3. Treasury Determinations

- Cite Revenue Rulings (“Rev. Rul.”), Revenue Procedures (“Rev. Proc.”), and Treasury Decisions (“T.D.”) to the following sources, in the following order of preference:
  - Cumulative Bulletin (“C.B.”)
  - Internal Revenue Bulletin (“I.R.B.”)

Examples:

R21. Legislative Materials

R21.1. Federal Bills and Resolutions
If unenacted, cite as follows: <name of bill, if helpful>, <abbreviation from the list below> <bill number>, <number of the Congress> <section, if not citing the entire bill> <year of publication>, with additional information when needed to distinguish between different versions of the bill in a given Congress, with names of subcommittees and committees abbreviated according to the form set out in Table T5, Table T11, and Table T12.

Select an abbreviation based on the type of bill or resolution:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Senate Bill</td>
<td>S.</td>
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<tr>
<td>House Bill</td>
<td>H.R.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Senate Resolution</td>
<td>S. Res.</td>
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<td>House Resolution</td>
<td>H.R. Res.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Senate Joint Resolution</td>
<td>S.J. Res.</td>
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<td>House Joint Resolution</td>
<td>H.R.J. Res.</td>
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<td>Senate Concurrent Resolution</td>
<td>S. Con. Res.</td>
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<td>House Concurrent Resolution</td>
<td>H.R. Con. Res.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Senate Executive Resolution</td>
<td>S. Exec. Res.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Examples:

◦ H.R. 1746, 111th Cong. § 2(c)(4) (as reported by H. Comm. on Transp. and Infrastructure, Apr. 23, 2009).
When citing Congressional legislation, you can include in your citation whether it was enacted in the first or second session of Congress.

R21.2. Enacted federal bills and resolutions

Once enacted, bills and joint resolutions are statutes and should be cited as such, except cite them as unenacted bills or resolutions when showing the legislation’s history. Cite enacted simple resolutions and concurrent resolutions as if they were unenacted, but add an “(enacted)” parenthetical if it would be helpful.

R21.3. State bills and resolutions

Cite as follows: <number of bill or resolution>, <number, or year if unnumbered, of the legislative body>, <number or designation of the legislative session> <name of state, abbreviated as in Table T12.1, and year of enactment or publication, if unenacted>.

Examples:


R21.4. Committee Hearings

R21.4.1. Cite committee hearings as follows: <full title of hearing>: Hearing on <bill number, if any> Before the <name of committee or subcommittee>, <number of the Congress> <optional pincite to page number> <year of publication> <name and title of speaker>. For the names of subcommittees and committees, abbreviate according to the form set out in Table T5, Table T11, and Table T12. For the names of individuals, abbreviate using Table T10.

R21.4.2. For state committee hearings, cite as follows: <full title of hearing>: Hearing on <bill number, if any> Before the <name of committee or subcommittee>, <number of the legislative session> <optional pincite to page number> <abbreviation for the state’s name from Table T12.1> <year of publication> <name and title of speaker>. For the names of
subcommittees and committees, abbreviate according to the form set out in Table T5, Table T11, and Table T12. For the names of individuals, abbreviate using Table T10.

Examples:


- **Welfare and Poverty in America: Hearing before the S. Comm. on Fin., 114th Cong. (2015) (statement of Dr. Pamela Loprest, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute).**


- **Hearing on L.D. 319 Before the Health and Human Servs. Comm., 127th Leg., Reg. Sess. (Me. 2015) (statement of Susan Lamb, Executive Director, Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers).**

R21.5. Federal reports

R21.5.1. Cite numbered federal reports as follows: `<name of house, in small caps> Rep. No. <number of the Congress, followed by a hyphen and the number of the report>, <at optional pincite> <year of publication> <parenthetical to indicate conference report, if applicable>

Examples:


R21.5.2. Citations to federal and state non-statutory legislative materials, including legislative history and unenacted bills, aren’t expressed in a uniform manner, but generally include the following elements:

- title, if available,
- name of legislative body, abbreviated
• section number, page no. or number of report
• number of Congress and/or legislative session
• (publication year)
• (if the bill or resolution was enacted). Only include this additional parenthetical if the bill was enacted; if unenacted, you don’t need to add anything extra.

Examples:


R22. Short Form Citation of Legislative and Administrative Materials

R22.1. The first time you mention a statute, rule, regulation, or legislative material, use the full citation.

R22.2. For subsequent citations in the same general discussion, you may use any short form that clearly identifies the source.

R22.3. Use of “id.”: see below . . .

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Full citation</th>
<th>id. citation for same provision</th>
<th>id. citation for different provision within same title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>7 U.S.C. § 7101 (2012).</td>
<td>Id.</td>
<td>Id. § 7102(26).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 C.F.R. § 54.1 (2014).</td>
<td>Id.</td>
<td>Id. § 151.9.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

R23. Sources and Authorities: Constitutions

R23.1. Citations to the U.S. Constitution follow a simple form, elaborated below:

- <U.S. Const.> <cited section of constitution, abbreviated> <number of article or amendment in Roman numeral form> <§ and pinpoint, if applicable> <(additional information, if needed)>.

R23.2. Use Table T12 and Table T13 to find abbreviations.

