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Preface to the Sixteenth Edition

This edition of the *Bluebook* retains the same basic approach to legal citation established by its predecessors. But many citation forms have been expanded, elaborated upon, and, in some cases, modified from previous editions to reflect the ever-expanding range of authorities used in legal writing and in response to suggestions from the legal community. Here are some of the more noteworthy changes:

Rule 1.2 on the use of introductory signals has been modified. The number of signals has been reduced and the distinction between signals has been simplified. Under the modified rule, “e.g.” no longer appears as a separate signal but may still be used in conjunction with other signals.

The rule regarding typeface conventions for textual material in law reviews, which now appears as **rule 2.2**, distinguishes between the main text and the footnote text of law review pieces. In addition, for the purpose of deciding whether a case name should be italicized, a distinction is drawn between case name appearances in footnote text that are grammatically part of the sentence in which they appear and those that are not.

Rule 3.3 has been expanded to include citation formats for endnotes and graphical materials.

Rule 10.3.1 has been modified to require the use of an official public domain citation format (also referred to as medium neutral citation) for case citations when such a format is available.

The abbreviation for citing the decisions of bankruptcy appellate panels that appears in **rule 10.4** has been modified.

Rule 10.5 has been modified and now requires an exact date for all unreported cases and for all cases cited to a looseleaf service, a slip opinion, an electronic database, or a newspaper.

Rule 10.7 on prior and subsequent case history no longer requires that denials of certiorari or denials of similar discretionary appeals be indicated unless the decision is less than two years old or the denial is particularly relevant.

Rule 12.5 has been updated to provide a special citation format for citing a code contained in an electronic database.

Rule 12.8.5 has been expanded to include sentencing guidelines.

Rule 13 has been modified to eliminate the identification of the session number for legislative materials when the session can otherwise be inferred from the remainder of the citation.

The format for citing numbered federal reports and documents, which appears in **rule 13.4**, has been modified.

Rule 15.1 has been modified to require the full name of an author, editor, or translator as it appears on the publication being cited. Middle names should no longer be shortened to initials unless initials are used by the cited source. The same rule applies to authors of periodical materials (**rule 16.1**).

New **rule 17.3.3** provides guidance for citing materials found on the Internet.

Rule 19 has been modified and now requires that citations to foreign materials conform as closely as possible to local citation practice of the jurisdictions whose material is being cited. **Table T.2** has been revised and expanded, and it should be used in conjunction with **rule 19** in determining a citation format.

Rule 20.8.4 now provides citation formats for World Trade Organization and GATT materials.

The tables have been updated and expanded. **Table T.1** now includes an entry for the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition, the entry for Texas has been substantially revised and now includes a brief description of that state's writ and petition history system. The following foreign jurisdictions have been added to **Table T.2**: Israel, the Russian Federation, and South Africa.

Table 14 (Periodicals in Foreign Languages) has been eliminated. As a result, **tables 15 to 17** have been renumbered as **tables 14 to 16**.

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