

## 3 Handy Internet Sources for Citation and Style

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### Legal Citation

#### **Association of Legal Writing Directors Website**

*ALWD Citation Manual* resources; *Legal Communication and Rhetoric Journal* focusing on substance and practice of professional legal writing.

<http://www.alwd.org/publications/>

#### ***The Bluebook* Blue Tips**

The editors provide authoritative guidance to reasonable questions on subjects covered by *The Bluebook*.

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

#### **Google Scholar**

A comprehensive (and free) portal to most federal and state court decisions and legal opinions and journals (and a lot more). Click on “Articles” or “Case law” under the Search box to search within the desired area.

<http://www.scholar.google.com>

#### **Legal Information Institute (LII at Cornell Law School)**

Legal information by topic; court opinions; federal and state law by source/jurisdiction; federal rules (appellate, civil, criminal, bankruptcy procedure, evidence); Wex legal encyclopedia.

<http://www.law.cornell.edu>

### **The Library of Congress—Legislative Information**

Legislative information from the Library of Congress, including bills, resolutions, and congressional record searches.

<http://congress.gov>

### **II's Introduction to Basic Legal Citation**

Abbreviations and omissions for citations, with examples; state-specific citation norms and practices; e-book versions and video tutorials available.

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/index.htm>

### **Pennsylvania Code**

Search for Pennsylvania regulations.

<http://www.pacode.com>

### **Pennsylvania General Assembly**

Search for Pennsylvania senate and house bills.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us>

### **Pennsylvania Legal Research Web Sites**

Hundreds of resources for the Pennsylvania lawyer by category. (Caveat: although copyright date is relatively current, many links are no longer accurate.)

<http://www.pennsylvanialegalresearch.com>

### **Pennsylvania's Unified Judicial System**

Current decisions of the courts (with opinion content search).

<http://www.pacourts.us/>

### **U.S. Courts Federal Rulemaking Website**

The federal judiciary's website on the federal rules of practice and procedure, and policies.

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies>

### **U.S. Government Publishing Office, Federal Digital System**

Search for official text of federal laws in the United States Code, and regulations (CFR and FR), presidential documents, and administrative regulations and notices.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>

## **Grammar, Writing, and Editing**

### **The Chicago Manual of Style Q & A Page**

Question-and-answer format style guide by category.

<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/cmosfaq/cmosfaq.html>

### **Clarity**

International association promoting plain legal language.

<http://www.clarity-international.net>

### **Drafting Legal Documents**

Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) guide to legal writing.

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/write/legal-docs/index.html>

### **Good Legal Writing: of Orwell and Window Panes**

Essay by Pamela Samuelson on writing, analysis, and research for legal theses; writing strategies; and the editing process.

<http://www.sims.berkeley.edu/~pam/papers/goodwriting.html>

### **Plain Language Association InterNational**

Information about plain language, how-to tips, and resources; use of plain language in the law, with examples.

<http://plainlanguagenetwork.org/>

### **Plain Language.gov**

Federal government site providing plain language guidelines and resources; use of plain language in the law, with examples.

<http://www.plainlanguage.gov>

### **Writing for Business and Pleasure by Stephen Wilbers**

Writing topics and resources, with exercises and helpful tips to improve writing and grammar.

<http://www.wilbers.com>

## Dictionaries and Reference

### **Black's Law Dictionary Mobile App**

Black's Law Dictionary, 10th Edition, now comes in a mobile app for iPhone and iPad (as of September 2016, there was no indication on the website about availability for Android or Windows phones). See website for download.

<http://legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/law-books/blacks-law-dictionary>

### **Law.com Legal Dictionary**

An easy-to-use free law dictionary.

<http://dictionary.law.com/>

### **MedicineNet.com**

Excellent site for medical terms and spellings. Includes links from each term to a definition.

<http://www.medterms.com/script/main/hp.asp>

### **Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary**

Free online access to abridged dictionary and thesaurus.

<http://www.m-w.com>

### **Paul Brians' Common Errors in English Usage**

Extensive list of commonly misused or confused words.

[www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/index.html](http://www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/index.html)

## Miscellaneous

### **Readability**

Our pick for one of the most useful websites ever. It's a simple tool that removes the clutter from a website and allows for reading and printing articles in simple, clean text.

<https://www.readability.com/>