R23.3. Citations to state constitutions are expressed the same format, substituting U.S. with the abbreviated name of the state.
• Examples:
  ◦ U.S. Const. amend. XIII, § 1 (abolishing slavery in the United States).
  ◦ U.S. Const. amend. XVIII (repealed 1933).
  ◦ U.S. Const. pmbl.
  ◦ Ariz. Const. art. XVI, § 2 (providing for the creation of a “National Guard of Arizona”).

INDIGO INKLING
Perhaps because constitutions are considered Capital-I important, they should never be expressed in the short form except for *id.*

D. COURT & LITIGATION DOCUMENTS

R24. Citing Court or Litigation Documents from Your Case
The full citation for a court or litigation document includes:

R24.1. Document title
  ◦ Use the tables to figure out what to abbreviate.
    ◦ **Exception**: Never abbreviate if the abbreviation would confuse the reader.
    ◦ Always abbreviate an official record, such as the appellate record, to “R.”
  ◦ **Example**: For their own profit and advantage, Defendants are misappropriating the non-transformed, copyrighted material in which each Plaintiff has invested heavily. Compl. for Copyright Infringement II.

R24.2. The exact page and line (or paragraph) you’re referring to
  ◦ Use “at” if citing to an appellate record.
  ◦ Don’t use “p.” before the page number.
  ◦ Use commas only if necessary to avoid confusion.
  ◦ Use colon to separate page and line.

R24.3. Date of document, if the date is particularly relevant or omitting the date could cause confusion
Miller Aff. ¶ 8, Jan. 12, 2015.
Pl.’s Br. 4–5, May 7, 2014.
Trial Tr. vol. 3, 45, Mar. 5, 2015.

R24.4. Electronic Case Filing number, if applicable:

- Include an ECF number in your own case whenever a document has been filed electronically. For other cases, the ECF number is optional unless it is necessary to find the document.
- Find the ECF number on PACER, a federal case management system that assigns each case document a document number.
- Use the page number on the original document, not the ECF page number.

R24.5. Citations to court or litigation documents may also be enclosed in parentheses:

- (Mem. Opp’n 7)

Examples:

- Defendants’ evidence in support of their “fraud on the copyright office” defense consists of nothing more than unsupported assertions in their Motion, multiple irrelevant affidavits from previously undisclosed third parties, inadmissible correspondence between counsel, and examples of prior lawsuits that all ended short of judicial determination. Pl.’s Resp. to Defs.’ Mot. for Summ. J. at 14.
- Pl.’s Compl. ¶ 12, ECF No. 147.

R25. Citing Court or Litigation Documents from Another Case

R25.1. After you cite to the document according to the rules set out directly above, add the full citation for the case where it comes from, and end with the case docket number in parentheses.

R25.2. If there has been no decision in the case you’re citing, then replace the year in parentheses with the date on which the filing was made.

Examples:

R26. Short Form Citation for Court Documents

Use a short form citation for court documents when:

1. there is no mistaking what the short citation refers to;
2. the full citation is not too far away (the full citation can be to the case itself, any other document from the case, or to the same document); and
3. the reader has easy access to the full citation.

Don’t use “id.” for court documents, unless it saves a lot of space. Unlike cases, court documents may be cited using supra.

Examples:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Full Form (Original citation)</th>
<th>Short Form Citation (subsequent reference)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

R27. Capitalization Within the Text of Court Documents and Legal Memoranda

R27.1. Capitalize “Court” if:

- you are referring to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- you are referring to the court you’re sending the document to.
- you are naming the court in full.

Example: The U.S. Court of Appeals held that actress’s performance satisfied minimum requirements for performance to be copyrightable.

But: The *Aalmuhammed* court explained that “the word author is traditionally used to mean the originator or the person who causes something to come into being.”
R27.2. Capitalize “Plaintiff,” “Defendant,” “Appellant” and “Appellee,” unless you are referring to parties from other litigation.

- **Example:** The Court concluded that it was unclear whether the Plaintiff had a copyright interest in her acting performance.
- **But, if referring to parties from other litigation:** In *Bobbs-Merrill* the plaintiff-copyright owner sold its book with a printed notice announcing that any retailer who sold the book for less than one dollar was liable for copyright infringement.

R27.3. Capitalize **court document titles** if:

- the document is filed in your dispute and
- you’re using the exact title or short form. (Do not abbreviate court documents within the text.)

R27.4. Do not capitalize the name for a type of court document, such as an injunction, petition, etc.

**E. BOOKS & NON-PERIODICALS**

**R28. Full Citation for Books & Non-Periodicals**

A full citation to a book or other non-periodical is made up of the following elements:

1. Volume number (if there is more than one volume).
2. Names of the authors, as listed on the publication.
   - For two authors, list in the same order and use an “&.”
   - For more than two authors, use an “et al.” after the first name and stop there. (If you’re bored, feel free to list out all the authors with an “&” before the last.)
   - Use titles that follow an author’s name (Sr.) but not titles that precede them (Hon.)
3. Italicized title of the publication, capitalized as necessary.
   - For law review articles, use small caps for both the title and author, and do not italicize the title.
4. The exact page number you are referring to. If you are citing a work organized using sections or paragraphs, use those instead, adding a page number only if helpful.
5. Year of publication, name of editor or translator (if applicable), edition (if more than one), all in parentheses.
   ◦ If listing an editor or a translator, then follow the name with ed., or trans., respectively. Include that comma before the year of publication.
   ◦ Cite the most recent edition, unless you have a really good (read: substantive) reason for citing older.

