

## **Federal Courts**

### **United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit**

“All citations to State or Commonwealth Courts must include both the official state court citation and the National Reporter System Citation when such decisions have been published in both reports; e.g., *Coney v. Commonwealth*, 364 Mass. 137, 301 N.E. 2d 450 (1973). Law review or other articles unpublished at the time a brief or memorandum is filed may not be cited therein, except with permission of the court.” **1st Cir. R. 32.2.**

### **United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit**

“In the argument section of the brief required by FRAP 28(a)(9), citations to federal opinions that have been reported shall be to the United States Reports, the Federal Reporter, the Federal Supplement or the Federal Decisions, and shall identify the Judicial Circuit or District, and year of decision. Citations to the United States Supreme Court opinions that have not yet appeared in the official reports may be to the Supreme Court Reporter, the Lawyer’s Edition or United States Law Week in that order of preference. Citations to United States Law Week shall include the month, day, and year of the decision. Citations to federal decisions that have not been formally reported shall identify the court, the docket number and date, and refer to the electronically transmitted decision. Citations to services and topical reports, whether permanent or looseleaf, and to electronic citation systems, shall not be used if the text of the case cited has been reported in the United States Reports, the Federal Reporter, the Federal Supplement, or the Federal Rules Decisions. Citations to state court decisions should include the West Reporter system whenever possible, with an identification of the state court.” **3d Cir. R. 28.3(a).**

### **United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**

The citation should read as follows: *Sixth Cir. Elec. Op. Distrib. & Citation Policy Changes* <[http://www.aallnet.org/committee/citation/rules\\_6th.html](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/citation/rules_6th.html)> (accessed July 24, 2000).

### **United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit**

The citation to 11th Cir. R. 28-2(k) should be **11th Cir. R. 28-1(k)**.

### **United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit**

“Opinions of this court and its predecessors should be cited as found in the Federal Reporter and, if reasonably available, the United States Patents Quarterly. Parallel citations to any other reports are discouraged. Examples of acceptable citations are:

Guotos v. United States, 552 F.2d 992 (Ct. Cl. 1976).  
In re Spinnacle, 405 F.2d 578, 160 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1969).  
South Corporation v. United States, 690 F.2d 1368, 215 USPQ 657 (Fed. Cir. 1982) (en banc).

Doe v. Roe, No. 12-345, slip op. (Fed. Cir. Oct. 1, 1982).”  
**Fed. Cir. R. 28(e).**

**United States District Court for the Central District of California**

**“3.9 Citations.**

**“3.9.1 Citations — Acts of Congress.** All citations to Acts of Congress shall include a parallel citation to the United States Code by title and section.

**“3.9.2 Citations — regulations.** All citations to regulations shall include a citation to the Code of Federal regulations by title and section, and the date of promulgation of the regulation.

**“3.9.3 Citations — cases.** Initial citations of any United States Supreme Court case shall include parallel citations to United States Reports, Lawyer’s Edition, and Supreme Court Reporter. Federal Reporter, Federal Supplement or Federal Rules Decisions citations shall be used where available. Initial state court citations shall include both the official reports and any regional reporter published by West Group. California parallel citations may be limited to the official reports and California Reporter.”

**C.D. Cal. R. 3.9.**

**United States Bankruptcy Court — Central District of California**

**“(9) Citations.**

**“(a) Acts of Congress.** All citations to Acts of Congress shall include a parallel citation to the United States Code by title and section.

**“(b) Regulations.** All citations to federal regulations shall include a citation to the Code of Federal Regulations by title and section, and the date of the promulgation of the regulation.

**“(c) Cases.** Initial citation of any United States Supreme Court case shall include citations to the Supreme Court Reporter. Federal Reporter, Federal Supplement or Federal Rules Decisions citations shall be used where available. Initial state court citations shall include both the official reports and any regional reporter published by West Group. California parallel citations may be limited to the official reports and California Reporter. Citation to bankruptcy cases shall be to West’s Bankruptcy Reporter, where available. Where a citation to the above-named reporters is not available, the party citing the case must provide the Court with an unmarked copy of the case.”

**C.D. Cal. Bankr. R. 1002-1(9).**

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of California**

The citation to E.D. Cal. R. 134(d) should read **E.D. Cal. R. 5-134(d).**

### **United States District Court for the Northern District of California**

The commentary for subsection (d)(5) should read as follows:

“(5) In any citation to a state court, citations should include either the official reports or any official regional reporting service (e.g., West Publishing).”

