Lawcite
QuickStart Guide
Exercise 3a

Formatting the Paragraph Numbers

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    Lawcite defines the paragraph numbering command, **\p**, in such a way that arbitrary code can be inserted before and after it (listing 1). This in turn allows easier customisable formatting.

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%Numbered paragraphs
\newcounter{parno}
\renewcommand{\theparno}{\arabic{parno}}
\newcommand{\p}{%
    \refstepcounter{parno}%
    \noindent\numparshiftleft{%A
    \savebox{\mybox}{%
        \mbox{\numparformat%B
            \numpardelimleft%C
            \theparno%
            \numpardelimright%D
            }}%
    \usebox{\mybox}}%
    \label{para.\theparno}%
    \numparfillright%E
    \numparindent%F
    \numpardelimpost%G
    }
```

Code listing 1: Defining the paragraph numbering command, **\p**

The structure is:

A	B C \theparno D	E F G

where

A	\numparshiftleft
B	\numparformat
C	\numpardelimleft
	\theparno
D	\numpardelimright
E	\numparfillright
F	\numparindent
G	\numpardelimpost

To illustrate.

With default settings, basically just brackets and a space,

```
\newcommand\numparshiftleft{}
\newcommand\numparfillright{}
\newcommand\numparindent{}
\newcommand\numparformat{}
\newcommand\numpardelimleft{[}
\newcommand\numpardelimright{]}
\newcommand\numpardelimpost{\ }
```

the result is this:–

[1] A compensation case[1] under the *Home Building Act* 1989 (NSW).

[2] In a criminal matter, the trial date was vacated "because it was not possible to assemble a jury panel under current public-health restrictions"[2].

[3] In an equity case, the question was whether the Court should take the "unusual" step of ordering specific performance of an agreement where one party had agreed to pay another party an amount in settlement of the proceedings[3].

Without brackets and shifted into the margin,

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\setnumparshiftleft{\hspace{-2.5em}}
\setnumparfillright{\hspace{3.5em}}
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[1] *Ippolito v Cesco* [2020] NSWSC 561.

[2] *R v Munshizada, Danishyar and Baines* [2020] NSWSC 566, [2].

[3] *Hu v Blue Whale Entertainment Pty Ltd* [2020] NSWSC 562.

```
\setnumparformat{\color{blue}\bfseries}
\setnumpardelimleft{}
\setnumpardelimright{.}
```

the result is this:–

4.   In a dispute about whether service on the receivers of a claim for possession of real property in the Illawarra was sufficient (it was), if there were any potential dispute about costs, the parties had leave "to file dot point written submissions about costs of no more than three pages in length within one week of today"[4].

5.   A long and complicated matter involving a will and a property, with a change in the pleadings sought[5]: "It can be inferred from any review of the amended pleading that gaining a proper understanding of the case and re-pleading it properly is something that would have taken quite a number of weeks."[6]

6.   A case where an application for trial by jury was refused[7].

> ... The resources of this Court and others like it are finite and delays are often unavoidable despite the best efforts of all concerned. Mr Flowers wants his case heard and the State of New South Wales evidently shares his view. In such circumstances it is very important that Mr Flowers not become diverted by unhelpful voices chattering on the sidelines or by loud drums being beaten by folk with unhelpful agendas that are inevitably destined to frustrate his progress before eventually discarding him and moving on to their next target. There must necessarily be a limit to the amount of valuable court time Mr Flowers (or anyone like him) can be permitted to dedicate to silly arguments or confected obsessions that clog the court and waste everybody's time without advancing his case.[8]

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[4] *The Trust Company (PTAL) Limited v Samuel M Holdings Pty Ltd* [2020] NSWSC 556, [38].

[5] *Carrafa v Asfar* [2020] NSWSC 530.

[6] ibid [47].

[7] *Flowers v State of New South Wales* [2020] NSWSC 526.

[8] ibid [19].

With minimal formatting,

```
\setnumparshiftleft{}
\setnumparfillright{\hspace{3pt}--\hspace{3pt}}
\setnumparformat{\color{red}}
\setnumpardelimleft{[}
\setnumpardelimright{]}
```

the result is this:–

[7] – An application for security of costs against an executor[9].
[8] – A building and construction case where there was a mistake in the name of a party[10].

And adding in TikZ,

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\setnumparshiftleft{\hspace{-2em}\theball\hspace{1.5em}}
\setnumparfillright{\hspace{0.5em}---\hspace{0.5em}}
\setnumparformat{\normalcolor}
%\setnumpardelimleft{}
%\setnumpardelimright{.}
\setnumpardelimpost{}
```

the result is this:–

- [9] — A sentencing hearing: "murder, the most serious crime in the criminal calendar"[11].
- [10] — A contracts case, with an originating process being served outside the jurisdiction[12].

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[9] *Steven Binetter as the representative of the Estate of the Late Ida Wolff v Ronald Binetter* [2020] NSWSC 552.

[10] *Strata Plan 87060 v Loulach Developments Pty Ltd* [2020] NSWSC 550.

[11] *R v Tangi (No 12)* [2020] NSWSC 547, [1].

[12] *International Management Group of America Pty Ltd v Media Niugini Ltd t/as EMTV* [2020] NSWSC 559.