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Nothing Says "I Love You" Like A Correct Bluebook Citation & Formatting the 1L Brief

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its weight in Behrens v. Harrah's Illinois Corp., N.E.2d 553, 554 (Ill. App. Ct. 2006).

In Behrens, an employee fell asleep driving home after working over 12-hours several days in a row. Id. The court, in relying upon the

Bluebooking for the 1L Brief

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Citations

What is the purpose of a citation?

1. Attribution
2. Help your reader find the thing

Challenge:

How to put the most information into the shortest amount of space

Organization

Court Documents v. Law Reviews

- Blue Pages plus the back cover
 - basic rules
 - examples of citations in briefs
- White Pages
 - detailed breakdown of the elements of a citation
- The Index is your friend

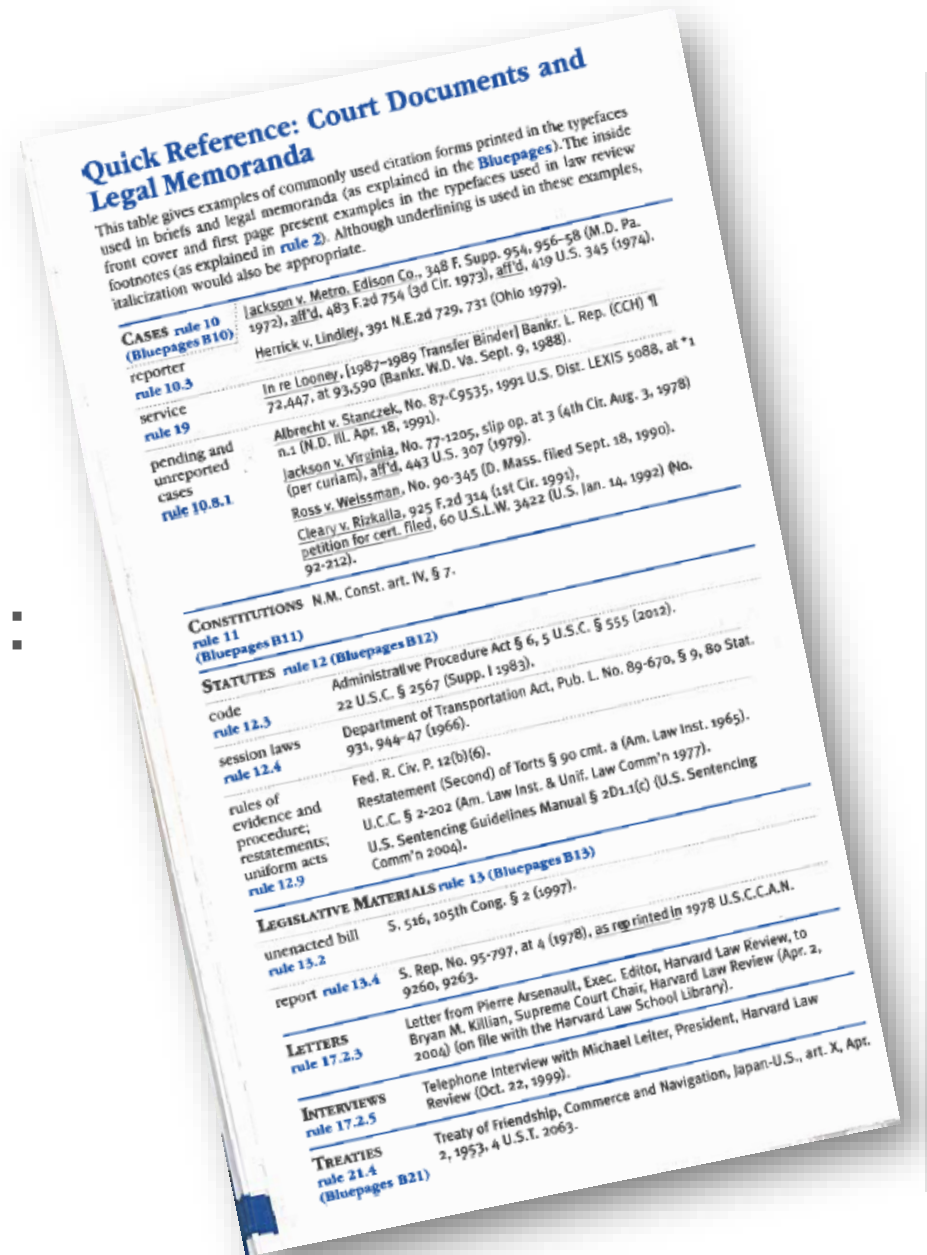


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Typeface Differences B2

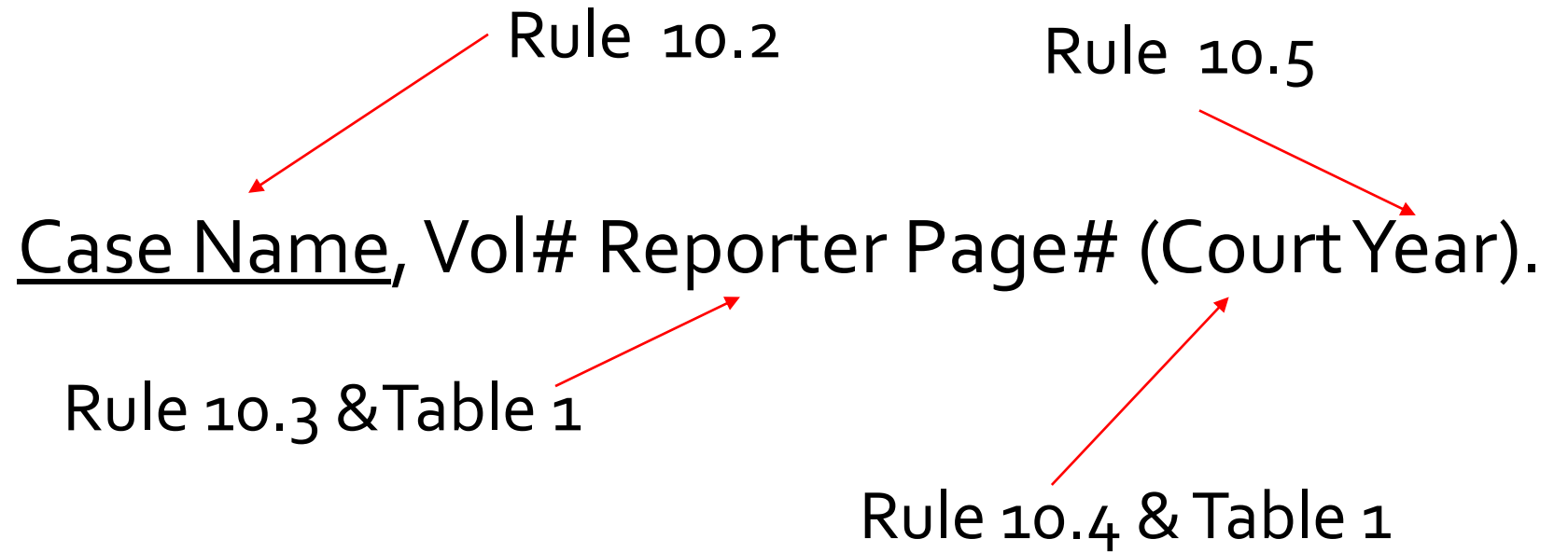
Court Documents v. Law Reviews

- Blue pages Rule B2: typeface for court documents is ordinary type and either *italics* or underscoring.



inside back cover

Basic Format
Cases
R10
T1



- Hull v. Getty Ref. & Mktg. Co., 495 A.2d 445 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. 1985).