Examples:

• Marc A. Franklin et al., *Mass Media Law Cases and Materials* 472 (8th ed. 2011).

R29. Short Form Citation for Books & Non-Periodicals

R29.1. *Id.*: References to books or non-periodical material cited in the immediately preceding citation (when that citation contains only one source) should be followed by “*id.*”
   ◦ Update the page number you’re referring to within that source, as needed.
   ◦ Do not use for internal cross references, or for citing back to a body of collected works when you are really supposed to be citing a single work from that body.

R29.2. *supra*: Can be used instead of “*id.*” Supra should include:
   ◦ last name of the author
   ◦ italicize “*supra*”, but not the comma that follows
   ◦ update the specific page you’re referring to

Examples:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Full:</th>
<th>Id.:</th>
<th>Supra</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
### F. JOURNALS, MAGAZINES, & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

**R30. Full Citation for Journals, Magazines & Newspaper Articles**

R30.1. Citations to **consecutively paginated journals** (that is, journals in which page numbering is continued from the last issue) take the following form:

<Author’s Name(s)>, *Italicized Title of the Article*, *Name of Publication, abbreviated*, *page number of first page of article cited*, *pincite, if citing to specific point* *<year published>*.


R30.2. Citations to **journals and magazines with standard pagination** (that is, where pagination re-starts for every issue) take the following form:

<Author’s Name(s)>, *Italicized Title of the Article*, *Name of Publication, abbreviated*, *full date of publication*, at *page number of first page of article cited*. You may add a pincite to the end of the citation, if you are citing to a particular point in the article, in the following form: , *pincite*.


R30.3. Citations to material written by students in law journals take the following form: <Author’s Name(s), if signed with more than initials>, *Designation of Piece*, *Italicized Title of the Article*, *Name of Publication, abbreviated*, *page number of first page of article cited*, *pincite, if citing to specific point* *<year published>*.

Examples:

Citations to newspaper articles take the following form: <Author’s Name(s), if signed>, <Italicized Title of the Article>, <Name of Publication, abbreviated>, <full date of publication>, at <number of first page of article>.

Examples:


R31. Short Form Citation for Journals, Magazines & Newspaper Articles

If you have already cited a work from a periodical in full . . .

R31.1. Use “id.” to avoid placing two full citations that are exactly the same right next to each other.

- Example: The 24-year-old pop star spoke with TIME this fall as she readied for the release of her new album and again as she watched its record reception. Jack Dickey, The Power of Taylor Swift, Time, Nov. 24, 2014, at 13. ‘Other women who are killing it should motivate you,’ she says. Id.

R31.2. Use “supra” when you’ve used the full citation before, but it’s not right next to the sentence you will provide the citation for now. Use a shortened title if you cite to multiple sources from the same author.

- Example: Brown, Bridging The Gap, supra, at 320.
G. INTERNET SOURCES

R32. General Principles for Internet Sources

R32.1. When an authenticated, official, or exact copy of a document is available online, cite as if to the equivalent print source (i.e., URL information should not be included).

◦ Exact copy: unaltered online reproduction of the entirety of a printed source, including pagination.

◦ Official copy: version of document designated “official” by a federal, state, or local government.

◦ Authenticated copy: source that uses some authenticating tool, such as a digital signature. This is generally the preferred version.

R32.2. For sources that are available in a non-internet source, append the URL to the end of the citation if doing so would make accessing the source significantly easier.


R32.3. For Internet sources that have the characteristics of a print source, cite as if you were citing the print source, and append the URL to the end of the citation. Internet sources have the characteristics of a print source if the source has all the information needed to cite it according to another rule and the source has a fixed, permanent pagination (such as a PDF).

R32.4. For cites directly to webpages and other Internet sources, follow the formula in Rule 33, below.

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Note that many of the Internet citation rules are little more than common sense (that’s a compliment, not a dig). For example: include the URL that most directly links your reader to the authority, as you don’t want to send readers on a wild goose chase through the recesses of the Internet in search of a source. For completeness sake, we include these rules below, even though most people would probably intuit them.
R33. Basic Formula for Internet Sources

Citations to Internet sources follow this form: <Author Name>, <Title of Website Page>, <Main Website Title>, <pincite> <(Date & Time Accessed)>, <URL>.

R33.1. Author Name(s)

R33.1.1. Actual authors: When available, use the name(s) of the actual authors(s) of the source.

R33.1.2. Institutional authors: When the name of the actual author is unavailable, use the name of the institution associated with the source if one is clearly apparent.

  • Institutional authors should be omitted if the website’s title makes the domain’s owner clear.

  • Institutional authors should be abbreviated (see Table T11 and Table T12 for abbreviations).

R33.1.3. Forum authors: For web posts and comments, use the actual name of the post author, or the username of the post author if the actual name is not available.

  • For comments, the author of the comment should be included if available, but the author of the original post need not be cited.

R33.1.4. If the name of the author is unavailable in each of the above forms, it may be omitted from the basic formula.

R33.2. Title of Specific Website Page

R33.2.1. Include the particular cited page within the website. This title should be based on either the title bar or the heading of that page as viewed in the browser.

