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INTRODUCTION

The University of Malaya Law Review Style & Citation Manual serves as a comprehensive guideline to student editors as well as prospective writers on general stylistic and citation conventions unique to this Law Review.

Student editors are to consult this manual during the editing process to ensure academic articles conform to the house style. Furthermore, they are expected to aim towards being proficient with the rules of usage, citation, and style to continuously maintain and improve the standards of the Law Review. On the other hand, prospective writers wishing to submit to the Law Review may refer to this manual to aid them in the process of authoring a note, comment, or article.

Containing references to the University of Malaya Citation Style for Legal Works (Third Edition) ('UMCLSW') developed by the Faculty of Law, Universiti Malaya, this manual is in the fourth edition and shall come into force on 1st December 2022. The Editor-in-Chief will periodically review and update the entire manual should certain styles or citation formats require clarifications or refinement in the future. The latest edition of the manual should be used by student editors and writers alike.

I. GENERAL FORMAT

- A. Manuscripts should be written in 12-point font size, using Times New Roman as the font type.
- B. The text should be 1.5-spaced and typed on one side of the A4-sized paper, leaving generous margins.

Left	3.5cm
Right	3.5cm
Тор	2.5cm
Bottom	2.5cm

- C. With the exception of title pages, titles, and special headings, all text should be flushed to the left and justified.
 - **I.** Text indent at 0.63cm; aligned at 0cm
 - A. Text indent at 0.63cm; aligned at 0cm
 - 1. Text indent at 0.63cm; aligned at 0cm
 - (a) Text indent at 1.6cm; aligned at 0.63cm
 - (i) Text indent at 1.6cm; aligned at 0.70cm
- D. Each page of the submission should include page numbering centred at the bottom of the page. Introduction pages and table of contents should be numbered with lowercase roman numerals, e.g. i, ii, iii. Meanwhile, the main body of submissions should be numbered with Arabic numerals, e.g. 1, 2, 3. Page numbers should be in 12-point font size, with Times New Roman as the font type.
- E. All content should be written in British English to ensure consistency. However, the utilisation of American English must be retained should a text, name, quote, etc be originally written in said style.

II. ANATOMY OF SUBMISSIONS

A. Each submission should include three major sections: The Title Page, Abstract, and Main

Body.

B. Major Submission Sections:

1. The Title Page

(a) The title page should contain the title of the paper, the author's name, and the

institutional affiliation.

(b) Submissions should have a title which is both concise and descriptive. The title should

be typed in uppercase letters, underlined, bolded, and centred in the upper half of the

page. It is recommended that the title be no more than 12 words in length.

Example: A COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HARASSMENT BILL: A STEP IN

THE RIGHT DIRECTION?

(c) Beneath the title, type the author's name: first name, middle initial(s), and last name.

Beneath the author's name, type the institutional affiliation of the author. This

information must be centered to the middle of the page.

2. Abstract

(a) All contributions should be accompanied by an abstract of no more than 200 words.

(b) The abstract should be placed right after the title of the article. Before the first line of

the abstract, centre, and bold the word 'Abstract'.

(c) The content of the abstract should be a concise summary of the key points of the

submission. The abstract should be single-spaced.

(d) Under the abstract, there shall be a list of capitalised keywords that best captures the

essence of the article to improve its visibility in search engines.

Example: Criminal Law, Restorative Justice, Juvenile, Penal Code.

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3. Main body

(a) This page should include the main contents of the submission. The contents should

comply with the guidelines outlined in the house style and general format section of

this style and citation manual.

(b) With the exception of the first paragraph, please indent the first line of all paragraphs

at 1.0 cm. There should not be a space between paragraphs.

(c) Footnotes should appear at the foot of each page. All citations done in the footnotes

generally should comply with the UMCLSW (Third Edition) developed by the Faculty

of Law, Universiti Malaya.

II. HOUSE STYLE

A. HEADINGS

1. The number of levels of headings should not exceed five.

2. There should not be extra spaces between the heading and body text below.

3. First level headings should be preceded by capitalised roman numerals, bolded, flushed to

the left, and typed in capital letters.

Example: I. THE NOTION OF A 'CONSTITUTIONAL COURT' IN MALAYSIA

4. Second level headings should be preceded by capitalised alphabets, bolded, italicised,

flushed to the left, and typed with initial capitals for main words only. Should the heading

contain a colon (:) or semicolon (;), the proceeding word should be capitalised.

