

California Style Manual citation examples

Cases (CSM § 1 et seq.)

Incept cite —first full citation of case

(*Loeffler v. Target Corp.* (2013) 58 Cal.4th 1081, 1104, fn. 5.)
 (*Perez v. Public Utilities Com.* (2016) 2 Cal.App.5th 1411.)
 (*Citizens United v. Federal Election Comm'n* (2010) 558 U.S. 310.)

(*Kucana v. Mukasey* (7th Cir. 2008) 533 F.2d 534.) [2d Cir., 3d Cir.]
 (*Jones v. U.S.* (C.D.Cal. 2014) 31 F.Supp.3d 1050.)
 (*State v. Seering* (Iowa Ct.App. 2004) 678 N.W.2d 655, 667–669.)
 (*In re Greka Energy* (Cal. O.S.H.A., Dec. 3, 2003, No. 03-R4D5-9248)
 2003 WL 23111209, pp. *1 - *2.)
 (*D.R. Horton* (Jan. 3, 2012) 357 NLRB No. 1 84, p. 2 [2012 NLRB
 Lexis 11, p. *6].)

Subsequent cite, same paragraph

(*Loeffler v. Target Corp.*, *supra*, 58 Cal.4th at p. 1104.) [or]
 (*Loeffler, supra*, 58 Cal.4th at p. 1104.) [or]
 (*Loeffler, supra*, at p. 1104.) [or]
(*Loeffler, at p. 1104.*) [most common] [or]
 (*Ibid.*) [no intervening cite or fn.] [or]
 (*Id.* at p. 1105.) [no intervening cite or fn.] [with or without comma]
 (*Id.* at p. 1105, fn. 4.) [no intervening cite or fn.]

Subsequent cite, new paragraph (full *supra* cite)

(*Loeffler, supra*, 58 Cal.4th at p. 1104.) [If *Loeffler* short cite adopted –
note: short cites cannot be acronyms]
 [or] In *Loeffler, supra*, 58 Cal.4th at page 1104 . . . [if not in parentheses]
 (*Aggrenox, supra*, ___ F.Supp.3d at p. ___ [2015 U.S. Dist. Lexis 35634
 at pp. *38-*39].) [If *Aggrenox* short cite adopted]

Parts of opinions, same case

(Maj. opn., *ante*, at p. 28.)
 (Conc. & dis. opn. of Cantil-Sakauye, C. J., *post*, at pp. 4-5.)

Parts of opinions, different case

(*Loeffler, supra*, 58 Cal.4th at p. 1135 (dis. opn. of Liu, J.))
 (*Citizens United, supra*, 558 U.S. at p. 401 (conc. & dis. opn. of Stevens,
 J.)) [assumes *Citizens United* short cite was adopted]

Just filed (date parenthetical with forum, file date & docket no.)

(*In re Aggrenox Antitrust Litigation* (D.Conn., Mar. 23, 2015, No. 3:14-
 md-2516 (SRU)) ___ F. Supp. 3d ___, ___ [2015 U.S. Dist. Lexis
 35634, *38].)
 (*Glossip v. Gross* (2015) 576 U.S. ___, ___ [135 S.Ct. 2726, 2736].)
 [forced blanks]

Order of “tags”

(*Case A, supra*, 50 Cal.4th at p. 10, italics added, quoting *Case B, supra*,
 40 Cal.4th at p. 111.)
 (*People v. Paul* (2010) 50 Cal.4th 6, 30 (dis. opn. of Black, J.), italics
 added (*Paul*).)
 (*People v. Paul* (2010) 50 Cal.4th 6, 8 [“*blah blah*” (italics added)].)
 (*People v. Paul, supra*, 50 Cal.4th at p. 8 (*Paul*) [“*blah blah*”].)
 (*People v. Paul, supra*, at p. 8 (*Paul*) [“*blah*”], overruled on another
 ground in *People v. Brown, supra*, 60 Cal.4th 10.)

Caps (CSM § 4:1 et seq.)

Headings Was the Felony-murder Evidence All In?