R33.2.2. The included title should be informative but not unduly long, if possible.

R33.2.3. Include the title of certain pages linked from main website when relevant, including postings, comments, and titles of subheadings (in italics). Where relevant, as in comments, subheadings should indicate their relationship to the page to which they are responsive.

  • Example: Mike Masnick, Left Shark Bites Back: 3D Printer Sculptor Hires Lawyer To Respond to Katy Perry’s Bogus Takedown, TechDirt (Feb. 9, 2015, 12:27 PM), https://www.techdirt.com/


R33.2.4. Descriptive titles (not italicized) may also be used where page headings alone are not clear.

- **Example:** Parker Higgins & Sarah Jeong, Archive of 5 Useful Articles Newsletter, 5 Useful Articles, http://tinyletter.com/5ua (last visited March 2, 2015).

R33.3. Main Website Title

R33.3.1. Include the domain name/ homepage where the citation may be found.

R33.3.2. Title should be abbreviated (see Table T12, Table T15, and Table T18 for abbreviations).

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Think of a *webpage* as the page in your Internet browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.) where you can scroll up and down. Think of a *website* as a group of webpages that work together. For example, abovethelaw.com is a website. Once you click on an article or a tab, then you’re on a webpage.

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R33.4. Pincite

R33.4.1. Include when an electronic document preserves the pagination of a printed version. Cite to pages as they would appear on the document if printed.


R33.5. Date & Time

R33.5.1. Omit time (i) if the source is not updated throughout the day or (ii) if there is no time listed.
R33.5.2. If no date is provided, cite to the *last modified* or *last updated* date for the URL, or, if none of the above are provided, use the *last visited* date. Any date cited in one of these three formats should be placed after the URL in the citation.


R33.6. URL

R33.6.1. Cite in its entirety unless the URL is especially long or unwieldy.

R33.6.2. If the URL is too long and unwieldy, cite just to the root URL and include a parenthetical directing the user to the specific material cited.

R33.6.3. When helpful, include URL to an archived version of the webpage in brackets.

R33.6.4. When a website is served by multiple URLs, use the primary one.


INDIGO INKLING
When a document is available in multiple formats, cite to the format that best preserves the document as it would display if printed. This will allow citations to specific page numbers (for pincites) regardless of whether it is being viewed digitally or in print. For example, PDF is preferred over HTML.

R34. Short Form Citations for Internet Sources

Id. and supra can be used, together with the author name, as a short form citation following the full citation of an Internet source. Note: if no author is provided, use the title of the source (see section [NUMBER], above).

Examples:


• Short form: Cillizza, supra.


• Short form: Superfan Suits, supra.

H. EXPLANATORY PARENTHETICALS

Sometimes, it is helpful to include extra information to explain the relevance of certain citations. This information goes at the end of your citation but before any citation indicating subsequent history. Explanatory parentheticals may consist of present participles, direct quotations, or short statements.

R35. General Principles for Explanatory Parentheticals

R35.1. If not quoting the authority, do not begin parenthetical with capital letter.

- Example: Dr. Seuss Enters., L.P. v. Penguin Books USA, Inc., 109 F.3d 1394 (9th Cir. 1997) (holding that publisher’s parody of O.J. Simpson murder trial was substantially similar to copyrighted work).

R35.2. If quoting the authority, only begin parenthetical with capital letter and end with a period when the parenthetical quoted is or reads as a complete sentence.
Example: See Ty, Inc. v. Publ’ns Int’l Ltd., 292 F.3d 512, 520 (7th Cir. 2002) (“[T]he shortage that creates the secondary market stampedes children into nagging their parents to buy them the latest Beanie Babies, lest they be humiliated by not possessing the Beanie Babies that their peers possess.”).

R36. Order of parentheticals

(date) (hereinafter <short name>] (en banc) (<Lastname, J.>, concurring) (plurality opinion) (per curiam) (alteration in original) (emphasis added) (footnote omitted) (citations omitted) (quoting <another source>) (internal quotation marks omitted) (citing <another source>), http://www.domainname.com (explanatory parenthetical), prior or subsequent history.

When citing directly to Internet sources, the “hereinafter” parenthetical should come right after the URL or, if one exists, the “last visited” parenthetical.

I. QUOTATIONS

R37. General Principles for Quotations

R37.1. Quotations should be designated with quotation marks, except for block quotations.

R37.2. The quotation should flow with the rest of the text unless it is a block quotation (see below).

R37.3. Punctuation that is part of the quoted text should appear inside the quotation marks. Commas and periods that are not part of the quoted text should also appear inside the quotation marks.

R37.4. Insert the citation sentence for the quoted material directly after the close of the quotation marks.

R38. Alterations of Quotations

R38.1. Omission of Letters from a Common Root Word: Place an empty bracket at the end of a common root word to indicate the change.

- Example: “The court dismissed the claim[].”

R38.2. Mistakes in the Original Quotation: To acknowledge a significant mistake in the original quotation, keep the problematic word or phrase and follow it with [sic] to indicate this to the reader.
R38.3. Substitution of Letters or Words: Any substitutions into quoted material should be bracketed. This includes . . .

- words which might add clarity and context
- changes to the capitalization of letters

  - Example: “[T]he [Copyright] Office is a department of the Library of Congress.”

