



Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

USING THE BLUEBOOK AND ALWD: A Selective Research Guide

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Overview:

This is a selective guide to assist the legal researcher in using the Bluebook and Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) citation manuals. It is not comprehensive in scope or intended to be a catchall source, but rather to act as a starting point for the researcher to find additional sources and relevant information. Annotations provide brief descriptions and do not purport to serve as critiques or endorsements of the titles' contents or authority. The resources listed are those owned or available at the Cooley libraries.

I. ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation

ALWD Citation Manual

Location: KF245 .A42

Prepared by the Association of Legal Writing Directors, the ALWD citation method is noted as a consistent, flexible and easy to understand system that uses only one citation method for all legal documents.

Interactive Citation Workbook for ALWD Citation Manual

Location: KF245 .I582

This interactive tool will assist students in learning the most frequently used citation rules by providing online exercises and examples of how individual rules are used.

Legal Writing Citation in a Nutshell

Location: KF 245 .T47 2008

Initially, Tepley's book focuses on the similarities found in all forms of citation, and then branches out to discuss the process of using citations in legal writing using the ALWD and Bluebook citation methods. The book's appendix contains information about the following: case name and other abbreviations; abbreviations of state, federal, and U.S. territorial court reporters; nominative reporters; status of official state court reporters, public domain citations, and availability of parallel West citations; parenthetical court abbreviations, court websites, and preferred reporters; federal and state statutory compilations, session laws, and legislative websites, periodical abbreviations, abbreviations for looseleaf services and reporters; technical Bluebook and ALWD rules governing the order of citation authorities; abbreviations



of titles of judges and other officials; abbreviations of legislative documents; and abbreviation of litigation documents.

Speed Cite for ALWD Citation Manual

Location: KF245 .A422

This laminated reference sheet describes the most commonly used citation rules for cases, statutes, treatises, legal periodicals and websites.

II. The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation

Bluebook: A Sixty-Five Year Retrospective

Location: KF245 .B575

This book is a retrospective of the origins of the Bluebook when first published in 1921 and 1924.

Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation

Location: KF245 .B58

The Bluebook is one of the most widely used legal citation systems in the United States. It provides guidance on the style and formatting of various elements used in a legal publication, including: structure and use of citations; typefaces for Law Reviews; subdivisions; short citation forms; quotations; abbreviations, numerals & symbols; italicization for Style; unique circumstances; capitalization; titles of Judges, Officials, and Terms of Court; cases, constitutions, statutes, legislative materials; administrative and executive materials; books, reports and non-periodic materials; periodical materials; unpublished sources; electronic media; non-print resources; services; foreign materials; and international materials.

Interactive Citation Workbook for The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation

Location: KF245 .I584

This interactive tool will assist students in learning the most frequently used citation rules by providing online exercises and examples of how individual rules are used.

Legal Research Exercises: Following the Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation

Location: KF240 .B452

This workbook can be used in conjunction with any legal research text. It uses a process approach where students work with the same case, statute and subject area for all exercises. The topics covered are: finding and citing cases; United States Supreme Court Reports; Regional and State Court Reports; Finding Cases – Digests; Updating Cases – Shepard's Citators; American Law Reports; Review-Finding, Citing and Updating Cases; Finding and Citing Statutes; Federal Session Laws and Codes; Federal Legislative History; Finding and Citing Administrative Materials; Federal Administrative Rules and Regulations; Review-Finding Statutes and Regulations; Secondary Authority; Review-Finding Secondary Authority.

Understanding and Mastering the Bluebook: a Guide for Practitioners and Students

Location: KF245 .B37

This manual assists readers by using a building block approach for each source type through the use of illustrations, charts, bullet-point explanations, and step-by-step instructions



outlining the most commonly cited authorities. Also included are tips and cautions highlighting common trouble spots.

User's Guide to The Bluebook

Location: KF245 .D853

This how-to manual uses a step-by-step approach to guide users through basic citation skills on the following topics: typeface and translating examples; how to cite a case; how to cite a statute; and how to cite other commonly used sources.

III. Journals

Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors

Location: K10 .O888

The JALWD is a resource and forum between the legal practitioner and the legal writing scholar that focuses on the substance of legal writing and theory.

IV. Electronic Resources

Association of Legal Writing Directors: ALWD Citation Manual Resources

Location: http://www.alwd.org/publications/second_edition_teaching.html

The ALWD resources page offers select materials in various formats to assist users in understanding the basics of ALWD citation style.

ALWD: Notable Differences Between ALWD and Bluebook

Location: www.alwd.org/publications/ppt/TR2_Differences.ppt

This PowerPoint presentation sets forth some of the major differences between the citation methods of the Bluebook and ALWD manuals.

