

Office of the Appellate Court Administrator

REVISED NOTICE AS TO UNIVERSAL CITATION FORM

(This notice effective as of 01/14/2000 supercedes the announcement published in the January 2000 *Utah Bar Journal* and results from the decision to identify the Utah Court of Appeals as UT App rather than Utah Ct. App. This notice also corrects the form earlier given for the initial citation of a Utah Court of Appeals decision before publication in the Pacific Reporter but after publication in the Utah Advance Reports.)

Effective March 1, 2000, the initial citation of any published opinion of the Utah Supreme Court or the Utah Court of Appeals, released on or after January 1, 1999, in any brief, table of cases in the brief, memorandum, or other document filed in the Utah Supreme Court or the Utah Court of Appeals, shall include the case name, the year the opinion was issued, identification of the court that issued the opinion (UT for Utah Supreme Court and UT App for the Utah Court of Appeals), and the sequential number assigned to the opinion by the respective court. Citation to specific portions of the opinion shall be made by reference to the paragraph numbers assigned by the court. A comma and then a paragraph symbol (¶) should be placed immediately following the sequential number assigned to the case. Subsequent citations within the brief, document, or memorandum should include the paragraph number and sufficient references to identify the initial citation. *Initial citations shall also include the volume and initial page number of the Pacific Reporter in which the opinion is published.* When an opinion is in slip form awaiting inclusion in a *Pacific Reporter* volume, the slip opinion form should be used. A pinpoint citation is not required in the parallel citation to the *Pacific Reporter* since the paragraph numbers assigned by the court are included in the *Pacific Reporter* version. Likewise, it is not necessary to include the year the case was published since that will be evident from the initial citation.

Examples of an initial citation to a Utah Supreme Court opinion or a Utah Court of Appeals opinion issued on or after January 1, 1999, using fictitious decisions, would be as follows:

Before publication in Utah Advance Reports:

Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT16.
Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT App 16.

Before publication in Pacific Reporter but after publication in Utah Advance Reports:

Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT 16, 380 Utah Adv.
Rep. 24.
Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT App 16, Utah Adv.
Rep. 24.

After publication in Pacific Reporter:

Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT 16, 998 P.2d 250.
Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT 16 App 16, 998 P.2d 250.

Examples of a pinpoint citation to a Utah Supreme Court opinion or a Utah Court of Appeals opinion issued on or after January 1, 1999, would be as follows:

Before publication in Utah Advance Reports:

Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT 16, ¶21.
Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT App 16, ¶21.
Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT App 16, ¶¶21-25

Before publication in Pacific Reporter but after publication in Utah Advance Reports:

Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT 16, ¶21, 380 Utah
Adv. Rep. 24.
Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT App 16, ¶21, 380
Utah Adv. Rep. 24.

After publication in Pacific Reporter:

Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT 16, ¶21, 998 P.2d
250.
Smith v. Jones, 1999 UT App 16, ¶21, 998
P.2d 250.

If the immediately preceding authority is a post-January 1, 1999, opinion, cite to the paragraph number:

Id. at ¶15.

Any questions about the universal citation form may be directed to:

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