R38.4. Use of Parenthetical Clauses to Indicate Changes to Quotation

- (emphasis added)
- (alteration in original)
- (citation omitted)
- (emphasis omitted)
- (internal quotation marks omitted)
- (footnote omitted)

R38.5. When using a quotation within a quotation, you can either (1) attribute it to the original source with a parenthetical, or (2) acknowledge it by signalling that its citation has been omitted.

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The following should not be indicated in a parenthetical:

- Emphasis (indicated by italics/underline) in a quotation that was copied from the original source.
- Omission of a citation or footnote call number that follows a quotation.

R39. Omissions in Quotations

R39.1. Generally

- Omissions are indicated by an ellipsis [ . . . ]
- The ellipsis in legal writing is represented by three periods, with a space after the last letter of the preceding phrase, a space between each period, and a space before the first letter of the following phrase.
• An ellipsis never begins a quotation.

R39.2. When omitting the beginning of a quoted sentence, do not use an ellipsis. Instead, capitalize the first letter and place it in brackets.

• Example: “[T]he actual knowledge provision turns on whether the provider actually or subjectively knew of specific infringement, while the red flag provision turns on whether the provider was subjectively aware of facts that would have made the specific infringement objectively obvious to a reasonable person.”

R39.3. When omitting the middle of a quoted sentence, insert an ellipsis to indicate the omission

• Example: “The difference between actual and red flag knowledge is . . . between a subjective and an objective standard.”

R39.4. When Using a Quotation as a Complete Sentence

• Example: “The difference between actual and red flag knowledge is thus not between specific and generalized knowledge, but instead between a subjective and an objective standard. In other words, the actual knowledge provision turns on whether the provider actually or subjectively knew of specific infringement, while the red flag provision turns on whether the provider was subjectively aware of facts that would have made the specific infringement objectively obvious to a reasonable person.” Viacom Int’l, Inc. v. YouTube, Inc., 676 F.3d 19, 31 (2d Cir. 2012).

R39.5. When Using a Quotation as a Phrase or Clause: If there is an omission within the quotation, mark the omission with an ellipsis.


R39.6. When omitting material at the end of one sentence and the beginning of the next sentence, use one ellipsis to mark the omission but include the final punctuation mark of the first sentence as well as bracket and capitalize the first letter of the following sentence.

• Example: “The difference between actual and red flag knowledge is thus not between specific and generalized knowledge . . . . [T]he red flag provision turns on whether the provider was subjectively aware of facts that would have made the specific infringement objectively obvious to a reasonable person.”
R39.7. When omitting the end of a quoted sentence, insert an ellipsis between the last letter quoted and the punctuation mark of the original quote.

- **Example:** “The difference between actual and red flag knowledge is thus not between specific and generalized knowledge . . . .”

R39.8. When omitting a footnote or citation, insert a parenthetical indicating the omission immediately after the citation to the quoted source (see above).

R39.9. When omitting material following a *final punctuation mark*, do not use an ellipsis.

- **Example:** “The difference between actual and red flag knowledge is thus not between specific and generalized knowledge, but instead between a subjective and an objective standard.”

R39.10. When omitting material following a *final punctuation mark* but including material in the next sentence use an ellipsis to connect the final punctuation with the beginning of the new quote and capitalize and bracket the next letter.

- **Example:** “The difference between actual and red flag knowledge is thus not between specific and generalized knowledge, but instead between a subjective and an objective standard. . . . [T]he red flag provision turns on whether the provider was subjectively aware of facts that would have made the specific infringement *objectively* obvious to a reasonable person.”

**R40. Special Rules for Block Quotations**

R40.1. Basic form: Set off quotations consisting of 50+ words into a block quotation, which appears as in the example below:

Here is where the block quotation should begin and here is where it should end. See the indentations on the right and left sides? This is how it should appear in your writing. The reasoning behind this setup is to offset the lengthy quotations from the rest of the text and to clearly indicate that this is all directly cited material.

R40.2. Formatting of block quotations.

- Block quotations are single spaced.
- Indent both left and right.
- Block quotations should be formatted with “full justification”—that is, all lines in a paragraph are expanded so they butt up against both the
left and right text margins. Note that this is not a Bluebook requirement, but it is required by many law reviews.

- DO NOT use quotation marks surrounding the block quotation.
- Internal quotation marks should appear as in the original.
- The citation following a block quotation should start at the line’s left margin, without any indentation.

**Example:** Judge Patterson explains the excellence of the *Harry Potter* series:

Plaintiff J.K. Rowling is the author of the highly acclaimed *Harry Potter* book series [. . .] Written for children but enjoyed by children and adults alike, the *Harry Potter* series chronicles the lives and adventures of Harry Potter and his friends as they come of age at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and face the evil Lord Voldemort. [. . .] It is a tale of a fictional world filled with magical spells, fantastical creatures, and imaginary places and things [. . .]

Here is where some have noted that the Bluebook rules sometime produce odd results. The Bluebook makes no exception for quotations of 50 or more words in parentheticals, meaning that the following footnote is formatted correctly, if bizarrely:

See id. (citations omitted)).

[Source: http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2005/05/the_bluebook_is.html]
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Some cases presided over by Circuit Justices are found in other reporters. Cite to these cases in the following manner:

- *Williamson v. United States*, 184 F.2d 280 (Jackson, Circuit Justice, 2d Cir. 1950).