Bluebook 101

Location: <http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/bluebook101.html>

Bluebook 101 provides rules, examples, cross-references and tables pertaining to Bluebook citation requirements. Topics covered include: cases, electronic sources, foreign law, secondary sources, short citation forms, signals, and statutes.

Bluebook and ALWD: Citing Basic Secondary and Primary Sources

Location: <http://www.tjeffersonrev.org/Resources/comparison%20chart.pdf>

A table comparing the differences in ALWD and Bluebook citation methods for books, journal articles, A.L.R. annotations, cases, statutory codes, administrative regulations, court rules, model codes/legal ethics, and newspaper articles.

Bluebook: Blue Tips

Location: <http://www.legalbluebook.com/Public/BlueTips.aspx>

Blue Tips provide guidance on Bluebook citation methods by the following subjects: cases; citation structure; cross-references; miscellany; periodicals; punctuation; quotations; signals; statutes; and subdivisions.

Bluebook for Law Journal Members

Location: <http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/research/techcheck/bluebooking.html>



This website provides guidelines on how to use the Bluebook, how it's structured, preferred sources, short citation forms, typefaces, abbreviations, capitalization, subdivisions (page numbers and pinpoint citations), signal rules, rules for specific types of authority, cases, statutes, legislative materials, administrative and executive materials, books, periodical articles, citing authorities not discussed in the Bluebook, and citing electronic sources.

Bluebook Research Guide

Location: <http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/research/guides/bluebook.html>

This research guide, prepared by the Boston University law library staff, provides a listing of materials to help students learn legal citation using the Bluebook.

Bluebooking Guide: Examples

Location: <http://www.nesl.edu/research/BlueBook/citation.cfm>

The Bluebooking Guide provides examples of citations for cases, constitutions, statutes, legislative materials, administrative and executive materials, treatises, and periodicals. In addition, links to other resources explaining Bluebook citation are included.

CALI Lesson: ALWD Citation Form

Location: <http://www2.cali.org/index.php?fuseaction=lessons.lessondetail&lid=570>

The lesson on ALWD citation provides interactive exercises designed to help students master this method of legal citation. Topics include: typeface; spacing abbreviations; capitalization; ordinal numbers; pinpoint pages; section numbers; cases; short citation formats; long citation formats; statutes; books; legal periodicals; introductory signals and quotations.

CALI Lesson: Citation Form for Briefs and Legal Memoranda (Bluebook)

Location: <http://www2.cali.org/index.php?fuseaction=lessons.subjectlist&cat=LW>

This lesson is based on the 18th edition of The Bluebook and helps students learn the rules of proper citation form for briefs and legal memoranda. The lesson is divided into three sections: 1) cases; 2) statutory materials; and 3) secondary authorities.

CALI Pre-Law Blog: ALWD v. Bluebook

Location:

http://calis_pre-law_blog.classcaster.org/blog/reader_questions/2006/08/25/reader_question_alwd_vs_bluebook

This blog discusses the differences between ALWD and Bluebook citation formats. In addition, links to other citation resources are also provided.

Comparison of Selected ALWD, Bluebook & California Style Manual Rules

Location: <http://www.uchastings.edu/?pid=2527>

This website compares and contrasts three citation styles: ALWD, Bluebook, and California Style Manual.

Interactive Citation Workbook Online Supplements for the ALWD

Location: KF245 .1584 2003 ed. (access through the Coolcat Catalog)

This online resource supplements the Interactive Citation Workbook.

Interactive Citation Workbook Online Supplements for the Bluebook

Location: KF245 .1584 2003 ed. (access through the Coolcat Catalog)

This online resource supplements the Interactive Citation Workbook.



Introduction to Basic Legal Citation by Peter Martin

Location: KF245 .M37i or <http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/>

This PowerPoint presentation by Peter Martin discusses the purposes of legal citation, citation principles, and levels of mastery. In addition, examples of citation and cross reference tables are provided.

JALWD: Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors

Location: <http://alwd.org/JALWD/about.html>

As a resource and forum between the legal practitioner and the legal writing scholar, the JALWD advances the profession of legal writing by focusing on the substance of legal writing and theory.

Legal Citation Style Guide (ALWD)

Location: <http://legalcitation.net/index.html>

This website supplements the ALWD Citation Style Manual by providing additional information and examples about types of information regularly cited in the legal field: cases, constitutions, public and historic documents, statutory code and session laws, legislative materials, local ordinances, rules of court, evidence, ethics and procedure, legal dictionaries, administrative and executive materials, treatises/books/bound volumes, periodicals, serials, and additional sources.

Meet ALWD: The New Citation Manual

Location:

<http://www.Texasbar.com/customsource/wrapper/globals/tbj/2001/oct01/schiess.asp>

This article provides a general overview of the ALWD Manual, as well as examples of how to use fast formats and fast formats. Also included are examples of how to cite cases, statutes, books, consecutively paginated journals, non-consecutively paginated journals, reviews, and adoptions.

