

## BASIC CITATION FORMATS

	<b>The Bluebook, 18<sup>th</sup> Ed. (2005)</b> (B = bluepages; R = rule #; T = table #)	<b>California Style Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. (2000)</b> (§ = section #)
<b>Cases</b>	<p><i>Gauvin v. Trombatore</i>, 682 F. Supp. 1067, 1070 (N.D. Cal. 1988).                      Official: <i>McDowell v. Watson</i>, 59 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 1155 (Ct. App. 1977).                      Regional: <i>In re Rosenkrantz</i>, 59 P.3d 174 (Cal. 2002).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no parentheses</li> <li>• court/date at end of cite</li> <li>• no spaces between single-letter &amp; ordinal abbreviations</li> <li>• see local rules about citing official or regional state reporters (ED official, ND official or regional, CD official &amp; regional, SD no rule) B5, R10, T.1</li> </ul>	<p>(<i>Gauvin v. Trombatore</i> (N.D.Cal. 1988) 682 F.Supp. 1067, 1070.)                      (<i>McDowell v. Watson</i> (1997) 59 Cal.App.4th 1155.)                      (<i>In re Rosenkrantz</i> (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parentheses</li> <li>• court/date within citation</li> <li>• <u>no</u> spaces in reporter or district</li> </ul> <p>§§ 1:1, 1:12 et seq. (Cal.), 1:32 et seq. (Fed.)</p>
<b>Constitutions</b>	<p>U.S. Const. Art. I, § 5, cl. 3.                      Cal. Const. Art. XIII, § 28 (f)(3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no comma between “Const.” and “Art.”</li> </ul> <p>R11</p>	<p>(U.S. Const., art. I, § 5, cl. 3.)                      (Cal. Const., art. XIII, § 28, subd. (f), par. (3).)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• separately note subdivisions and paragraphs; commas at each division</li> </ul> <p>§§ 2:2, 2:3</p>
<b>Statutes</b>	<p>42 U.S.C. § 1983 (2000).                      Cal. Evid. Code § 451(b) (West 1995).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• include publisher and year</li> <li>• cite to official code when possible</li> </ul> <p>B6, R12, T.1</p>	<p>(42 U.S.C. § 1983.)                      (Evid. Code, § 451, subd. (b).)                      Evidence Code section 451, subdivision (b).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comma after “Code” when within parentheses</li> <li>• separately note subdivisions for Cal. statutes, but not for federal statutes</li> <li>• no abbreviations if the cite is within the sentence, not a reference at the end</li> <li>• Calif. code abbreviations at § 2:8</li> </ul> <p>§§ 2:6 (Cal.), 2:37 (Fed.)</p>
<b>Regulations</b>	<p>7 C.F.R. § 319.76 (2005).                      Cal. Code Regs. tit. 15, § 3084.1(a) (2005).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no comma between “Regs.” &amp; “tit.”</li> <li>• include year</li> </ul> <p>R14.2, T.1</p>	<p>(7 C.F.R. § 319.76 (2005).)                      (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 3084.1, subd. (a).)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comma after “Regs.”; separately note subdivision for state regulations</li> <li>• include year for federal regulations</li> </ul> <p>§§ 2:16 (Cal.), 2:44 (Fed.)</p>
<b>Rules</b>	<p>Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6).                      Fed. R. Evid. 410.</p> <p>B6.1.3, R12.8</p>	<p>(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 224.)                      California Rules of Court, rule 224                      (Fed. Rules Civ. Proc., rule 12(b)(6), 28 U.S.C.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• do not use “subd.”</li> <li>• no abbreviations if the cite is within the sentence, not a reference at the end</li> <li>• include U.S.C. title for fed. rules</li> </ul> <p>§§ 2:18, 2:46</p>
<b>Secondary Sources</b>	<p>6 Bernard E. Witkin, <i>California Procedure</i> § 90, at 491 (4<sup>th</sup> ed. 1997).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• full name of author; edition/date at end of cite</li> <li>• italicize title and do not abbreviate</li> </ul> <p>B8.1, R15-16</p>	<p>(6 Witkin, <i>Cal. Procedure</i> (4<sup>th</sup> ed. 1997) <i>Procedure Without Trial</i>, § 90, p. 491.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• last name of author only; edition/date within cite</li> <li>• abbreviate title as appropriate; chapter title recommended</li> </ul> <p>§ 3:1</p>

