

Citation

Law

Why citation format matters, and what each element does.

What a citation conveys.

Elements

Party names or statute title

Year of decision or enactment

Report series or neutral citation

Court that decided it

Page or paragraph pinpoint

Why it matters

The court identifies the authority level

Neutral citations are court-issued and stable

Pinpoints let a reader verify the proposition

Consistency signals care in the work

Educational reference. Citation conventions differ by jurisdiction; follow the standard your institution or court requires.