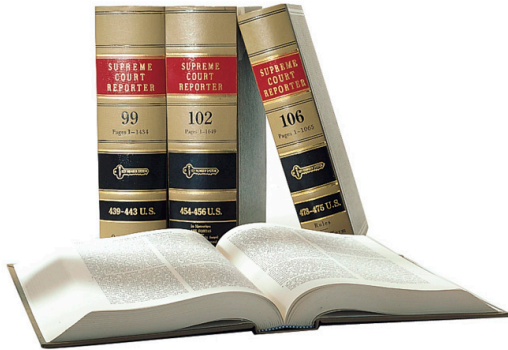


# Anatomy of a Citation

## What is a citation?

A citation is the basic information required to identify or locate a specific publication.



- Usually, cases, statutes or articles are identified by citations to the sets of printed books in which they are published.

- Although these resources are now widely available in online sources, the print citation is still used to identify a particular case, statute, or law review article.

## Cases (Primary Law)

Party Names Volume Reporter Page Pin Cite  
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Court Year

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## Legal Periodicals (Secondary Source)

Author Title Volume  
Cass R. Sunstein, Interpreting Statutes in the Regulatory State, 103  
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