<b>Signals</b>	<p><i>See McDowell v. Watson</i>, 59 Cal. App. 4<sup>th</sup> 1155 (1997).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use italics on signals</li> <li>• capitalized to begin citation sentence but lower case when used to begin a citation clause</li> <li>• samples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <i>See/But see</i>: authority clearly supports/contradicts</li> <li>▶ <i>Cf./But cf.</i>: authority supports/contradicts analogous</li> <li>▶ <i>Compare . . . with</i>: comparison offers support/illustrates</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>B4, R1.2</p>	<p>(<i>See McDowell v. Watson</i> (1997) 59 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1155.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no italics on signals</li> <li>• samples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <i>See/But see</i>: authority indirectly supports/contradicts</li> <li>▶ <i>Cf./But cf.</i>: authority is sufficiently analogous to lend support</li> <li>▶ <i>Compare . . . with</i>: used to contrast decisions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>§ 1:4</p>
<b>Parallel Citations</b>	<p><i>O'Connor v. Ortega</i>, 480 U.S. 709, 107 S. Ct. 1492, 94 L. Ed. 2d 714 (1987).  <i>People v. Mayfield</i>, 928 P.2d 485, 14 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 668, 60 Cal. Rptr. 2d 1 (1997).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• separate by commas</li> <li>• use parallel cites if local rule says so</li> </ul> <p>B5.1.3, R10.3.1</p>	<p>(<i>O'Connor v. Ortega</i> (1987) 480 U.S. 709 [107 S.Ct. 1492, 94 L.Ed.2d 714].)  (<i>People v. Mayfield</i> (1997) 14 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 668.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enclose in brackets</li> <li>• no parallel cites for Cal. opinions in Third/Fifth Districts (slight deviation from <i>Style Manual</i>)</li> <li>• provide parallel citations to at least the Lawyer's Edition for U.S.S.C. citations is preferred in Third/Fifth Districts</li> </ul> <p>§§ 1:1[F], 1:12, 1:32[B]</p>
<b>Subsequent Citations (<i>Id.</i>, <i>ibid.</i>, &amp; <i>supra</i>)</b>	<p><i>Id.</i> or <i>Id.</i> at 65 or <i>Id.</i> § 1983 refers to immediately preceding authority. Preceding citation may only contain one authority (but ignore authority in explanatory parentheticals). <i>Supra</i> is not used for case citations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• italics</li> </ul> <p>B5.2, R4.1, R4.2, R10.9</p>	<p>(<i>Ibid.</i>) refers to immediately preceding authority in the same paragraph with no change. (<i>Id.</i> at p.65.) or (<i>Id.</i>, art. III.) refers to different page number or section of immediately preceding authority in the same paragraph. Use <i>supra</i> when subsequent reference is in different paragraph. Use italics.</p> <p>§§ 1:2[C], 3:1[D]</p>
<b>Short Forms</b>	<p>May be used so long as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it will be clear to reader what is referenced</li> <li>• earlier full cite is in the same general discussion; and</li> <li>• reader will have little trouble quickly locating full cite</li> </ul> <p><i>Saucier</i>, 533 U.S. at 199. – or – 533 U.S. at 199.</p> <p>B5.2, R10.9</p>	<p>If in different ¶: (<i>Silacci v. Abramson, supra</i>, 45 Cal.App.4th at p. 562.)  If in same ¶ then any of the following:  (<i>Silacci v. Abramson, supra</i>, at p. 562.)  (<i>Silacci</i>, at p. 562.)  (45 Cal.App.4th at p. 562.) – if no other cases in same paragraph</p> <p>§ 1:2</p>
<b>Internet Sites</b>	<p>R18</p>	<p>§§ 1:3 &amp; 1:18 (recently filed Cal. opinions), 2:16[A] (regulations), 2:18 (rules of court), 2:36 (leg. history), 3:15 (general)</p>
<b>Explanatory Phrases</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>B5.1.4, B5.1.5, B11, R10.6, R10.7</p>	<p>Explanation of case contained in brackets.  Quoting/citing phrases and prior/subsequent history are separated by commas without brackets or italics.</p> <p>§§ 1:6, 1:11</p>
<b>Order of Authority</b>	<p>Cite whatever is more helpful first, or carries most authority. Otherwise: constitutions; statutes treaties/int'l agreements; cases (by level of authority &amp; arranged in reverse chrono order; legislative material; admin.</p> <p>R1.4</p>	<p>Not governed by “rigid rules,” but generally constitutions &amp; statutes before cases. Within cases: U.S.S.C., Calif. Supreme Court, Calif. Courts of Appeal, other federal cases, other states (in alphabetical order).</p> <p>§ 1:5</p>
<b>Court Documents</b>	<p>B10, BT1</p>	<p>Follow Bluebook rules.</p>