Courts of Appeals (e.g., 2d Cir., D.C. Cir.), previously Circuit Courts of Appeals (e.g., 2d Cir.), and Court of Appeals of/for the District of Columbia (D.C. Cir.): Cite to F., F.2d, or F.3d.

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- *Davey v. The Mary Frost*, 7 F. Cas. 11 (E.D. Tx. 1876) (No. 3591).

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#### Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA)

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- **Example**: RMTC Sys., Inc., ASBCA No. 43466, 93-1 BCA ¶ 25,508.

#### Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA)

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#### Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

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#### Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

**Decisions**: Cite as *<case name>, CFPB No. <decision number>, <secondary source if available> (<date>).*

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Decisions: Cite to the Agriculture Decisions (Agric. Dec).


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## Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

The two official reporters of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and its predecessors are the *Administrative Decisions Under Immigration and Nationality Laws* (I. & N. Dec.) and the *Customs Bulletin and Decisions* (Cust. B. & Dec).

## Department of Justice

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## Department of Labor

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Note that these decisions have not been reported in any official reporter or service.

**Decisions in Enforcement Actions Brought by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs:** Cite as `<case name>`, `<docket number>`, `<description of decision>` (Dep’t of Labor <date>).

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- Interior Board of Land Appeals  IBLA
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At the end of a citation, indicate parenthetically when an administrative law judge issued the decision, rather than the commission.


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A decision that is not cited in any service or database may be cited as a slip opinion using Rule 12.4.2(b).


### Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

**Interpretive Letters, No-Action Letters, and Exemptive Letters:** Cite a service or an electronic database (Rule 12.4.1). In the citation, include the correspondent’s full name and the date that the letter became publicly available.


MP Environmental Funding LLC, SEC Interprative Letter, 2007 WL 2838964 (Sep. 19, 2007)

**Releases:** Cite the *Federal Register*, SEC Docket, or a service (Rule 19). Releases that have subject-matter title may be presented in a short form. Make sure to include the act under which the release was issued, the release number, and the date.


If the release is an adjudication, abbreviate the parties’ names according to Rule 11.


If the adjudication occurred before an administrative law judge, indicate this fact in the date parenthetical.

If a particular release is issued under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or the Investment Company Act, a parallel citation should be given in that order.

**Staff Interpretations:** Cite SEC Staff Accounting Bulletins, Staff Legal Bulletins, and Telephone Interpretations as follows:

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| SEC Filings: For annual reports, proxy statements, and other company filings required under federal securities laws, provide the name of the company (abbreviated according to Rule 15.1), the title as given in the document, the form type in parentheses, the page number if applicable, and the full date of filing with the SEC.  


If citing annual reports, proxy statements, or other documents in a form other than that filed with the SEC, treat as books under Rule 15.  


| Small Business Administration (SBA) |

**Decisions:** Cite decisions as: `<party name>`, SBA No. `<docket number>` (<date>).  


The docket number indicates the type of decision:  

| Small disadvantaged business | SDBA |
| Size determination           | SIZ  |
| Service disabled veteran owned business | VET |
| Business development program | BDP  |
| North American Industry Classification System | NAICS |

| Social Security Administration (SSA) |

**Rulings and Acquiescence Rulings:** For Social Security Rulings, cite as SSR; for Social Security Acquiescence Rulings, cite as SSAR.  

Cite to the *Social Security Rulings, Cumulative Edition* (S.S.R. Cum. Ed.). If not published there, cite to another official source, such as the *Code of Federal Regulations* or the *Federal Register*. Otherwise, cite a commercial database or other source.  


| Surface Transportation Board (STB) |

For materials from the Surface Transportation Board, cite to the *Surface Transportation Board Reporter* (S.T.B.). For materials from its predecessor, cite to the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), to the *Interstate Commerce Commission Reporter* (I.C.C., I.C.C. 2d).  

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**Court of Civil Appeals (Ala. Civ. App.) and Court of Criminal Appeals (Ala. Crim. App.), before 1969**

**Court of Appeals (Ala. Ct. App.):** Cite to So., So. 2d, or So. 3d.

- **Southern Reporter** 1911–date: So., So. 2d, So. 3d

**Statutory compilations:** Cite to Ala. Code (published by West).

- Code of Alabama, 1975 (West): Ala. Code § x-x-x (<year>)
- Michie’s Alabama Code, 1975 (LexisNexis): Ala. Code § x-x-x (LexisNexis <year>)

**Session laws:** Cite to Ala. Laws.

- West’s Alabama Legislative Service: <year> Ala. Legis. Serv. <page no.> (West) 

**Administrative compilation**

- Alabama Administrative Code: Ala. Admin. Code r. x-x-x.x (<year>)

**Administrative register**


**Alaska**

**Supreme Court (Alaska):** Cite to P.2d or P.3d.

- Pacific Reporter: 1960–date: P.2d, P.3d

**Court of Appeals (Ala. Ct. App.):** Cite to P.2d or P.3d.

- Pacific Reporter: 1980–date: P.2d, P.3d

**District Courts of Alaska (D. Alaska):** These courts had local jurisdiction from 1884 to 1959. Cite to F. Supp., F., or F.2d; else, cite to Alaska or Alaska Fed., in that order of preference.

