



## Ithaca College Library Cathy Michael's Citation Guide for Chicago Manual of Style (CMS): Legal and Public Documents

This quick guide will offer styles only for legal and public documents (p. 769-778) from [The Chicago Manual of Style \(16th Edition\)](#), which is available at the library Reference Desk (Z253 .U69 2010). Chicago 14.281 (p. 769) recommends two other stylebooks for law. Ithaca College library has on of them: [The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation](#) (Harvard Law Review Association); it is also available at the Reference Desk (KF245 .U55 2010). *The Bluebook* is more detailed and can supplement style examples found in *Chicago*. Page 482 of *The Bluebook* has an index entry called "Citations Analyzed" by type. Quick reference can be found on the inside and back flap of the spiral bound book. For general assistance with Chicago style, see Diana Hacker's site on *Chicago* documentation: [http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e\\_ch10\\_s1-0001.html](http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch10_s1-0001.html)

### Cases and Court Decisions (Chicago rule 14.288-291)

*Citing to the United States Supreme Court Reports is preferred (U.S.). (CMS p. 772, Bluebook p. 87-109)*

1. New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, 376 U.S. 254 (1964).

*Citations to LexisNexis should include the docket number, database name and identifiers specific to that database:*

1. Prometheus Radio Project v. Federal Communications Commission, 2011 U.S. App. LEXIS 13855 (3d Cir. 2011).

### Constitutions (Chicago rule 14.292)

*U. S. Constitution (CMS p. 773, Bluebook p. 110)*

*There are four parts: 1) U.S CONST. + 2) amend. + 3) the number of the amendment cited + the section § symbol and the number of the section cited. The name of the Constitution is in all caps and the amendments are lower case.*

1. U.S. CONST. amend. I. § 1.

*Tip: you can insert the section (§) symbol by going to Insert > Symbol > more symbols and then browsing. Choose § and then the Shortcut Key. Hit Ctrl+S (or anything you like). The next time you need to insert that symbol you can simply strike Ctrl+S to insert it.*

*State Constitution (CMS p. 773, Bluebook p. 110)*

*You should include the name of the database and the currency of the database in parenthesis.*

1. N. Y. Const. Art. I. § 8 (LexisNexis, LexisNexis Academic through 2011).

### Legislative and Executive Documents (Chicago rules 14.293-304)

*Statutes and Codes (CMS p. 774, Bluebook p. 111)*

*You can cite an entire statute:*

1. Children's Television Act of 1990, 47 U.S.C. §§ 303a-303d (2011).

*Or an individual section of an act:*

1. 47 U.S.C. § 303b (2011).

*Bills and Resolutions (CMS p. 774, Bluebook p. 111)*

1. Free Flow of Information Act of 2011, H.R. 2932, 112th Cong. (2011).

*Administrative and Executive Materials (Bluebook p. 133-135). This includes the Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Register.*

1. 47 C.F.R. § 79.1 (2009).

*Hearings (CMS p. 774, Bluebook p. 128) See the Bluebook for citing a particular page & statement by a particular speaker.*

1. Espionage Act and the Legal and Constitutional Issues Raised by Wikileaks: Hearing on S. 372, Before the House Committee on the Judiciary, 111th Cong. (2010).

*Congressional Reports and Documents (CMS p. 775, Bluebook p. 129). See the Bluebook for citing a particular page or if there is a title or author to the report.*

1. CHILD OBSCENITY AND PORNOGRAPHY PREVENTION ACT OF 2002, H.R. DOC NO. 107-526 (2D SESS. 2002).

*Congressional Debates since 1873. (CMS p. 775, Bluebook p. 129) This includes the Congressional Record (floor debates of Congress). In this example, 147 is the volume and S2780-2782 is the page number. This was a Senate debates so the page number is preceded by "S".*

1. 147 Cong. Rec. S2780-2782.

*Secondary sources and freestanding publications (CMS p. 777, Bluebook p. 147-152). This includes other government documents, law review articles, periodicals and newspapers).*

1. Steven A. Boylan, *The Military-Media Relationship: An Exercise in Strategic Patience*, MILITARY REVIEW 2 (2011).
2. LAWRENCE LESSIG, REMIX: MAKING ART AND COMMERCE THRIVE IN THE HYBRID ECONOMY (2008).
3. Derigan A. Silver, *National Security and the Press: The Government's Ability to Prosecute Journalists for the Possession or Publication of National Security Information*, 13 COMM. L. & POL'Y 447 (2008).
4. Elizabeth H. Steele, *Examining the FCC's Indecency Regulations in Light of Today's Technology*, 63 FED. COMM. L.J. 289 (2010).
5. UNITED STATES. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, JOINT DOCTRINE FOR INFORMATION OPERATIONS (Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1998).
6. Edward Wyatt, *F.C.C. Proposes Rules on Internet Access*, THE N. Y. TIMES, Dec. 2, 2010, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/03/technology/03privacy.html?scp=1&sq=do-not-track&st=Search>

## Citation Generators / Bibliographic Management: Noodlebib and Zotero

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<http://www.ithacalibrary.com/sp/subjects/guide.php?subject=govcom#box-4741>

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