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<th>BASIC CITATION FORMATS</th>
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| **The Bluebook, 18th Ed. (2005)**  
(B = bluepages; R = rule #; T = table #) | **California Style Manual, 4th Ed. (2000)**  
(§ = section #) |
| **Cases**  
- no parentheses  
- court/date at end of cite  
- no spaces between single-letter & ordinal abbreviations  
- see local rules about citing official or regional state reporters  
(ED official, ND official or regional, CD official & regional, SD no rule) | (Gauvin v. Trombatore (N.D.Cal. 1988) 682 F.Supp. 1067, 1070.)  
(In re Rosenkrantz (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616.)  
- parentheses  
- court/date within citation  
- no spaces in reporter or district |
| **Constitutions**  
U.S. Const. Art. I, § 5, cl. 3.  
- no comma between “Const.” and “Art.” | (U.S. Const., art. I, § 5, cl. 3.)  
(Cal. Const., art. XIII, § 28, subd. (f), par. (3).)  
- separately note subdivisions and paragraphs; commas at each division |
| **Statutes**  
- include publisher and year  
- cite to official code when possible | (42 U.S.C. § 1983.)  
(Evid. Code, § 451, subd. (b).)  
Evidence Code section 451, subdivision (b).  
- comma after “Code” when within parentheses  
- separately note subdivisions for Cal. statutes, but not for federal statutes  
- no abbreviations if the cite is within the sentence, not a reference at the end  
- Calif. code abbreviations at § 2:8  
§§ 2:2, 2:3 |
| **Regulations**  
- no comma between “Regs.” & “tit.”  
- include year | (7 C.F.R. § 319.76 (2005).)  
(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 3084.1, subd. (a).)  
- comma after “Regs.”; separately note subdivision for state regulations  
- include year for federal regulations  
§§ 2:16 (Cal.), 2:44 (Fed.) |
| **Rules**  
Fed. R. Evid. 410. | (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 224.)  
California Rules of Court, rule 224  
- do not use “subd.”  
- no abbreviations if the cite is within the sentence, not a reference at the end  
- include U.S.C. title for fed. rules  
§§ 2:18, 2:46 |
| **Secondary Sources**  
- full name of author; edition/date at end of cite  
- last name of author only; edition/date within cite  
- abbreviate title as appropriate; chapter title recommended  
§ 3:1 |

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### Signals

*See McDowell v. Watson, 59 Cal. App. 4th 1155 (1997).*

- use italics on signals
- capitalized to begin citation sentence but lower case when used to begin a citation clause
- samples:
  - See/But see: authority clearly supports/contradicts
  - Cf./But cf.: authority supports/contradicts analogous
  - Compare ... with: comparison offers support/illustrates

B4, R1.2

### Parallel Citations


- separate by commas
- use parallel cites if local rule says so

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### Subsequent Citations

**Id.** or **Id. at 65** or **Id. § 1983** refers to immediately preceding authority. Preceding citation may only contain one authority (but ignore authority in explanatory parentheticals). **Supra** is not used for case citations

- italics

B5.2, R4.1, R4.2, R10.9

§§ 1:2[C], 3:1[D]

### Short Forms

May be used so long as:

- it will be clear to reader what is referenced
- earlier full cite is in the same general discussion; and
- reader will have little trouble quickly locating full cite

*Saucier*, 533 U.S. at 199. – or – 533 U.S. at 199.

B5.2, R10.9

### Internet Sites

R18

§§ 1.3 & 1:18 (recently filed Cal. opinions), 2:16[A] (regulations), 2:18 (rules of court), 2:36 (leg. history), 3:15 (general)

### Explanatory Phrases

Use parentheticals for weight of authority, citing/quoting phrases, and case explanations in that order (no italics). Introduce prior and subsequent history w/ italicized phrase; do not place in parentheses.

B5.1.4, B5.1.5, B11, R10.6, R10.7

§§ 1:6, 1:11

### Order of Authority

Cite whatever is more helpful first, or carries most authority. Otherwise: constitutions; statutes treaties/int’l agreements; cases (by level of authority & arranged in reverse chrono order; legislative material; admin.

R1.4

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### Court Documents

B10, BT1

Follow Bluebook rules.

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