



Universal Citation Guide Third Edition

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Universal citation is a system of citation that permits reference to legal or law-related information in any medium, print or electronic, without requiring reference to proprietary products of any particular publisher. Universal citation is designed to maximize access to the law by enabling researchers to overcome bibliographic, technological, and format-driven barriers to access.

The Third Edition is:

- Streamlined, updated and simplified to be more practical and easier to use
- Expanded to include the history of the fight for universal citation
- The best tool for citing Internet documents

The Guide Contains:

Universal Citation and the American Association of Law Libraries: A White Paper

- Republished in its entirety from the Summer 2011 Law Library Journal. The white paper gives an in-depth treatment of the history of universal citation, and describes how a few of the states have implemented such systems.

Rules

- The citation rules are further clarified and standardized. Historical context and footnotes are included and additional examples are provided to help demonstrate how the rules are applied.

Appendices

- Six appendices on abbreviations and federal and state materials are
- updated and easier to navigate.

Almost 20 years has passed since the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) published The Final Report of the Task Force on Citation Formats. Since then, there have been many changes in the way information is gathered, shared, and accessed, making the need for universal citation (also known as public domain citation) systems even greater.

As states publish primary documents on their own web sites and researchers utilize a wide variety of options to access legal materials, it is necessary to have a universal system of citation that helps users locate information across all formats, platforms, and publishers.

The Universal Citation Guide, 3rd ed. recognizes the current practices of legal researchers who often consult an electronic research tool without ever seeing a print volume of a reporter or code sitting on a library shelf. This title provides a complete guideline for universal citation.

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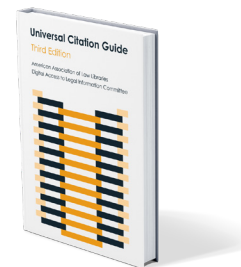
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