**N.D. Cal. Civ. R. 3-4(d)(5) commentary.**

### **United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa**

The rule cited as N.D. & S.D. Iowa R. 10(f) should be **N.D. & S.D. Iowa R. 10.1(e)**.

### **United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky**

“(h) Citations in motions and memorandum must be in a generally accepted citation form.

“(j) If a motion or memorandum contains a citation to a case not yet reported in United States Supreme Court Decisions, Federal Reporter, Federal Reporter 2d, Federal Reporter 3d, Federal Supplement, Federal Rules Decisions, Kentucky Reports, or Kentucky Decisions, a copy of that case must be attached. If a motion or memorandum contains a citation to a statute other than a Kentucky or federal statute, a copy of the statute must be attached.” **Jt. Ky. Loc. R. 7(h), (j)**.

### **United States Bankruptcy Court – District of Montana**

The citation should read **D. Mont. Bankr. R. 7000-1**.

### **United States District Court for the District of Nevada**

“(a) References to an act of Congress shall include the United States Code citation, if available. When a federal regulation is cited, the Code of Federal Regulations title, section, page and year shall be given.

“(b) When a Supreme Court decision is cited, the citation to the United States Reports shall be given. When a decision of a court of appeals, a district court or other federal court has been reported in the Federal Reporter System, that citation shall be given. When a decision of a state appellate court has been reported in West’s National Reporter System, that citation shall be given. All citations shall include the specific page (s) upon which the pertinent language appears.”

**D. Nev. R. 7-3.**

### **United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina**

“Published decisions cited should include parallel citations (except for United States Supreme Court cases), the year of the decision, and the court deciding the case. The following are

illustrations:

- (a) State Court Citation: *Rawls v. Smith*, 238 N.C. 162, 77 S.E. 2d 701 (1953).
- (b) District Court Citation: *Smith v. Jones*, 141 F. Supp. 248 (E.D.N.C. 1956).
- (c) Court of Appeals Citation: *Smith v. Jones*, 237 F.2d 597 (4th Cir. 1956).
- (d) United States Supreme Court Citation: *Smith v. Jones*, 325 U.S. 196, 65 S. Ct. 1120, 89 L. Ed. 1154 (1956). United States Supreme Court cases should be cited only to the United States Reports except that if a petition for certiorari or an appeal was filed in the United States Supreme Court, the disposition of that case in that court should always be shown. For example: *Carson v. Warlick*, 238 F. 2d 724 (4th Cir. 1956) cert. denied, 353 U.S. 910, 77 S. Ct. 665, 1 L. Ed. 2d 664 (1957)."

#### **E.D.N.C. R. 5.02.**

#### **United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina**

The rule cited should be **M.D.N.C. R. 7.2(b) & (d)**.

#### **United States Bankruptcy Court — Middle District of Pennsylvania**

Bankr. Prac. Order & Forms, N. Tier, M.D. Pa. ¶ 7056-1(c) (1995) should read **Bankr. Prac. Order & Forms, N. Tier, M.D. Pa. ¶ 7070-7 (2000)**.

#### **United States Bankruptcy Court — Western District of Tennessee**

"Provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code, Title 11 of the U.S. Code, are cited herein as '§ \_\_\_\_.' Provisions of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure are cited herein as 'Fed. R. Bankr. P. \_\_\_\_.' These Local Bankruptcy Rules are cited herein as 'L.B.R. \_\_\_\_.' The Local Bankruptcy Forms are cited herein as 'Local Form \_\_\_\_.'" **W.D. Tenn. Bankr. R. 9029-1(b)**.

#### **United States Bankruptcy Court -- Eastern District of Washington**

The citation to E.D. Wash. Bankr. R. 92(b) should read **E.D. Wash. Bankr. R. 9013-1(d)(2)**.

#### **United States Tax Court**

All briefs shall contain "[o]n the first page, a table of contents with page references, followed by a list of all citations arranged alphabetically as to cited cases and stating the pages in the brief at which cited. Citations shall be in italics when printed and underscored when typewritten." **U.S. Tax Ct. R. 151(e)(1)**.