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**United States District Courts for California and Oregon, and District Courts of Washington (D. Cal., D. Or., D. Wash.):** These courts had local jurisdiction in Alaska until 1884. Cite to F. or F. Cas.

| Federal Reporter                             | 1880–1884  | F.             |
| Federal Cases                                | 1867–1880  | F. Cas.        |

**Statutory compilations:** Cite to Alaska Stat.

| Alaska Statutes (LexisNexis)                 | Alaska Stat. § x.x.x (<year>)          |
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| Alaska Administrative Code (LexisNexis)     | Alaska Admin. Code tit. x, § x.x (<year>) |

**Arizona**

**Supreme Court (Ariz.):** Cite to P., P.2d, or P.3d.

| Pacific Reporter                            | 1883–date | P., P.2d, P.3d |
| Arizona Reports                              | 1866–date | Ariz.          |

**Court of Appeals (Ariz. Ct. App.):** Cite to P.2d or P.3d.

| Pacific Reporter                            | 1965–date | P.2d, P.3d    |
| Arizona Reports                              | 1976–date | Ariz.         |

**Tax Court (Ariz. Tax Ct.):** Cite to P.2d or P.3d.

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**Arkansas**

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- Education Educ.
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- Evidence Evid.
- Family Fam.
- Financial Fin.
- Fish and Game Fish & Game
- Food and Agricultural (formerly “Agricultural”) Food & Agric.
- Government Gov’t
- Harbors and Navigation Harb. & Nav.
- Health and Safety Health & Safety
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**Public domain format:** Illinois has adopted a public domain citation format for cases effective July 1, 2011. See [Illinois Supreme Court Rule 6](https://www.illinois.gov/ils/docs/illinois-state-supreme-court/illinois-supreme-court-rule-6.pdf). The format is:

- *People v. Doe*, 2011 IL 102345
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- Iowa Reports (Cite to edition published by Clarke for vols. 1–8.) 1855–1968  Iowa
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- North Western Reporter 1977–date  N.W.2d

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- Code of Iowa  Iowa Code § x.x (<year>)
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- *Smith v. Jones*, 93-2345 (La. 7/15/94); 650 So.2d 500
- *Smith v. Jones*, 93-2345 (La. App. 1 Cir. 7/15/94); 660 So.2d 400
- *Smith v. Jones*, 94-2345, p. 7 (La. 7/15/94); 650 So.2d 500, 504

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- **West's Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure Annotated**

- **West's Louisiana Code of Evidence Annotated**
  La. Code Evid. Ann. art. x (<year>)

- **West's Louisiana Constitution Annotated**
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- Oklahoma Administrative Code: Okla. Admin. Code § x:x-x-x (<year>)

**Administrative registers:** Cite to one of the following sources.

- Oklahoma Register 1983–date: <vol. no.> Okla. Reg. <page no.> (<month day, year>)

## Oregon

**Supreme Court (Or.):** Cite to P., P.2d, or P.3d.

- Pacific Reporter: 1883–date
  - P., P.2d, P.3d
- Oregon Reports: 1853–date
  - Or.

**Court of Appeals (Or. Ct. App.):** Cite to P.2d or P.3d.

- Pacific Reporter: 1969–date
  - P.2d, P.3d
- Oregon Reports, Court of Appeals: 1969–date
  - Or. App.

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- *Jones v. Smith*, 1999 PA Super 1

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**Session laws:** Cite to Pa. Laws.

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- **Pennsylvania Code (Fry Communications)**
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- **Pennsylvania Bulletin (Fry Communications)**
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### Rhode Island

#### Supreme Court (R.I.): Cite to A., A.2d or A.3d.

- **Atlantic Reporter**: 1885–date, A., A.2d, A.3d
- **Rhode Island Reports**: 1828–1980, R.I.

#### Statutory compilations: Cite to R.I. Gen. Laws.

- **General Laws of Rhode Island (LexisNexis)**
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- **Code of Rhode Island Rules (LexisNexis)**
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- **South Carolina Reports** 1868–date S.C.

**Court of Appeals (S.C. Ct. App.):** Cite to S.E.2d.

- **South Eastern Reporter** 1983–date S.E.2d
- **South Carolina Reports** 1983–date S.C.

**Courts of law before 1868:** Cite to South Carolina Law Reports (S.C.L.)

- **Richardson (37–49)** 1850–1868 e.g., 37 S.C.L. (3 Rich.)
- **Strobhart (32–36)** 1846–1850 e.g., 32 S.C.L. (1 Strob.)
- **Richardson (30–31)** 1844–1846 e.g., 30 S.C.L. (1 Rich.)
- **Speers (28–29)** 1842–1844 e.g., 28 S.C.L. (1 Speers)
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- **Hill (19–21)** 1833–1837 e.g., 19 S.C.L. (1 Hill)
- **Bailey (17–18)** 1828–1832 e.g., 17 S.C.L. (1 Bail.)
- **Harper** 1823–1824 16 S.C.L. (Harp.)
- **McCord (12–15)** 1821–1828 e.g., 12 S.C.L. (1 McCord)
- **Nott and McCord (10–11)** 1817–1820 e.g., 10 S.C.L. (1 Nott & McC.)
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**Administrative compilation**: Administrative regulations appear in volumes 1–10 of S.C. Code Ann. This publication should not be confused with the statutory compilation of the same name, which also contains volumes 1–10.