Example: A. Relationship between Privacy and the Right to Be Forgotten

5. Third level headings should be preceded by Arabic numbering, bolded, flushed to the left,

and typed with initial capitals for the first word and proper nouns only.

Example: 1. Intention to create legal relations

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6. Fourth level headings should be preceded by lowercase alphabets in parentheses, bolded, flushed to the left, and typed with initial capitals for the first word and proper nouns only.

Example: (a) Permission from the four schools of thought in Sunni Islam

7. Fifth level headings should be preceded by lowercase roman numerals in parentheses, bolded, flushed to the left, and typed with initial capitals for the first word and proper nouns only.

Example: (i) The homogenisation of FGC: The East-West dichotomy

B. QUOTATIONS

- 1. Quotations should be clearly indicated, and it is vital that they are accurate.
- 2. Single quotation marks should be inserted at the beginning and end of every quotation, and double quotation marks for quotations within the quotation. Unless the punctuation is part of the quoted material, it goes outside the quotation marks.

Example: It is stated in the Companies Act 2016 that 'in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — "annual general meeting", in relation to a public company, means a meeting of the company required to be held by section 340.'

- 3. Where words, phrases, or sentences are omitted within a quotation, the omission should be indicated by ellipses '...'
- 4. Where the quotation exceeds 40 words, it should be typed as a separate paragraph and indented once to the right with quotation marks.
- 5. Quotations shall not be italicised.

C. CONTENT TO BE ITALICISED

1. Italicise names of publications appearing in the body of the work.

Example: This principle was held in the case of PP v Datuk Harun bin Haji Idris & Ors.

2. When words or phrases within the italicised material would themselves be italicised, change those words or phrases to the ordinary type.

Example: Referring to the article written by Ms Choong Shaw Mei, 'Where Are You Heading, LAD? Application of Liquidated Damages Clauses in Termination or Abandonment Cases: How the UK Decision in Triple Point Technology, Inc v PTT Public Company Ltd May Impact Malaysian Law on Liquidated Damages'...

3. Foreign words not currently absorbed into the English language should be italicised. This includes Latin terms used in legal terminology.

Example: 'nemo judex in causa sua', 'animus possidendi', 'ubi jus ibi remedium', etc.

Terms that have foreign origins but have since been absorbed into the English language should not be italicised.

Example:

etc	Benjji loves eating healthy food — vegetables, fruits, etc.
i.e.	After work, I'll walk over to that new sports arena, i.e. Thunderdome.
e.g.	I like to eat citrus fruits, e.g. oranges, grapefruits, and limes.

4. Content that would normally be italicised under this section shall also be italicised in the footnotes.

D. GENDER PRONOUNS

- 1. The University of Malaya Law Review practises the usage of gender-neutral language.
- 2. Replace generic masculine pronouns such as 'he' and 'his' by rewriting sentences in one of the following ways:

	Methods	Original	Rewrite
a	Recast the sentence in	A traffic offender	Traffic offenders
	the plural	would have to present	would have to present
		his ID when requested	their ID when
		by the police.	requested by the police.
b	Use neutral words like	A leader will be in	A leader will be in
	'individual' or 'one'	charge of delegating	charge of delegating
		tasks. He has wide	tasks. This individual
		discretion to carry out	has wide discretion to
		this responsibility.	carry out this
			responsibility.
С	Eliminate the pronoun	A secretary is expected	A secretary is required
	altogether	to edit a variety of	to edit a variety of
		documents. She must	documents and prepare
		also prepare weekly	weekly updates.
		updates.	
d	Repeat the noun	The juvenile offender	The juvenile offender
		must submit	must submit
		documentation before	documentation before
		release. His guidance	release. The juvenile
		counsellor will verify	offender's guidance
		the documents.	counsellor will verify
			the documents.

3. Use gender-neutral occupational titles.

Example: Change 'For our country to prosper, our Prime Minister needs to start thinking

like a businessman.' to 'For our country to prosper, our Prime Minister needs to start

thinking like a businessperson.'

4. Avoid the generic term 'man', generic words, and expressions that contain 'man'

and the use of 'man' as an adjective or verb.

Example: 'Although he was but a layman, the plaintiff was led to believe that the

defendant was the best man for the job.' to 'Although he was but a layperson, the

plaintiff was led to believe that the defendant was the best person for the job.'

E. BULLET POINTS

All bullet points shall be in black circles.

F. PROVISIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS IN TEXT

1. Dates in the text should be written in the 'day month year' format.

Example: 19th November 2020

2. 'Section' shall be written as 'Section' in the text.

