Citation Style

The Institute has formulated a set pattern of footnoting, which is followed in The Journal of Indian Law Institute, Annual Survey of Indian Law and various other publications of the Institute. Contributors of articles, notes and comments are required to follow this pattern.

MODE OF CITATION FOR BOOKS

A. FOR AN AUTHORED BOOK

- By a single author:

Name of the author, Title of the book p.no. (if referring to specific page or pages) (Publisher, Place of publication, edition/year of publication).


- By two authors:

Name of the authors, Title of the book p.no. (if referring to specific page or pages) (Publisher, Place of publication, edition/year of publication).


- By multiple authors (more than two):

Name of the first two authors, et.al., Title of the book p.no. (if referring to specific page or pages) (Publisher, Place of publication, edition/year of publication).


- Books with volume no.:

Name of the author(s), Volume no. Title of the book p.no. (if referring to specific page or pages) (Publisher, Place of publication, edition/year of publication).


B. FOR EDITED BOOKS

- By a single editor:
Name of the editor (ed.), *Title of the book* p.no. (if referring to specific page or pages) (Publisher, Place of publication, edn/year).


➢ **By two editors:**

Name of the editors (eds.), *Title of the book* p.no. (if referring to specific page or pages) (Publisher, Place of publication, edn/year).


➢ **By more than two editors:**

Name of the editors, the first two only, *et.al.* (eds.), *Title of the book* p.no. (if referring to specific page or pages) (Publisher, Place of publication, edn/year).


➢ **By, or an auspices of, an organization/institution:**

Indian Law Institute, *Index to Indian Legal Periodicals* (ILI, Delhi, 2002).

**MODE OF CITATION FOR ARTICLES/ESSAYS**

➢ **Citation of a paper published in a journal/periodical:**

Name of author of the article, title of the essay within inverted commas, volume number of journal *Name of the journal* page number (year).


➢ **Citation of a paper published in a case reporter:**


➢ **Citation of an essay/chapter published in an edited book:**

Name of author(s) of the essay, title of the essay within inverted commas, in Name of the editor(s), *title of the edited book* page number (publisher, edition/year).

Compliance with Multilateral Environmental Agreements: A dialogue between practitioners and academia 1-24 (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2006).

- Citation of an essay published as a part of a Survey of Law (e.g. Annual Survey of Indian Law, an annual publication of the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi):

Name of author of the essay, title of the essay within inverted commas, volume number name of the survey, page number (Name of the institute, year).


- Citation of a write-up published in a newspaper/periodical:

Name of the writer, Title of the write-up within inverted commas, Name of the newspaper, date (month.date.year)

E.g. Robert I. Freidman, “India’s Shame: Sexual Slavery and Political Corruption are Leading to an AIDS Catastrophe” The Nation, Apr. 8, 1996.

- Citation of an editorial from a newspaper:

Editorial, Title of the Editorial within inverted commas, Name of the newspaper, date.


- Citing a reference form Encyclopaedia:


WEBSITES

- The author must indicate the date of visiting the website.


UNPUBLISHED WORKS

- Unpublished Research Work (E.g., Dissertation/Thesis):


 Interviews:

Forthcoming publication of a book:

Forthcoming publication of an article:

MODE OF CITATION OF CASE LAW

Where the case title is written in the body of the text, only the name of the case shall be in the text e.g. *Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala* and the citation is written in the footnote as AIR 1973 SC 1461.

If the name and citation are to be written in the footnote itself: *Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala*, AIR 1962 SC 933.

If parties to a case are numerous, for e.g. *State of Punjab v. Union of India and others*; this case is to be cited as: *State of Punjab v. Union of India* (1977) 3 SCC 592.

Foreign Cases to be cited in the same manner as Indian cases, according to the rules mentioned above.

ACTS/ CONSTITUTION

The Complete name of statute/act, year (citation)

- The Information Technology Act, 2000 (Act 21 of 2000).

Constitution to be cite as:

- The Constitution of India.

SECTION(S) IN A STATUTE/CONSTITUTION

The complete name of the statute (citation), section/articles in abbreviation (s./art.)

E.g.
- The Information Technology Act, 2000 (Act 21 of 2000), s. 30.
- The Information Technology Act, 2000 (Act 21 of 2000), ss. 30, 32.
• The Constitution of India, arts. 14, 15, 16.
• The Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Act 45 of 1860), s.300.

Foreign legislations (Constitution/Acts/Codes)

➢ The complete name of the statute (citation), section/articles in abbreviation (s./art)  
E.g.  
• The United Kingdom Sovereign Immunity Act, 1978, art. 4  
• National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations, 1978, s. 10.