Pinpoint Citations B10.1.2

Point reader to specific pages that relate to cited proposition—also called “pincite”

- Hull v. Getty Ref. & Mktg. Co., 495 A.2d 445, 447 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. 1985).
- Hull v. Getty Ref. & Mktg. Co., 495 A.2d 445, 447-49 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. 1985).
- Hull v. Getty Ref. & Mktg. Co., 495 A.2d 445, 447-49, 503 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. 1985).

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State Cases
T1.3

Regional Reporters

“Georgia: Cite to S.E. or S.E.2d, if therein.”

p. 259

Case Names R10.2

Last name only; do not include *et. al.* or “d/b/a”

- Smith v. Jones
- NOT John E. Smith v. Jill Jones
- NOT Smith *et. al.* v. Jones

“The” as the first word of a party’s name

- New York Times v. Gregory
- NOT The New York Times v. Gregory

Case Names

B10.1

R10.2.1(b)

Procedural Phrases

In re. _____

- In the matter of
- Petition of
- Application of

_____ *ex rel.* _____

- on the relation of
- for the use of
- on behalf of
- as next friend of

Sentences

Textual v Citation

Textual

- In Western Utilities & Transportation Co. v. Lakewood Refining, Inc., 450 U.S. 24, 27 (1990), the Court held that punitive damages are recoverable for fraud.

