Write-On 2023
GLJ Law Fellows Bluebook Workshop
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Upcoming Write On Events

- OJA Town Hall April 12, 3:30-5:30 McDonough 206
- Evening Session 7:45-8:15 Hotung 1000
- How to Write A Case Comment April 26, 3:30-5 McDonough 200
Brief Overview of Write On

- May 19th, 2023 - July 5, 2023
  - Pick any 14-day period within this time frame
- Competition has two components
  - Bluebook Exam
  - Case Comment
- Some journals accept personal statements
  - Each journal has different prompts
- Attend the OJA Town Hall and see the Write On website for sample instructions, case comments, and other resources
Agenda:

1) How to Bluebook
2) Case Comment
3) Bluebook Exam
4) Examples
5) Other Miscellaneous Tips
6) Practice & Questions
1) General Bluebooking tips

Blue pages vs. white pages
Microsoft Word recommended
Remember to track your changes
Tab your Bluebook
Use the index
Assume everything in every citation is wrong
1) General Bluebooking tips

Formula:

1. What type of source: R10–21
2. Go through each sub-rule (e.g., author, title, etc.)
3. Formatting: R1–9
4. Abbreviations: T6–16
5. Check every character for weird issues (e.g., double spacing)
How would you cite page 133 of Agnes Lee’s groundbreaking article “Join Our Journal,” which begins on page 120 of the 110th volume of the Georgetown Law Journal, published in 2021?
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Relevant rules: BB 16, T. 6/13

2) How to cite a case comment

- **Write On Packet**
  - EX) Principal Case, Supreme Court Cases, Circuit Court Cases, District Court Cases, Statutory & Regulatory Provisions, Secondary Sources

- **BUT**
  - Abbreviations (T6)
  - Unreported Cases (Rule 10.8)
  - U.S. Constitution (Rule 11)
  - Statutes (Rule 12)
  - Short Forms (Rule 10.9 for cases and Rule 12.10 for statutes)
2) How to cite a case comment

- Don’t forget
  - Supra vs. Id.
    - Supra = short cites to law review articles (Rule 4.2)
    - Id. = short cites to cases OR the immediately preceding authority so long as the footnote contains only one authority (Rule 4.1)
  - Signals (Rule 1.2) and recommend parentheticals (Rule 1.5)
  - Pincites (Rule 3.2)
  - Five Footnote Rule (Rule 10.9)
    - In law review footnotes, a short form for a case may be used if it clearly identifies a case that (1) is already cited in the same footnote or (2) is cited (in either full or short form, including “id.”) in one of the preceding five footnotes
  - Periods at the end of footnotes

- Check out
  - Sample Materials and Case Comment on Write On Competition website
  - Not necessarily CORRECT, but good place to start
3) How to approach the BB exam

(1) Tab your Bluebook
(2) Review the Whitepages
(3) Visit Georgetown Law Library’s Online Bluebook Guide
(4) Review Georgetown Law Library’s Bluebook Guides & Handouts
   (a) Bluebooking Scholarly Legal Writing
   (b) Everything You Wanted to Know that the Bluebook Does Not Tell You Clearly
   (c) Some of the Most Obscure Bluebook Rules or How to Really Impress Even the Most
       Exacting Bluebooker
(5) Create a schedule
(6) Check your work
4) Citing a litigation document

• E.g., a complaint, a brief, etc.

• Rule 10.8.3

4) Citing a book

• Rule 15


4) Citing an online newspaper article

• Rule 16.1

4) Citing a footnote

• Rule 3.2(b)

• To cite ONLY the footnote:

• To cite the discussion on the page and the footnote:

• To cite multiple footnotes:
5) Other Misc. Tips (1)

• Double check your italics!
  • The period after *id.* is italicized.
  • The comma after *see, e.g.,* is NOT italicized.
• Double check T6 for abbreviations words in of case names
• Double check T12 for abbreviations of months
• Double check T13 for abbreviation of names of periodicals
5) Other Misc. Tips (2)

• In a string cite, citations of the same type (i.e supporting) are separated by a semicolon. Only the first signal is capitalized.
  • See Shelley v. Kraemer, 334 U.S. 1, 8 (1948); see also Lloyd Corp. v. Tanner, 407 U.S. 551, 557 (1972).

• In a string cite, citations of different types (i.e. supportive vs. contradictory) go in different sentences.

See Rule 1.3
5) Other Misc. Tips (3)

• Make sure that signals that should have parentheticals have them. Rule 1.2.

  see also, see generally

• Check the order of your parentheticals. R1.5(b)

  (alteration in original) (emphasis added).
6) Practice Questions and Q&A
How would you cite the online Politico article entitled “Biden's sweeping climate goal comes down to one thing,” authored by Michael Grunwald on April 25, 2021?
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Relevant rule: BB 18.2.2, 8

Michael Grunwald, *Biden's Sweeping Climate Goal Comes Down to One Thing* POLITICO (Apr. 25, 2021), URL.
How would you cite page 51 of the Respondent’s Brief, which was filed on August 25, 2020, for the pending case *Public Citizen v. Hennepin County* in the Eighth Circuit, docket number No. 20-0223?
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Relevant rules: BB 10.8.3, BB 10.2.1(f) for county, T6 for abbreviations.

Questions?
Reach Out With Questions

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