➢ The constitutions to be cited in the same manner as the Constitution of India, 
however, where the official citation mentions the particular form of citation or title, 
the same must be mentioned.  
E.g.  
• The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, 1900, s. 9.  
• The Constitution Acts for certain state constitutions in federal countries:  
  Constitution Act, Year (name of the particular province or state), pinpoint  
  reference.  
  E.g. Citation for the constitution of the State of New South Wales, Australia:  
  Constitution Act, 1962 (NSW), s 5.

REPORTS

➢ Institution/Author, “title of the Report within inverted commas” page number (Year 
of publication).

E.g. Law Commission of India, “144th Report on Conflicting Judicial Decisions  
Pertaining to the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908” (April, 1992).

E.g. Government of India, “Report of the Committee on Reforms of Criminal Justice  
System” (Ministry of Home Affairs, 2003).

Constituent Assembly Debates and Parliamentary Debates

➢ Volume no. , Constituent Assembly Debates, page number  
E.g. VIII, Constituent Assembly Debates, 31,32.

➢ Constituent assembly debates available online  
E.g. Constituent Assembly Debates on April 29, 1947 available at:  

➢ Parliamentary Debates  
E.g. Lok Sabha Debates on July 06, 2019 available at:  
http://164.100.47.194/Loksabha/Debates/debatelok.aspx(last visited on Aug. 01, 2019).
INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS

- **International conventions and/or treaties**
  
The complete name of the convention or treaty, section/article number
  

- **Constitutive and Basic Documents of International Organisations**
  
The complete name of the statute/charter, article number (art.) or section number (s.)
  
  E.g. The United Nations Charter, art. 12
  
  The Statute of the International Court of Justice, art. 24

- **Official United Nations (UN) Documents (Resolutions, Decisions, Committee Reports)**
  
The citation of the United Nations documents should include the following elements in the given order:
  
  - Author (either an individual or an organ)
  - *Title of the document in italics*
  - Resolution or decision number
  - Official Records
    - General Assembly Official Records – UN GAOR
    - Security Council official Records – UN SCOR
    - Economic and Social Council- UN ESCOR
    - Trusteeship Council Official Records- UN TCOR
  
  - UN document number
  - Full date (both date of adopting, and date of entering into force)
  - Pinpoint reference (preamble/para./p.no./art./s./pt./annex.)

**Examples of the commonly cited types of UN documents:**

- Author (individual followed by designation/institution), *Title of the document*, Resolution or decision number, Official records, UN document number (full date), pinpoint reference.
  
    - General Assembly resolution to be cited as:
      

- Security Council resolution to be cited as:

➢ Economic and Social Council Decision to be cited as:


➢ Report of a UN Organ to be cited as:


➢ Report of the UN Treaty Body:


➢ Secretary General’s Report to be cited as:


SUPRANATIONAL CASES

➢ International Court of Justice Cases:

Name of the case (Name of the Parties) (Phase) [Year] Report series, pinpoint reference.

Phases:

- (Provisional Measures)
- (Preliminary Objections)
- (Jurisdiction)
- (Merits)
- (Judgment)

E.g.

LaGrand Case (Germany v. United States of America) (Judgment) [2001] ICJ Rep. 466.

Right of Passage over Indian Territory (Portugal v. India) (Preliminary Objections) [1957] ICJ Rep 125.
European Court of Human Rights Cases/ International Criminal Court Cases (and other supranational courts)

Name of the Parties (Year) Report Series, pinpoint reference.

E.g.

Campbell v United Kingdom (1992) 233 ECHR.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES

- Electronic Newspapers to be cites as (where an identical print version is not available)
  
  Name of the author, “Title of the article”, Name of the Newspaper in italics, full date, available at <URL> (last visited on)

- Audiovisual Sources/Documentaries
  
  Name of the Studio/Production Company, Title in italics, Year, available at <URL>

- Speeches/Interviews/ Papers presented at Seminars available at websites:
  
  Name of the author, Title of the Paper, name of the conference/workshop, Held on (Place and date), available at <URL> (last visited on)

REFERENCING

- Supra/ Infra

  - Supra (Latin: ‘above’) is used to refer to a prior footnote.

  - If a different page number is to be indicated in a source referred to in a prior footnote
    E.g. Supra note 5 at 34.

  - If referring to a section/article in a source referred
    E.g. Supra note 5, s.40.
      Supra note 6, art.14.

  - Avoid the use of Infra (below).

- Ibid./ Id.

  - Ibid. (meaning ‘in the same place’) is used to refer to an authority in the footnote immediately preceding the current footnote and the same page/ place is being referred to.
Id. (meaning ‘the same’) is used if the authority is the same but the page or place of reference is different.

E.g. Id. at 30.

If referring to a section / article in the same authority
E.g. Id., art. 14.

**Abbreviations for Pinpoint references:**

- Article- art.
- Section- s.
- Point- pt.
- Schedule- sch.
- Annexure- annex.
- Paragraph- para.
- Page number- p.no.
- Clause- cl.