

## Blue Book Citation

- **Federal Law**

### Federal District Court

- General Format  
***Petitioner v. Respondent*, volume# F.Supp. page#**  
**(district court, year)**
- Examples:
  - *Glover v. Johnson*, 478 F.Supp. 1075  
(E.D.Mich.1979)
  - *Smith v. Bounds*, 657 F.Supp. 1327  
(E.D.N.C.1986)
  - *Cepulonis v. Fair*, 563 F.Supp. 659 (D.Mass.1983)

### Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

- General Format  
Note: Appellee v. Appellant are used in the court of appeals. This means that the parties to the original case may be transposed. Thus, a case that started *Bounds v. Smith* may be reported as *Smith v. Bounds* in the Court of Appeals reporter.
- ***Appellee v. Appellant*, volume# F.3d page#**  
**(circuit court, year)**
- Examples:
  - *Glover v. Johnson*, 75 F.3d 264 (6thCir.1996)
  - *Smith v. Bounds*, 841 F.2d 77 (4thCir.1988)
  - *Cepulonis v. Fair*, 732 F.2d 1 (1stCir.1984)

- **U.S. Supreme Court**

- General Format
- ***Petitioner v. Respondent*, volume# U.S. page#**  
**(year)**
- Examples:
  - *Turner v. Safley*, 482 U.S. 78 (1987)
- The U.S. Reporter is the preferred cite, but sometimes it is useful to use an alternate cite. West Law produces the Supreme Court Reporter. The alternate citation format is:

- Turner v. Safley, 107 S.Ct. 2254 (1987)
- Both citations refer to the same case.
  - Lassiter v. Department of Social Services, 452 U.S. 18 (1981)

## Texas

- **Court of Criminal Appeals (Tex. Crim. App.)**, previously Court of Appeals (Tex. Ct. App.): Cite to S.W., S.W.2d, or S.W.3d.
  - **Example:** Dranguet v. McCracken, 989 S.W.2d 105 (Tex. App. – San Antonio 1998).
- **Statutory compilations:** Texas is nearing the completion of a recodification of its laws (2005). Cite to the new subject-matter **Tex. Code Ann.**, if therein; otherwise, cite to **Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann.** or to one of the independent codes contained in the series *Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes* or *Vernon's Texas Statutes Annotated*. Note that the independent codes are not part of the new subject-matter Tex. Code Ann.
  - **Example:**
    - In APA Writing Style paragraph: The Texas Transportation Code Chapter 720 (1995) states the following concerning police quotas: a political subdivision ...
    - In References:
      - **Tex. [subject] Code Ann. § x (Vernon year).**
      - Tex. Transp. Code Ann. § 720.002 (Vernon 1995).
      - Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Ann. Art. x (Vernon year).
      - Tex. Penal Code Ann. § x (Vernon year).
      - Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § x (Vernon year).