

APA Legal References Guide

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Cases & Court Decisions

Format:

- Supreme Court: Name v. Name, Volume U.S. Page (Year). URL
- Circuit Court: Name v. Name, Volume F., F.2d, or F.3d Page (Court Year). URL
- District Court: Name v. Name, Volume F. Supp. Page (Court Year). URL
- State Court: Name v. Name, Volume Reporter Page (Court Year). URL

Example:

Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954).

Statutes

Format:

Name of Act, Title Source § Section (Year). URL

Example:

Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (1990).

Other Legislative Materials

- Testimony: Title, ### Cong. (Year) (testimony of Name). URL
- Hearing: Title, ### Cong. (Year). URL
- Unenacted Bill: Title, H.R. or S. ###, ### Cong. (Year). URL
- Resolution: S. or H.R. Res. ###, ### Cong., Volume Cong. Rec. Page (Year) (enacted). URL
- Report: S. or H.R. Rep. No. ###-### (Year). URL

Administrative & Executive Materials

- Codified Regulation: Title, Volume C.F.R. § ### (Year). URL
- Proposed Regulation: Title, Volume F.R. Page (proposed Month Day, Year) (to be codified at Volume C.F.R. § ###). URL
- Executive Order: Exec. Order No. #####, 3 C.F.R. Page (Year). URL

Patents

Format:

Inventor, A. A. (Year). Title (U.S. Patent No. ###). U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. URL

Constitutions, Charters, and Treaties

- Article: U.S. Const. art. ###, § x.
- Amendment: U.S. Const. amend. ###.
- UN Charter: U.N. Charter art. ##, para. ##.
- UN Treaty: Name, Month Day, Year. URL