

LOUISIANA LAW REVIEW

STREAMLINED CITATION MANUAL

Revised for the Eighteenth Edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*

1. Adherence to *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*

It is the goal of the *Louisiana Law Review* to achieve citation accuracy and consistency throughout an entire issue. The Managing Editor of the *Louisiana Law Review* will make all final decisions about the citation format to be used.

Generally, the *Louisiana Law Review* follows the format and rules provided in *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (18th ed. 2005). This manual provides a rule only where the practice of the *Louisiana Law Review* differs from *The Bluebook*. If no exception is provided, the rules of *The Bluebook* will apply. The proper citation format for Louisiana cases, codes, statutes, and administrative materials can be found in *The Bluebook*, Table T.1 on pages 211–12.

2. Typefaces for Citations

The *Louisiana Law Review* uses three different typefaces in citation: Times New Roman (plain text), *Italics*, and LARGE AND SMALL CAPS. Authors' names appear in large and small caps for books. See *The Bluebook* Rule 2.1(b). Please note, this is a change from previous volumes, effective beginning with Volume 68.

Ex. John F. Decker, *The Varying Parameters of Obstruction of Justice in American Criminal Law*, 65 LA. L. REV. 49 (2004).

RICHARD KLUGER, *SIMPLE JUSTICE* (1976).

John Eligon, *Pro Basketball: Augustus is Top Pick in W.N.B.A.*, N.Y. TIMES, Apr. 6, 2006, at D6.

3. Article Headings

All articles published in the *Louisiana Law Review* should adhere to the following style and layout when dividing the article into sections, subsections, sub-subsections, etc. Note the distinction in style between common text and case names.

I. A HISTORY OF *SMITH v. JONES* (centered, small caps, italicize case names)

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For internal cross-references, the *Louisiana Law Review* adheres to the format provided in *The Bluebook*. See *The Bluebook* Rule 3.5. Note that periods, rather than parenthesis, are used when referring to subsections and sub-subsections.

Ex. See discussion *infra* Parts II.B.2, III.C.1.

See *supra* Part IV.A–B.

4. Proper Citation Format for Louisiana Cases

All Louisiana cases should be cited only to the Southern Reporter series, if available. If a case was not published in the Southern Reporter series, it should be cited to the appropriate reporter according to *The Bluebook* Table T.1.

Note that the *Louisiana Law Review* does not incorporate the public domain citation in citing Louisiana cases. There is no distinction in citation format for cases decided before or after 1993.

Ex. Smith v. Jones, 705 So. 2d 256 (La. 2002).

Smith v. Jones, 476 So. 2d 311 (La. App. 2d Cir. 1992).

5. Prior and Subsequent Case History for Louisiana Cases

When citing to Louisiana cases, *always* indicate whether an appellate case was denied a writ by the Louisiana Supreme Court and/or the United States Supreme Court. United States Supreme Court denials of certiorari are generally termed “*cert. denied*.” The Louisiana Supreme Court, however, generally indicates “*writ denied*” or “*writ refused*.” The proper terminology is that used by the court itself, so one must look up the denial.

Ex. Smith v. Jones, 330 So. 2d 241 (La. App. 3d Cir. 1974), *writ denied*, 332 So. 2d 127 (La. 1975).

For cases from other state courts, or federal courts, follow *The Bluebook* Rule 10.7. This rule provides that whenever a decision is cited in full, give the entire subsequent history of the case (affirmations, reversals, etc.), but omit denials of

certiorari or denials of similar discretionary appeals, unless the decision is less than two years old or the denial is particularly relevant.

6. Proper Year to Cite for Statutory Sources and Proper Form for Louisiana Statutory Sources

For *all* statutory sources, follow *The Bluebook* Rule 12.3.2 only when citing to a **bound volume** of the current code (for Louisiana state legislation, this refers to the *green* hardback books found on the first floor of the library).

Additionally, for *Louisiana* statutory sources, **only insert “ANN.” into the citation if referring to the green book version**. Otherwise, omit “ANN.” if referring to the soft cover version or if citing to the statute as it appears on Westlaw. This rule deviates from the form found at Table T.1 of *The Bluebook*.

If citing to a **soft cover version** of any code or statutory compilation (i.e. Louisiana Civil Code, Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, etc.), simply cite to the year of the soft cover publication. Note that “ANN.” should be omitted in this instance.

If citing to a statute as it appears on **Westlaw**, then insert “Westlaw” and cite to the copyright year as it appears on the Westlaw page. Note that “ANN.” should also be omitted in this instance.

Ex. Robinson-Patman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 13 (2000).

Ex. Robinson-Patman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 13 (Westlaw 2008).

Ex. LA. CIV. CODE ANN. art. 2315 (1997).

Ex. LA. CIV. CODE art. 2315 (2007).

Ex. LA. CIV. CODE art. 2315 (Westlaw 2008).

7. Textual Reference to Louisiana Civil Code Articles and Revised Statutes

In the text of an article, Louisiana Code articles should be referred to as “Louisiana Civil Code article 2315” or “article 2315.” The same format should be used for references to articles in other Louisiana Codes.

In the text of an article, Louisiana statutes should be referred to as “Louisiana Revised Statutes section 9:3521” (Note that the spelling of “Statutes” has an “s” even when it is referring to only one statute).

8. Proper Citation for the Louisiana Civil Law Treatise

The proper citation for the Louisiana Civil Law Treatise is as follows:

Ex. SAUL LITVINOFF, OBLIGATIONS § 134, *in* 5 LOUISIANA CIVIL LAW TREATISE 220 (2d ed. 2001).

Ex. LITVINOFF, *supra* note x, § 134, at 220.

Ex. *Id.* § 135, at 233.

9. Proper Citation Format for Acts of the Louisiana Legislature

The *Louisiana Law Review* deviates from the *The Bluebook* for Louisiana source material when citing to Acts of the Louisiana legislature. Instead, the *Louisiana Law Review* cites to the Act number, not the page number.

Ex. 1979 La. Acts No. 125, § 5.

10. Proper Citation Format for the Louisiana Administrative Code

The *Louisiana Law Review* deviates from the *The Bluebook* for Louisiana source material when citing to the Louisiana Administrative Code. First, the *Louisiana Law Review* cites to the title number, then the *part* number, then the section number, as they appear in the Code. Second, the *Louisiana Law Review* cites to these sections through Arabic numerals, not Roman, again as they appear in the Code.

Ex. LA. ADMIN. CODE tit. 51, pt. 1, § 105 (2008).