Citation

- Punitive damages are recoverable in fraud actions. W. Utils. & Transp. Co. v. Lakewood Ref., Inc., 450 U.S. 24, 27 (1990).

Abbreviations

R10.2.1 (c)

Rule 6 in the white pages covers abbreviations

- Index points to more detailed rules; e.g., for case names,
 - Rule 10.2.1 (c): **in textual sentences**, abbreviate only widely known acronyms under rule 6.1(b) and these eight words:

&	Ass'n
Bros.	Co.
Corp.	Inc.
Ltd.	No.

If one of these eight words begins a party's name, however, do not abbreviate it.

Abbreviations

B10.1.1

R10.2.2

10.2.2: in citation sentences: always abbreviate any word listed in Table 6, even if the word is the first word in a party's name, unless the word is part of a state, country or other geographic unit that is the entire name of the party.

Words not listed in Table 6 that are eight letters or longer, can be abbreviated if saves space AND is unambiguous.

Key Tables for Cases

T1.3 States

T6 Case Names

T10.1 Geographic

T6 CASE NAMES AND INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORS

T10 GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS

The following list provides abbreviations for geographical locations for use in case citations ([rules 10.2.2](#) and [10.4](#)), names of institutional authors ([rule 15.1\(e\)](#)), periodical abbreviations ([rule 16](#) and [table T13](#)), foreign materials ([rule 20.1](#)), and treaty citations ([rule 21.4.2](#)).

g any word listed below ([rule](#) rds of eight letters or more if t is unambiguous in context. incyclopaedia Britannica” to troleum” to “Petrol.”) Unless ig the letter “s.” Abbreviate ostrophe if the word is plural is singular (Thus, abbreviate imp.’s”).

T10.1 U.S. States, Cities, and Territories

States

▶ Alabama	Ala.	▶ Hawaii	Haw.
▶ Alaska	Alaska	▶ Idaho	Idaho
▶ Arizona	Ariz.	▶ Illinois	Ill.
▶ Arkansas	Ark.	▶ Indiana	Ind.
▶ California	Cal.	▶ Iowa	Iowa
▶ Colorado	Colo.	▶ Kansas	Kan.
▶ Connecticut	Conn.	▶ Kentucky	Ky.
▶ Delaware	Del.	▶ Louisiana	La.
▶ Florida	Fla.	▶ Maine	Me.
▶ Georgia	Ga.	▶ Maryland	Md.
		▶ Massachusetts	Mass.
		▶ Brothers	Bros.
		▶ Director	Director

unication	Commc'n
unity	Cmty.
ny	Co.
nsation	Comp.
ter	Comput.
minium	Condo.
ss[ional]	Cong.
idated	Consol.
ction	Constr.
ntal	Cont'l
ative	Coop.
ut(e, ion)	Corp.
ion(s, al)	Corr.
	Cty.
ler, se)	Def.
nent	Dep't
on	Det.
ment	Dev.
	Dig.
	Nir

Short Form Cases B10.2

B10.2: Short Form Citation allowed as long as:

- Full citation already given in the same general discussion
 - Clear to the reader which authority you are referencing
 - Reader has no trouble locating full citation
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- Hull v. Getty Ref. & Mktg. Co., 495 A.2d 445 (N.J. Super Ct. App. Div. 1985).
 - Hull, 495 A.2d at 447.
 - 495 A.2d at 447.
 - Id. at 447.
 - Use id. only to refer to the *immediately preceding* authority

Signals

B1.2

R1.2-1.4

No signal means:

- Directly states the proposition
- Identifies the source of a quotation
- Identifies an authority referred to in text
- *E.g.*,
 - One of multiple authorities directly stating the same proposition
- *See*
 - Clearly supports but does not directly support
- *See also*
 - Constitutes additional source material that supports the proposition – use of parenthetical information is encouraged (Rule 1.5)

General Advice

- Remember principles:
 - proper attribution
 - findable
- Show that you care
- Be consistent
- Use Blue Pages and inside back cover for examples