

## COMPARISON OF SELECTED ALWD AND BLUEBOOK RULES

<b>RULE</b>	<b>ALWD CITATION 4th ed.</b>	<b>BLUEBOOK CITATION 19th ed.</b>	<b>DIFFERENCES</b>
Typeface ALWD R. 1, 12 BB R. 10, 15, 16	Two typefaces: Ordinary type and <i>italics</i> (or <u>underlining</u> ).  No distinctions based on type of document (law review v. court document) or placement of citation within the paper.	Three typefaces: Ordinary type, <i>italics</i> (or <u>underlining</u> ), and large & small caps.  Different fonts required depending on type of document and where source is cited within the paper.	ALWD has one set of conventions, not two.  BB uses large and small caps for some sources in law review footnotes (but not in practitioner documents).  ALWD eliminates small caps as a typeface.
Capitalization ALWD 3 BB 8	<i>Federal Civil Procedure before Trial</i>	<i>Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial</i>  Prepositions of 5 or more letters are capitalized.	ALWD does not capitalize any prepositions, which brings legal citation closer to non-legal style.
Cases ALWD 12 BB 10	<i>Brown v. Bd. of Educ.</i> , 349 U.S. 294, 297 (1955).  <i>MBNA Am. Bank, N.A. v. Cardoso</i> , 707 N.E.2d 189 (Ill. App. 1st Dist. 1998). [required inclusion of district court information]	<i>Brown v. Bd. of Educ.</i> , 349 U.S. 294, 297 (1955).  In footnote: <i>MBNA Am. Bank, N.A. v. Cardoso</i> , 707 N.E.2d 189 (Ill. App. Ct. 1st Dist. 1998). [no italics; permissive inclusion of district information]	Under ALWD, Case names are always italicized, while BB practice varies according to placement. A few abbreviations differ between the two manuals. ALWD • makes abbreviation of case names optional. For those who want to abbreviate, Appendix 3 provides a longer list of words. • Allows abbreviation of the first word in a case name • requires division and district information for state appellate courts. • eliminates “Ct.” from most court abbreviations.

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Constitutions ALWD 13 BB 11	U.S. Const. amend. V	U.S. Const. amend. V.	No substantial differences.
Statutes ALWD 14 BB 12	18 U.S.C. § 1965 (1994).	18 U.S.C. § 1965 (1994).	No substantial differences.
Court Rules ALWD 17 BB 12	Fed. R. Civ. P. 11	Fed. R. Civ. P. 11.	
Books and Treatises ALWD 22 BB 15	Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller & Mary Kay Kane, <i>Federal Practice and Procedure</i> vol. 6A, § 1497, 70-79 (2d ed., West 1990).  OR  Charles Alan Wright et al., <i>Federal Practice and Procedure</i> vol. 6A, § 1497, 70-79 (2d ed., West 1990).	6A CHARLES ALAN WRIGHT ET AL., FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE § 1497, at 70-79 (2d ed. 1990).  Uses et al. for two or more authors	BB uses large and small caps for author and title in law review footnotes.  ALWD • places volume information after the title • separates subdivisions with a comma, but no “at.” • requires that the publisher be included.
Legal Encyclopedias ALWD 26 BB 15.8	11 C.J.S. <i>Bonds</i> § 21 (1995).  76 Am. Jur. 2d <i>Trusts</i> §§ 1-4 (1992 & Supp. 1999).	11 C.J.S. <i>Bonds</i> § 21 (1995).  76 AM. JUR. 2d <i>Trusts</i> §§ 1-4 (1992 & Supp. 1999).	ALWD R. 26.1 includes a list of many abbreviations for state encyclopedias.
Legal Dictionaries ALWD 25 BB 15.8	<i>Black’s Law Dictionary</i> 101 (Bryan A. Garner ed., 7th ed., West 1999).	BLACK’S LAW DICTIONARY 101 (7th ed. 1999).	ALWD treats dictionaries like books.