Example: Section 18(10)(a).

3. 'Article' shall be written as 'Article' in the text.

Example: Article 12 of the Federal Constitution.

4. Abbreviations of names, nouns, etc should be inserted in round brackets, enclosed with

single quotation marks as follows.

Example: Ministry of Health ('MOH')

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G. PERIODS IN TITLES

In British English, the periods in titles are omitted.

Example: Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr

H. DASHES, HYPHENS, AND SLASHES

1. Hyphenation (-) should comply with the latest edition of the Oxford or Cambridge

Dictionary. If a compound expression does not appear in the Oxford or Cambridge

Dictionary, it should be hyphenated.

Example: re-enact, home-based

2. The em-dash (—) may be used to indicate an interruption in a sentence or to substitute a

colon. It may also be used on both sides of a parenthetical remark or apposition. Tip: To

produce an em-dash in Word, hold the 'alt' key and type '0151'. An em-dash may also be

produced by entering a double hyphen (--) between two words without a space if the

AutoFormat feature is activated.

Example: There was no clear ratio in the decision — indeed, with seven judgments, this was

to be expected.

3. Forward slashes (/) are used to separate alternatives.

I. OXFORD COMMA

The University of Malaya Law Review uses Oxford commas in the text.

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IV. CITATIONS

Most citations under this section are adopted from the UMCSLW (Third Edition). Student editors and prospective writers are encouraged to refer to the UMCSLW (Third Edition) for materials not listed in this manual.

A. GENERAL

- 1. To refer to previously cited content, do not use 'ibid' or 'supra'; use 'See footnote 3 above.'
- 2. Indicate the pinpoint reference (page, chapter, section or subsection, paragraph, or schedule) to any sources referred to. In the following example, the starting page is 261 whereas the pinpoint reference is 262.

Example: Tan Tek Seng v Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Pendidikan & Anor [1996] 1 MLJ 261, 262.

3. As a general rule, footnote numbering should be placed immediately after the punctuation.

Example: The modern state has discarded its traditional and confined role as protector to assume multi-faceted functions.³⁰

However, there is an exception to this general rule where the footnote numbering is not immediately after the punctuation.

Example: The decision of the Privy Council in South-East Asia Fire Bricks sent ripples of discontent amongst administrative lawyers,⁵⁸ academics,⁵⁹ and judges⁶⁰ who chafed under the restrictive and orthodox stand thrust upon the Malaysian courts.

4. Should more than one material be cited at once in the same footnote, the following format must be adopted.

Example: Tan Tek Seng v Suruhanjaya Perkhidmatan Pendidikan & Anor [1996] 1 MLJ 261, 262; Government of Malaysia & Ors v Loh Wai Kong [1979] 2 MLJ 33, 35.

5. Footnotes including an elaboration or extract of an article or a paragraph shall be cited in the following manner.

Example:

³⁰ HRH Sultan Azlan Shah. (1986, Dec 19). The Right to Know. *Lectures and Speeches by HRH Sultan Azlan Shah*, 58-59. Retrieved from https://www.sultanazlanshah.com/image/data/PDF/2004%20Book%202/Lecture_3.pdf. Site accessed on 1 Sept 2021:

'It is, after all, to them that the citizen turns (to), to ensure that his rights are upheld. For this reason, the judges should always maintain their independence, to ensure that the rights of the individual are upheld. They should be bold enough to strike at and to declare unlawful any interference on the freedom of the press or of the right to know which is not in accordance with the law. Except where they themselves are clearly satisfied that a particular act of the executive which restricts these rights is necessary for the maintenance of the security and peace of the nation, they should always aim to protect these rights. It should not be overlooked that the right to know and the right to free expression are as basic and important as any other fundamental right enshrined in the Federal Constitution.

It should further be pointed out that neither the executive nor even the Parliament should attempt to curb the course of justice. Judicial independence is a cornerstone in any democratic country, as every lawyer and politician knows. The judges are independent of all — the executive, Parliament and from within themselves — and are free to act in an independent and unbiased manner. No member of the Government, no Member of Parliament, and no official of any Government department has any right whatever to direct or influence the decisions of any of the judges. It is the sure knowledge of this that gives the public their confidence in the judges.

The judges are not beholden politically to any Government. They owe no loyalty to Ministers. They have longer professional lives than most Ministers. They, like civil servants, see Governments come and go. They are "lions under the throne" but that seat is occupied in their eyes not by Kings, Presidents or Prime Ministers but by the law and their conception of the public interest. It is to that law and to that conception that they owe their allegiance. In that lies their strength.'