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**Administrative register**

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## South Dakota

**Public domain citation format:** South Dakota has adopted a public domain citation format for cases after December 31, 1996. See South Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure § 15-26A-69.1 and Supreme Court Rule 10-05. The format is:

- *Smith v. Jones*, 1996 S.D. 15, 600 N.W. 2d 900
- *Smith v. Jones*, 1996 S.D. 15, ¶ 21, 500 N.W.2d 900, 901

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**Abbreviation**

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**Abbreviation**

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For additional information on the history and structure of Texas courts and on local citation rules, the following sources are suggested: Texas Law Review Ass’n, The Greenbook: Texas Rules of Form (12th ed. 2010); Lydia M.V. Brandt, Texas Legal Research (1995); and A Reference Guide to Texas Law and Legal History (Karl T. Gruben & James E. Hambleton eds., 2d ed. 1987).

**Statutory compilations:** Texas is nearing the completion of a recodification of its laws. Cite to the new subject-matter Tex. Code Ann., if found there; else, cite to Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. or to one of the independent codes contained in the series Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes or Vernon’s Texas Statutes Annotated. Note that the independent codes are not part of the new subject-matter Tex. Code Ann.

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### Utah

**Public domain citation format:** Utah has adopted a public domain citation format for cases after December 31, 1998. See *Utah Supreme Court Standing Order No. 4* (effective Jan. 18, 2000). The format is:


**Supreme Court (Utah):** Cite to P., P.2d, or P.3d.

| Pacific Reporter | 1881–date | P., P.2d, P.3d |
| Utah Reports | 1873–1974 | Utah, Utah 2d |

**Court of Appeals (Utah Ct. App.):** Cite to P.2d or P.3d.

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**Public domain citation format:** Vermont has adopted a public domain citation format for cases after December 31, 2002. See Vt. R. App. P. 28.2. The format is:

- *Smith v. Jones*, 2001 VT 1, ¶ 12, 169 Vt. 203, 850 A.2d 421

**Supreme Court (Vt.):** Cite to A., A.2d or A.3d.

Atlantic Reporter 1885–date A., A.2d, A.3d

Vermont Reports 1826–date Vt.

Aikens 1825–1828 Aik.


Brayton 1815–1819 Brayt.

Tyler 1800–1803 Tyl.

Chipman, N. 1789–1791 N. Chip.

**Statutory compilations:** Cite to Vt. Stat. Ann. (published by LexisNexis), if found there


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- *Smith v. Jones*, 2000 WI 14, ¶6
- *Smith v. Jones*, 214 Wis. 2d 408, ¶12
- *Doe v. Roe*, 2001 WI App 9, ¶17
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**Wyoming**

*Public domain citation format:* Wyoming has adopted a public domain citation format for cases decided after December 31, 2003. *See* Order Amending Citation Format (Aug. 19, 2005). The format is:

- *Doe v. Roe*, 2001 WY 12
- *Doe v. Roe*, 2001 WY 12, 989 P.2d 1312 (Wyo. 2001)

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### Canal Zone

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (E.D. La.):** This court has jurisdiction over litigation pending as of Apr. 1, 1982, in the United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone. Cite to F. Supp.

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**Note**

1. Abbreviations for city names may also be composed from state name abbreviations above. For example, “Kansas City” should be shortened to “Kan. City.”

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1. For figures, do not add a space between the abbreviation and the number of letter. For example, “fig.4”

2. For footnotes, do not add a space between the abbreviation and the number of letter. For example, “n.4”

3. For historical notes, do not add a space between the abbreviation and the number or letter. For example, “hist. n.4”

4. For tables, do not add a space between the abbreviation and the number of letter. For example, “tbl.4”

**T14. Required Abbreviations for Explanatory Phrases**

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### T18. Required Abbreviations for Common Words Used In Periodical Names

The following guidelines are used for abbreviating periodical names:

1. Use the title of the periodical on the issue you are citing, even if the name of the periodical has changed.

2. Use the abbreviations for common institutional names as listed in Table T15 if the name is listed.

3. If the institutional name is not listed in Table T15, use abbreviations as listed in Table T18 and Table T12.

4. If the word is not found in Table T18 or Table T12, do not abbreviate the word in the abbreviated title.

5. Do not use the words “a,” “at,” “in,” “of,” and “the” in the abbreviated title, but do use the word “on.”

6. If the title consists of “a,” “at,” “in,” “of,” or “the” followed by a single word, do not abbreviate the remaining word.

7. If the periodical title has an abbreviation in it, use the abbreviation.

8. Omit all commas in abbreviated titles, but retain other punctuation.

9. If a periodical title has a colon followed by words, omit all that from the abbreviated title.

10. If a periodical has been renumbered into a new series, indicate that by prefacing the series number with “(n.s.).”

11. If there is an online supplement to a print publication, use the proper abbreviation for the print publication, followed by the name of the online supplement.

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T19. Table of Citation Guides

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T19.1. General Legal Citation Guides

2. Cardiff University, Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations, (2011).
4. Peter W. Martin, Introduction to Basic Legal Citation, (2015).

T19.2. Country-Specific Citation Guides

3. SILC, Standard Indian Legal Citation, (2014).


T20. Tables of Correspondence
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