Cap first and last words; lowercase word after hyphen

Lowercase and, but, a, an, the

Lowercase short *prepositions* (4 letters) (with, to, from)

Other lowercase: apartment 3, department 202, title VII, patrol unit,
 count 2, section, division, chapter, part, court, appellate court, master
 contract, state, county (unless a defined term or the County/State of . . .)

Codes, Statutes, and Rules (CSM § 2 et seq.)

Codes

(Code Civ. Proc., §§ 632, 633, subs. (d) & (e).)
 (See *id.*, § 635, subs. (f), (g); Civ. Code, §51, subd. (a)(1), (2).)
 (Pen. Code, §§ 27 [blah], 28, subd. 1 [blah], 190.3 factor (b).)
 (Cal. Law Revision Com. com., 29B pt. 3B West’s Ann. Evid. Code
 (2009 ed.) foll. § 1101, p. 221.)
 (Welf. & Inst. Code, former § 361.5, subd. (b)(4), added by Stats. 1987,
 ch. 1485, § 39, p. 5624.)
 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) [no subs.]

Acts & Stats.

. . . under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub.L. 101-336,
 104 Stat. 327, enacted July 26, 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) we . . .

. . . under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA; Pen.
 Code, § 11164 et seq.) [or] (CANRA) (Pen. Code, § 11164 et seq.)
 [if no defined term created, “The act states . . .” – not the Act]

(Stats. 2009, 3d Ex. Sess. 2007-2008, ch. 7, § 2, p. 6038, amending Sts.
 & Hy. Code, § 2105.)

Regulations

(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.; *id.*, §§ 15091, subd. (a)(3)
 [findings], 15093 [statement of considerations].)
 (15 C.F.R. § 5000 (2010).) [“parts” in text]

Rules (no subs.)

(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.810(a), (b) & (d).)
 (Ct. App., First Dist., Policy Statement A, Assignment of writ petitions.)
 (Fed. Rules Civ.Proc., rule 12(a)(1), 28 U.S.C.)

Legislative history (no AB or SB as short cite)

(Pen. Code, § 11165.7, as amended by Stats. 2000, ch. 916, § 5, p. 6813;
 see Legis. Counsel’s Dig., Assem. Bill No. 1241 (1999-2000 Reg.
 Sess.) 6 Stats. 2000, Summary Dig., p. 422.)
 (Assem. Com. on Judiciary, Analysis of Sen. Bill No. 678 (2005–2006
 Reg. Sess.) as amended Aug. 14, 2006, p. 1.)

Assembly Bill No. 5 (2015-2016 Reg. Sess.) was supported by . . .
 Senate Bill No. 3X 18 (2009-2010 3d Ex. Sess.) was supported by . . .
 (Voter Information Guide, Primary Elec. (Mar. 7, 2012) analysis of Prop.
 36 by Legis. Analyst, pp. 46-47.) [consider adopting short cite]
 [in 2000, ballot pamphlets started being called voter information guides]

Secondary authority (CSM § 3 et seq.)

(1 Jefferson, Cal. Evidence Benchbook (Cont.Ed.Bar 4th ed. 2015)
 Hearsay and Nonhearsay Evidence, § 1.9, pp. 1-7 to 1-8 (rev. 3/14).)
 (1 Witkin, Cal. Evidence (2015 supp.) Hearsay, § 36, p. 150.)
 (Wegner et al., Cal. Practice Guide: Civil Trials & Evidence (The Rutter
 Group 2014) ¶ 8:565, p. 8C-60.) [*et al. used if more than 2 authors*]
 (Oxford English Dict. Online (2014) <http://www.oed.com> [as of Feb.
 26, 2015].)
 (Esty, *Revitalizing Environmental Federalism* (1996) 95 Mich. L.Rev.
 570, 575–597.) [law reviews—Bluebook + CSM spacing]

Quotes (CSM § 4:12 et seq.) Is it quotable?

“[A] party who has lost money . . . has suffered injury . . .”

Three dots for midquote omission, four dots for end

No dots for start-of-sentence omission or for fragments

To omit one or more paragraphs: [¶] . . . [¶]

Use brackets to adjust quote to your sentence’s syntax