- 6. All editors are encouraged to ensure the citation is valid, accurate, and accessible tallying with the subject matter of the sentence or body text.
- 7. Should a material not contain the full necessary information, editors are to cite it as follows:

Material has no date of	Please state '(n.d.)' in place of the
publication	date of publication.
Material has no author	Please cite the website name in
	place of the author's name.
Material has no volume/issue	Please omit it entirely.
number	

8. All footnotes should be in 10-point font size, in Times New Roman font type. Further, all footnotes should be single-spaced and aligned to the left.

Disclaimer:

For the ease of reference, please note that all footnotes in this manual are typed in 12-point font size and are 1.5-spaced.

B. PRIMARY SOURCES

1. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION

a) Federal Constitution

Format	Short title (Gazette Notification Number) (Jurisdiction)	
	Pinpoint reference.	
Examples	Federal Constitution (Malaysia) art 4.	
	Laws of the Constitution of Negeri Sembilan 1959 (G.N.)	
	214/1959 Rep. 1979) (Negeri Sembilan) art 5.	

b) Acts of Parliament

i. Principal Acts

Format	Short title (Act Number) (Jurisdiction) Pinpoint reference.
Example	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia Act 2002 (Act 617)
	(Malaysia) s 2.

ii. Revised Acts

Format	Short title (Act Number Rev. Year) (Jurisdiction) Pinpoint
	reference.
Example	Census Act 1960 (Act 16 Rev. 1969) (Malaysia) s 6.

iii. Amending Acts

Format	Short title (Act Number) (Jurisdiction) Pinpoint reference.
Example	Copyright (Amendment) Act 2002 (Act A1139)
	(Malaysia) s 4.

c) State Enactments/ Ordinances

Format	Short title (Enactment/Ordinance Number) (Jurisdiction)
	Pinpoint reference.
Example	Labour Ordinance 1952 (Cap 76) (Sarawak) s 9.

d) Subsidiary Legislation

Format	Short title (Gazette Notification Number) (Jurisdiction) Pinpoint
	reference.
Example	Printing Presses and Publications (Control of Undesirable
	Publications) (No. 12) Order 2007 (P.U.(A) 377/2007) (Malaysia)
	o 2.

e) Bills

Format	Short title (Jurisdiction) Pinpoint reference.
Example	Development Financial Institutions Bill 2001 (Malaysia) cl 4.

f) Gazettes

Format	Gazette Title (Gazette Number) Date (Jurisdiction) Pinpoint
	reference.
Example	Gazette: Proposed Copyright Bill (No. 2391) 12 Jun 1967
	(Malaysia) pp 1105.

2. CASES

a) Case Names

i. General Rule

Rule	In citing cases, the name of the case and source wherein the same is
	reported must be sufficiently descriptive for the case to be traced.
	The names cited are in fact the names of the parties to the litigation.
	Square brackets enclosing the date of the report are utilised where
	the date is an essential part of the report citation. Round brackets or
	parenthesis enclose the date where the reports have a sequential
	volume numbering without recourse to the year.
	A 'v' that stands for versus should generally separate the parties'
	names. It should not be followed by a full stop and should not be

	italicised in footnotes. However, the 'v' should be italicised in body text.
	Note: Should a case only be cited in Bahasa Malaysia, please retain it.
Format	Case name [Year] Volume Law Report Series Starting page,
	Pinpoint reference.
Examples	 Choa Choon Neoh v Spottiswoode (1869) 1 Ky 2156, 216. Aminah v Superintended of Prison [1968] 1 MLJ 92.
	·
	Khoo Say Lock v Pengarah Tanah dan Galian Selangor & Ors
	[2018] MLJU 143, 144.

ii. Parties' Names

Rule	A citation to a case should include the parties' names in italics as
	they appear on the first page of the report, except that:
	Full stops should not be used in abbrievations
	Where the parties are individuals, names shall generally appear
	in full, given names and initials should be omitted
	Only the first plaintiff and first defendant should be cited, ('&
	Anor' or '& Ors') should not be used to indicate other parties
	Where the case involves more than one action, only the first
	action should be cited
Examples	• Public Prosecutor v Alfred a/l Vincent [2004] 6 MLJ 105.
	• Lim Meng See v PP (1950) 16 MLJ 86.