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Legal Periodicals ALWD 23 BB 16	<p>L. Ray Patterson, <i>Legal Ethics and the Lawyer's Duty of Loyalty</i>, 29 Emory L.J. 909, 915 (1980).</p> <p>Hope Viner Samborn, <i>Navigating Murky Waters</i>, 85 ABA J. 28 (July 1998).</p> <p>Tara Burns Koch, Student Author, <i>Betting on Brownfields—Does Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Act Transform Liability into Opportunity?</i>, 28 Stetson L. Rev. 171 (1998).</p>	<p>L. Ray Patterson, <i>Legal Ethics and the Lawyer's Duty of Loyalty</i>, 29 EMORY L.J. 909, 915 (1980).</p> <p>Hope Viner Samborn, <i>Navigating Murky Waters</i>, A.B.A. J., July 1998, at 28.</p> <p>Tara Burns Koch, Comment, <i>Betting on Brownfields—Does Florida's Brownfields Redevelopment Act Transform Liability into Opportunity?</i>, 28 STETSON L. REV. 171 (1998).</p>	<p>BB uses large and small caps for journal names in law review footnotes.</p> <p>ALWD eliminates most distinctions between consecutively and non-consecutively paginated articles. Include longer date for non-consecutively paginated journals, but do so within the parenthetical.</p> <p>ALWD uses the term "Student Author" to replace Note, Comment, etc.</p> <p>A few abbreviations differ between the two manuals.</p>
Order of Citations ALWD 45 BB 1.4	ALWD lists cases first by jurisdiction, then in reverse chronological order.	The <i>Bluebook</i> treats federal (appellate and trial) courts as single courts, listing cases in reverse chronological order for each.	
Page spans ALWD 5 BB 3.2	125-126 <b>or</b> 125-26	125-26	ALWD gives a choice on how to present a page span; you may retain all digits or drop repetitive digits and retain two digits on the right-hand side of the span, as in <i>Bluebook</i> 3.3(d).
Cross-referencing footnotes within a document, using <i>supra</i> and <i>infra</i> ALWD 10 BB 3.5	<i>Supra</i> n. 45.	<i>Supra</i> note 45.	Under ALWD, abbreviate note as "n." and place a space after the period.

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Citing Footnotes and endnotes from other sources ALWD 7.0 BB 3.2	n. 7 nn. 12-13	n.7 nn.12-13	ALWD requires a space after n. or nn. abbreviation.
<i>Id.</i> ALWD 11.3 BB 4.1	<i>Id.</i> at 500.	<i>Id.</i> at 500.	Basically similar rules. ALWD eliminates the “5 <i>id.</i> in a row” rule found in Bluebook 10.9.
Quotations ALWD 47.5 BB 5	ALWD says to block indent passages if they contain at least fifty words OR if they exceed four lines of typed text.	The <i>Bluebook</i> says to block indent passages if they contain at least 50 words.	ALWD does not require you to count the exact number of words in long quotations.
Related authority ALWD 46 BB 1.6	Related authorities are included in non-italicized parenthetical phrases: Case One (construed in <i>Treatise Three</i> ).	Append related authority with an italicized explanatory phrase: Case one, <i>construed in</i> TREATISE THREE.	
Signals ALWD 45 BB 1.2	ALWD does not have a comma after <i>e.g.</i> :  <i>E.g. Smith v. Jones . . .</i>	BB uses commas after some signals:  <i>E.g., Smith v. Jones . . .</i>	Rules are similar, but read them closely.
Web Sites ALWD 40 BB 18.2	Fed. Jud. Ctr., <i>Federal Judicial Center Publications</i> < <a href="http://www.fjc.gov/pubs.html">http://www.fjc.gov/pubs.html</a> > (accessed July 10, 1999).	Federal Judicial Center, <i>Federal Judicial Center Publications</i> < <a href="http://www.fjc.gov/pubs.html">http://www.fjc.gov/pubs.html</a> > (last visited July 10, 1999)	BB has different formats for material posted only on the web and material reprinted on the web.  ALWD permits abbreviation of an organizational author’s name  ALWD uses “accessed” instead of “visited” to give a more professional tone and be consistent with non-legal citation guides.

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