

## A 12-Week Progression Through Citation Made Simple

### **WEEK 1**

#### **Overview—Legal citation and The Bluebook generally**

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##### Book Part One: Getting Started

- Ch. 1—Why Learn the Bluebook?
- Ch. 2—Why Proper Citation Matters
- Ch. 3—This Book’s Approach
- Ch. 4—The Point of the Bluebook’s Rules
- Ch. 5—Minor Errors and Major Errors
- Ch. 6—How the Bluebook is Organized
- Ch. 7—Comparing the Bluepages & Whitepages



##### Book Part Two: Foundational Concepts

- Ch. 8—Citations v. References
- Ch. 9—Citation Sentences v. Citation Clauses
- Ch. 10—Full Citations v. Short Citations
- Ch. 11—Short Form for Case References
- Ch. 12—Examples

##### Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 1.1—Overview
- Video 1.2—How to Use the Videos and Quizzes
- Video 2.1—Foundational Concepts



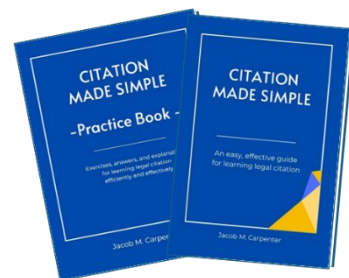
### **WEEK 2**

#### **Citing to cases—Case names**

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##### Book Part Three: Full Citations to Cases

- Ch. 13—Three Parts to a Full Citation
- Ch. 14—Case Names—General Principles
- Ch. 15—Case Names—What to Omit ([Exercise 1](#))
- Ch. 16—Case Names—What to Abbreviate ([Exercise 2](#))
- Ch. 17—Case Names—Phrases to Abbreviate ([Exercises 3 & 4](#))
- Ch. 18—Abbreviate in Citations v. References ([Exercise 5](#))
- Ch. 19—“Problematic” Case Names



Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 3.1—Three Core Parts
- Video 3.2—Words to Omit ([Quiz 1](#))
- Video 3.3—Case Names: Words to Abbreviate ([Quiz 2](#))
- Video 3.4—Case Names: Phrases to Abbreviate ([Quiz 3](#))
- Video 3.5—Case Names: Abbreviations in Citations v. References ([Quiz 4](#))
- Video 3.6—Case Names: Guided Examples

**WEEK 3**

**Citing to cases—(1) Reporters and (2) Court and date**

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Book Part Three: Full Citations to Cases

- Ch. 20—Understanding Reporters ([Exercise 6](#))
- Ch. 21—Reporter Information—What to Include ([Exercise 7](#))
- Ch. 22—More on Pincites—Star Paging
- Ch. 23—Reporter Info—Common Questions ([Exercise 8](#))
- Ch. 24—Strength of the Case—the Court & Date
- Ch. 25—Omitting the State or Court
- Ch. 26—Spacing When Abbreviating ([Exercises 9 & 10](#))
- Ch. 27—Add Punctuation to the End
- Ch. 28—Putting it all Together—Examples ([Exercise 11](#))

Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 3.7—Retrieval Information: Understanding Reporters
- Video 3.8—Retrieval Information: Details ([Quiz 5](#))
- Video 3.9—Strength of the Case (Court and Date) ([Quiz 6](#))
- Video 3.10—Spacing ([Quiz 7](#))

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**Additional Considerations**

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Book Part Three: Full Citations to Cases

- Ch. 29—Signals
- Ch. 30—Explanatory Parentheticals

- Ch. 31—Citing Concurring or Dissenting Opinion
- Ch. 32—Showing a Chain of Authority ([Exercise 12](#))
- Ch. 33—Prior & Subsequent History
- Ch. 34—Caution: Do Not Use the Citations in Cases as Examples

Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 3.11—Signals
- Video 3.12—Explanatory Parentheticals
- Video 3.13—Chain of Authority (and Quoting and Quote)

## **WEEK 5**

### **Short Citations**

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Book Part Four: Short Citation Forms

- Ch. 35—Introduction to Short Citations
- Ch. 36—Formatting Short Citations
- Ch. 37—Little Details with Short Citations
- Ch. 38—Short Forms for Case References
- Ch. 39—How to Join a Reference with a Citation
- Ch. 40—Examples of Long and Short Forms ([Exercise 13](#))

Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 4.1—Short Forms for Citations
- Video 4.2—Short Forms for References
- Video 4.3—Short Forms: Guided Examples ([Quiz 8](#))

## **WEEK 6**

### **Parallel & String Citations**

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Book Part Five: Parallel Citations v. String Citations

- Ch. 41—Parallel Citations ([Exercise 14](#))
- Ch. 42—String Citations ([Exercise 15](#))

Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 5.1—Parallel Citations v. String Citations
- Video 5.2—Short Form for Parallel and String Citations ([Quiz 9](#))

## **WEEK 7**

### **Unreported Cases**

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#### Book Part Six: Citing Unreported Cases

- Ch. 43—Full Citations to Unreported Cases ([Exercise 16](#))
- Ch. 44—Short Citations to Unreported Cases ([Exercise 17](#))

#### Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 6.1—Full Citations to Unreported Cases
- Video 6.2—Short Citations to Unreported Cases ([Quiz 10](#))

## **WEEK 8**

### **Public Domain Format**

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#### Book Part Seven: Public Domain Format

- Ch. 45—What is Public Domain Citation Format?
- Ch. 46—Full Public Domain Citation Format
- Ch. 47—State-by-State Differences ([Exercise 18](#))
- Ch. 48—Short Form Public Domain Format

#### Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 7.1—Full Citations to Public-Domain Cases
- Video 7.2—State-by-State Differences
- Video 7.3—Short Citations to Public-Domain Cases

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### **Quotations**

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#### Book Part Eight: Quotations

- Ch. 49—General Rules for Quotations
- Ch. 50—Block Quotes
- Ch. 51—Quoting a Quote ([Exercise 19](#))

#### Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 8.1—General Rules

- Video 8.2—Quoting a Quote
- Video 8.3—Block Quotes ([Quiz 11](#))

## **WEEK 10**

### **Citing to Statutes**

### **Citing to Regulations**

### **Citing to Constitutions**

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#### Book Part Nine: Citing to Statutes

- Ch. 52—General Information about Statutes
- Ch. 53—Federal Statutes: Full Citations
- Ch. 54—Federal Statutes: Short Citations ([Exercise 20](#))
- Ch. 55—State Statutes: Full Citations
- Ch. 56—State Statutes: Short Citations ([Exercise 21](#))
- Ch. 57—Citing to Statutes Online
- Ch. 58—Rules Table for Citing to Statutes

#### Book Part Ten: Citing to Regulations

- Ch. 59—Citing to Federal Regulations
- Ch. 60—Citing to State Regulations

#### Book Part Eleven: Citing to Constitutions

- Ch. 61—Citing to Constitutions
- Ch. 60—Citing to State Regulations

#### Corresponding Online Materials

- Videos and quizzes on citations to statutes will be added August 1, 2026. If your course ends before then, these will not be part of your online materials.

## **WEEK 11**

### **Citing to Secondary Sources**

### **Citing to Court Documents**

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#### Book Part Twelve: Citing to Secondary Sources

- Ch. 62—Commonly Cited Secondary Sources
- Ch. 63—Citing to Law Review Articles ([Exercise 22](#))
- Ch. 64—Citing to Books ([Exercise 23](#))
- Ch. 65—Citing to Restatements ([Exercise 24](#))

Book Part Thirteen: Citing to Court Documents

- Ch. 66—Commonly Cited Secondary Sources

**WEEK 12**

**In-Text Formatting Odds & Ends**

**Different Rules When Writing Scholarly Articles**

**Common Mistakes**

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Book Part Fourteen: In-Text Formatting Odds & Ends

- Ch. 67—Numbers, Symbols, Capitalization, Etc.

Book Part Fifteen: Different Rules When Writing a Scholarly Article

- Ch. 68—Differences Explained

Book Part Sixteen: Common Citation Mistakes

- Ch. 69—Common Mistakes ([Exercise 25](#))

Corresponding Online Materials

- Video 9.1—Examples of Common Mistakes ([Quiz 12](#))
  - (Note, this quiz number will change when the quizzes on statutes are added on August 1)
- Video 10.1—Different Rules When Writing a Scholarly Article: Differences Explained
- [Turn in your Certificate of Completion](#)