

Introduction to the Purpose and Usefulness of citation Exercise.

You are writing a paper about the best techniques in legal research. In your research you have come across the same article multiple times in different places: ‘How Legal Research Rocks: Let Me Count the Ways’ by Sanjay Tenurestein. The article strongly supports your thesis so you would like to cite to it. However, you have encountered the article in six different places:

1. The online institutional repository of the prestigious University that currently employs Tenurestein.
2. Professor Tenurestein’s personal square space webpage.
3. The blog of the Concerned Legal Researches of the Midwest, a blog that aggregates and publishes articles of interest to the legal research community.
4. SSRN
5. Legal Reference Services Quarterly (in print)
6. The Monograph entitled: The Best Legal Research Articles of the Decade, Published by Oxford University Press.

You must decide where your citation should point. Please break into groups and discuss the best place to cite to and explain your answer.

Case citations:

Is it a Federal Court or a State Court?

* Which U.S. Court of Appeals covers Tennessee? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Which West Regional Reporter covers Tennessee? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Federal Case Reporters** |  | **State Case Reporters (West’s National Reporter System)** |
| **U.S. Supreme Court** |  |  | Region: **Atlantic** | States:  |
| **U.S. Supreme Court** |  |  | Region: **North Eastern** | States:  |
| **U.S. Supreme Court** |  |  | Region: **North Western** | States: |
| **U.S. Court of Appeals** (for the various circuits), precedential opinions |  |  | Region: **Pacific** | States:  |
| **U.S. Court of Appeals** (for the various circuits), non-precedential opinions |  |  | Region: **South Eastern** | States:  |
| **U.S. District Courts** |  |  | Region: **South Western** | States:  |
|  |  |  | Region: **Southern** | States:  |

**State Courts** (see The Bluebook, T1.1, pages 248-302)

\*= includes only the state’s highest appellate court

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| **West Regional Reporter** | **State Highest and Intermediate Appellate Courts** | **Bluebook Citation Format** |
| Atlantic Reporter | CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, NH, NJ, PA, RI, VT | A., A.2d, A.3d |
| North Eastern Reporter | IL, IN, MA, NY\*, OH | N.E., N.E.2d, N.E.3d |
| North Western Reporter | IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI | N.W., N.W.2d |
| Pacific Reporter | AK, AZ, CA\*, CO, HI, ID, KS, MT, NV, NM, OK, OR, UT, WA, WY | P, P.2d, P.3d |
| South Eastern Reporter | GA, NC, SC, VA, WV | S.E., S.E.2d |
| South Western Reporter | AR, KY, MO, TN, TX | S.W., S.W.2d, S.W.3d |
| Southern Reporter | AL, FL, LA, MS | So., So. 2d, So. 3d |
| West’s California Reporter | CA | Cal. Rptr., Cal. Rptr. 2d, Cal. Rptr. 3d |
| West’s New York Supplement | NY | N.Y.S., N.Y.S. 2d |

**Illinois** (see The Bluebook, T1.1, page 262)

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| **Reporter** | **Court(s)** | **Dates** | **Bluebook Citation Format** |
| North Eastern Reporter | IL Supreme + Appellate Courts | 1884 – present | N.E., N.E.2d, N.E.3d |
| Illinois Official Reports | IL Supreme + Appellate Courts | 2011 – present | IL |
| Illinois Reports | IL Supreme + Appellate Courts | 1819 – 2011 | Ill., Ill. 2d |
| West’s Illinois Decisions | IL Supreme + Appellate Courts | 1976 – present | Ill. Dec. |
| Illinois Court of Claims Reports | IL Circuit (Trial) Courts | 1889 – present | Ill. Ct. Cl. |



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| **Statutes** | **Regulations** |
| *Chronological* SOURCE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Volume Page Containing Public Laws **PL \_\_\_ - \_\_\_** | *Chronological* SOURCE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Volume Page |
| *Topic* SOURCE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ §**Title  | *Topic* SOURCE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ §** Title  |

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| *Chronological* Statutes at Large **\_\_\_\_ Stat. \_\_\_\_** Volume Page Containing Public Laws**PL \_\_\_ - \_\_\_**<session of Congress> - <number of law> | *Chronological* Federal Register **\_\_\_\_ Fed. Reg. \_\_\_\_** Volume Page |
| *Topic*Legislative CodeUnited States Code **\_\_\_ U.S.C. § \_\_\_\_** Title Section | *Topic*Administrative CodeCode of Federal Regulations **\_\_\_\_ C.F.R. § \_\_\_\_** Title Section or Part  |

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<https://www.amazon.com/Christopher-G-WrenResearch-Analysis/dp/B008VR91MW>