

Common Legal Citations

Abbreviation	Example	Type	Source	Notes:
--------------	---------	------	--------	--------

U.S. Supreme Court

US	546 U.S. 189	U.S. Supreme Court opinions	<i>United States Reports</i> (government)	Each U.S. Supreme Court opinion will have three different, "parallel" citations (US, Sup. Ct., L Ed.).
L Ed. L Ed. 2d.	168 L. Ed. 2d 508	U.S. Supreme Court opinions	<i>US Supreme Court Reports - Lawyer's Edition</i> (Lexis)	
Sup. Ct.	127 S. Ct. 2738	U.S. Supreme Court opinions	<i>Supreme Court Reports</i> (West)	

Other Federal Cases

F. F. 2d. F. 3d.	22 F. 354	U.S. Appellate Court opinions	<i>Federal Reporter</i> (2nd series) (3rd series)	
F. Supp. F. Supp. 2d. F. Supp. 3d.	246 F. Supp. 780	U.S. District Court opinions	<i>Federal Supplement</i> (2nd series) (3rd series)	

California Cases

Cal. Cal 2d. (etc.)	39 Cal. 4th 970	California Supreme Court opinions	<i>California Reports</i> (government)	Each CA. Supreme Court opinion may have three different, "parallel" citations. (Cal., P., & Cal. Rptr.)
P. P. 2d.	140 P.3d 775	State supreme court opinions - western states (including CA)	<i>Pacific Reporter</i> (West)	
Cal. Rptr. Cal. Rptr. 2d. (etc.)	47 Cal. Rptr. 3d 467	California Supreme and Appellate Court opinions	<i>California Reporter</i> (West)	
Cal. App. Cal. App. 2d. Cal App. 3d. Call App. 4 th .	39 Cal.App.4th 970	U.S. Appellate Court opinions	<i>California Appellate Reports</i> (government) (2 nd series, 3 rd series, etc.)	Each CA. Appeals Court opinion may have two "parallel" citations. (Cal. App. & Ca. Rptr.)

Abbreviation	Example	Type	Source	Notes:
--------------	---------	------	--------	--------

Federal Statutes

USC	42 USC § 5106	Codified statutes	<i>United States Code</i> (government)	These three citations are interchangeable. e.g. 10 USC §34 = 10 USCA §34 = 10 USCS §34
USCA	42 USCA § 5106	Codified statutes (w/ Annotations)	<i>United States Code Annotated</i> (West)	
USCS	42 USCS § 5106	Codified statutes (w/ Annotations)	<i>United States Code Service</i> (Lexis)	
Stat.	49 Stat. 153	Statutes as written when passed into law	<i>United States Statutes at Large</i>	

Federal Regulations

FR	49 FR 10395	Proposed or final regulations	<i>Federal Register</i>	
CFR	8 CFR § 327.35	Codified regulations	<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i>	

California Statutes

There are 29 different California codes: Bus & Prof, Civil, Comm., Corp., Educ, Elec., Evid., Fam., Fin. Fish & Game, Food & Agric., Gov., Harb. & Nav., Health & Saf., Ins., Lab., Mil & Vet., Penal, Probate, Pub. Con., Pub. Res., Rev. & Tax., Sts & Hy., Unemp Ins., Vehicle, Water, Wel & Inst.				
Educ. Code	Educ. Code §3423	Codified statutes	California Codes	Sources outside of California often add "CA" or "CAL" to the citation.
Cal Edu. Code.	CAL Edu. Code §3423	Codified statutes (w/ Annotations)	<i>Deering's California Codes</i>	

California Regulations

Cal. Reg. Notice Register	2003 Cal. Reg. Notice Register 685	Proposed regulations	<i>California Regulatory Notice Register</i>	
CCR	8 CCR § 327.35	Codified regulations	<i>California Code of Regulations</i>	

Secondary Sources

Cal. Jur.		California law by topic	<i>California Jurisprudence</i> (West)	
CJS		Federal law by topic	<i>Corpus Juris Secundum</i>	
(Journal) L. Rev.		Law review article	<i>Harvard Law Review</i>	Cites of law reviews usually include L. Rev.

