CITATION GUIDELINES

The Journal of The Missouri Bar uses THE BLUEBOOK: A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CITATION (20th ed. 2016) (the Bluebook) as its citation manual, with the following modifications.

CASES

Italicize case names. Do not underline case names in the body of your article.

When a Missouri opinion, the name of the court rendering the opinion is modified from Bluebook format.

Examples of modified citations:
Supreme Court en banc: Sanders v. Ahmed, 364 S.W.3d 195 (Mo. banc 2012)
Court of Appeals, cite to the district: State v. Davis, 186 S.W.3d 367 (Mo. App. W.D. 2005)

No parallel citation need be given. However, pinpoint citations to the page on which cited material appears are still required.


Where the case name is given in the text, it need not be repeated in the note.

Example:
The doctrines are succinctly discussed in Wilkinson v. Dwiggins.¹
¹80 S.W.3d 849 (Mo. App. E.D. 2002).

In a quote omissions of citations or footnotes need not be indicated by ellipses or by parenthetical.

Certiorari denied need not be included in subsequent history. All subsequent history by which the decision was changed or modified should be included.


A citation need not be given every time a case name is used in a sentence. A citation should only be given when quoting from the case, or to show that a case supports a certain proposition.

Example: Nevertheless, in an attempt to ameliorate the unfairness resulting from a rigid application of this rule, courts imposed an obligation on the owner of separate property to reimburse the martial community for its contribution to the purchase of the separate asset.¹
¹Hoffman, 676 S.W.2d at 824.

Here a pinpoint citation is required to show that Hoffman supports the proposition cited, even
though this is not a quote from *Hoffman*, nor is *Hoffman* mentioned in the sentence.

**STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**
Revised Statutes of Missouri (Do not cite to V.A.M.S.)

**COURT RULES**
Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, and Appellate Procedure should all be cited as: Rule

**GENERALLY**
The word *supra* is not to be used with a case name. Instead use a short form, Rule 4.1.

Wrong: *Spudich, supra*, at 681.
Right: *Spudich*, 745 S.W.2d at 681.

The abbreviation "n." is to be used only when citing to a footnote in the opinion being cited. It is not to be used to cross-reference to a preceding footnote in the instant article.

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