iii. Corporations and Firms

Rule	Where a party is a corporation or firm, the following abbrievations
	should be used.
	'Trading as' or 't/a', trading names, or former company names
	should not be included.
Examples	Preston Corp Sdn Bhd v Edward Leong & Ors [1982] 2 MLJ
	22.
	Leong Moh Sawmill Co Sdn Bhd (in liq) v Standard Chartered
	Bank [1996] 2 MLJ 614.
	• Cheow Chew Khoon v Abdul Johari bin Abdul Rahman [1995]
	1 MLJ 457. [Not: Cheow Chew Khoo (t/a Cathay Hotel) v
	Abdul Johari]

List of abbrievations:

Word	Abbreviation
And	&
Berhad	Bhd
Company	Со
Corporation	Corp
Limited	Ltd
Proprietary	Pty
Incorporated	Inc
Sendirian Berhad	Sdn Bhd
(in liquidation)	in liq

iv. The Government and States

Rule	Where a party is the Government of Malaysia, 'Government of
	Malaysia' or 'Kerajaan Malaysia' should be used. Where a party is
	a Malaysian state, the name of the state should be used.
	Where a party is a Public Prosecutor, the term 'Pendakwa Raya' or
	'Public Prosecutor' should be used in the text. 'PP' should be used
	in the footnotes. Where a party is a particular Ministry, the
	Director or Head of the Department should be used followed by
	the relevant bodies or jurisdictions.
Examples	Government of Malaysia v Government of the State of
	Kelantan [1968] 1 MLJ 129.
	Moh Yattim bin Baharom v Kerajaan Malaysia [2010] 8 MLJ
	662.
	Pendakwa Raya v Mohd Safwan bin Husain [2017] MLJU
	441.
	• Lee Jock Mee v Pengarah, Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan,
	Perak (2000) 2 AMR 2119.

v. The Crown

Rule	The abbreviation 'R' is used when the Crown is the first-named
	party. When the Crown is the respondent, 'The King' or 'The
	Queen' (when appropriate) shall be written in full.
Examples	• R v Duffy [1949] 1 All ER 932.
	Thambiah v The Queen [1966] 1 MLJ 70.

vi. 'Re' and 'Ex parte'

Rule	'Re' means 'in the matter of' and is commonly used when a court
	acts in an advisory or guardianship capacity, as it does in cases
	involving the interpretation of wills or trusts.
	'Ex parte' indicates that the party to an action is acting in the
	absence of the other party and when cited should not be

	abbreviated.
Examples	• Ex parte: Guan Teik Sdn Bhd (substituting Lim Oo Guan,
	deceased) [2010] 1 MLJ 1.
	• Re Baby M (An Infant) (Adoption: Consent) [1994] 2 MLJ 635.

b) Year and Volume

Rule	Every case citation must refer to the law report in which the
	judicial decision is reported.
	For domestic reports published from 1932-1964, the sequential
	volume numbering system was used. Hence, volume 30 of the
	MLJ published in 1964 is cited as (1964) 30 MLJ. However, from
	1965, two or more volumes were published annually and the
	volume numbering system was discontinued. Hence, from that
	year onwards, MLJ is cited in reference to the year in square
	brackets, followed by the volume (e.g. [1965] 1 MLJ).

c) Identifying the Judge

Rule	Where appropriate, the judge or judges responsible for the
	judgement being cited may be identified in parenthesis after the
	pinpoint reference.
Example	Alma Nudo Atenza v Public Prosecutor and another appeal
	[2019] 4 MLJ 1 (Richard Malanjum CJ).

d) Name of Courts

Rule	Generally, the name of the court is not included in a citation of a
	case. However, where the author believes that it is important to
	identify the court, the name of the court may be included in
	parenthesis. Where a decision has gone on appeal it is essential
	that the decision of the superior court be indicated in the citation
	of a case of first instance.

Examples	Alma Nudo Atenza v Public Prosecutor and another appeal
	[2019] 4 MLJ 1 (Federal Court).

e) Unreported Decisions

Rule	Unreported decisions should be cited by its name, the court which
	decided it, the name of the judge or judges, date given in full, and
	whenever possible the number assigned to the case in the court
	records. Full information is essential in order to facilitate the
	acquisition of the judgment by the reader possibly from the court.
Examples	Pendakwa Raya v Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Hj Abd Razak (High
	Court Kuala Lumpur, Mohd Nazlan Bin Mohd Ghazali J, Aug 21,
	2020. Criminal Suit no. WA-45-2-07/2018, WA-45-3-07/2018
	and WA-45-5- 08/2018 Unreported).

