

BLUEBOOK CITATIONS FOR LEGAL PRACTICE

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Non-academic legal citations are guided by the Bluepages of the Bluebook
- But, the Bluepages are not as comprehensive as the Whitepages. The Bluepages largely consist of example citations. For more comprehensive information, you should refer to the Whitepages as cross-referenced in the Bluepages, as applicable
- Citations are placed in-text (rather than in footnotes, like the Whitepages)
- The Bluepages favor underlining, but italics are also acceptable
- Consider consulting other useful resources to learn the basics, such as *Understanding and Mastering the Bluebook* by Linda J. Barris or the [online tutorials](#) from *Mastering the Bluebook Interactive Exercises*
- Remember to consult each rule for short form citation guidelines as appropriate

SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

Cases (BB B10)	<p><u>Party v. Party</u>, Court Reporter [page number case starts on], [pincite] (deciding court and year).</p> <p>E.g., <u>Menzies v. Galetka</u>, 150 P.3d 480, 493 (Utah 2006).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abbreviate the party names as necessary according to BB B10.1.1• Check BB T1 for the preferred reporter and the correct court abbreviation• When citing U.S. Supreme Court cases, omit the court name in the parenthetical• Either hyphens or en dashes between page ranges are acceptable
Statutes (BB B12)	<p>[Title number] [abbreviation of code cited] § [specific section cited] (date of code edition cited).</p> <p>E.g., 28 U.S.C. § 1291 (2012).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The date is optional if citing official or unofficial U.S. Code• State statutes follow a different format outlined in BB B12.1.2• Rules of procedure, rules of evidence, model codes, restatements, sentencing guidelines, and the Internal Revenue Code all have special citation forms, which are outlined in BB B12.1.3 and B12.1.4
Constitutions (BB B11)	<p>[state/country] Const. art. [article number in Roman numerals], § [section number], cl. [clause number, if applicable].</p> <p>E.g., Utah Const. art. I, § 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abbreviate the state or country according to BB T10• If citing an amendment, insert the word “amend.” in place of “art.” and include the rest of the citation information listed above• Consult BB 11 for further information on how to cite constitutions
Briefs and other court documents (BB B17)	<p>[abbreviated name of the document] [pincite], [date, if applicable].</p> <p>E.g., Pet’r’s Br. 7.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abbreviate the titles of court documents according to BB BT1• When citing the record in appellate litigation, always abbreviate “Record” to “R.”