B. SECONDARY SOURCES

1. BOOKS AND OTHER NON-PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

a) General Rules for Citing Authors

i. Western Names

Rule	Cite Western names by surname, followed by initials or given
	name. Names with suffixes (e.g. Jr. and III), use commas to
	separate surnames, initials, and suffixes.
Examples	Thomas Ashe cited as Ashe, T.
	Herbert Lionel Adolphus Hart cited as Hart, H. L. A.
	Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. cited as Holmes, O. W. Jr.
	John Smith III cited as Smith, J. III

ii. Chinese Names

Rule	Cite Chinese names by surname, followed by initials or given
	name. If a Christian name is included, cite by surname followed
	by the Christian name and other given name in initials.
Examples	Roger Tan Kor Mee cited as Tan, R. K. M.
	Lim Wei Jiet cited as Lim, W. J.

iii. Malay Names

Rule	Cite Malay names in direct order and in full, inclusive of any
	inherited titles.
Examples	Izura Masdina Mohamed Zakri cited as Izura Masdina
	Mohamed Zakri.
	Tunku Sofiah Jewa cited as Tunku Sofiah Jewa.

iv. Indian/Sikh Names

Rule	Cite Indian/Sikh names by surname, if known, followed by given
	name. Otherwise cite in direct order and in full.
Examples	Usharani Balasingam cited as Balasingam, U.
	Hardeev Singh cited as Hardeev Singh.

v. Conferred Titles

Rule	In citing local names, conferred titles such as Tun, Tan, Sri,
	Dato', Datin, etc are omitted. (Note: This rule does not apply to
	citation of cases)
Examples	Tun Mohamed Suffian Hashim cited as Mohamed Suffian
	Hashim.
	Datin Grace Xavier cited as Xavier, G.

vi. Compound or Multiple Surnames

Rule	In the case of hyphenated surnames or hyphenated first names,
	enter as follows.
Examples	Joseph Gordon-Levitt cited as Gordon-Levitt, J.
	• Jean-Baptiste Lamarck cited as Lamarck, J. –B.
	• Thio Li-ann cited as Thio, L. –a.

b) Books

i. Works by a Single Author

Format	Author. (Year). Title. (ed.). Place of Publication: Publisher,
	Pinpoint reference.
Examples	Hudson, A. (2010). Equity and Trusts. (6th ed.). Abingdon, UK:
	Routledge-Cavendish, 41.

ii. Works by Two or More Authors

Format	Authors. (Year). <i>Title</i> . (ed.). Place of Publication: Publisher,
	Pinpoint reference.
Examples	Lunney, M., & Oliphant, K. (2003). Tort Law: Text and
	Materials. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 95.
Note	Use a comma and an ampersand to indicate the other authors and
	place a full stop after the last author's name. In the event that
	there are more than six authors, replace all authors between the
	sixth author and the last author with three ellipses and add the last
	author's name.

c) Articles

i. Journal Articles

Format	Author. (Year). Title of article. Title of Periodical, Volume
	number (Issue), Starting page, Pinpoint reference.
Examples	Abu Bakar Munir. (2012). Personal Data Protection Act: Doing
	Well By Doing Good. Malayan Law Journal Articles, 1(2),
	83, 84.
	• Thio, La. (2006). Apostasy and Religious Freedom:
	Constitutional Issues Arising from the Lina Joy Litigation.
	Malayan Law Journal Articles, 2, 1, 4.
	Pojanowski, J. A. (2019). Neoclassical Administrative Law.
	Harvard Law Review, 133, 852, 860. Retrieved from
	https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=334534
	2>. Site accessed on 25 Oct 2020.
Note	Include the digital object identifier (DOI) or the URL for

online journal articles.

ii. Newspaper Articles

Format	Author. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. Title of Newspaper.
	Retrieved from <url>. Pinpoint reference.</url>
Examples	Mazwin Nik Anis. (2020, Oct 28). Police Approval Needed to
	Enter CMCO Areas. <i>The Star</i> , 6.
	• Vanar, M., & Loh, I. (2020, Oct 25). Time for Unity to
	Overcome Challenges Facing Malaysia, Says Shafie. The Star.
	Retrieved from
	https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2020/10/25/time-
	for-unity- to-overcome-challenges-facing-malaysia-says-
	shafie>. Site accessed on 26 Oct 2020.
Note	The newspaper title in italics is followed by the words 'Retrieved
	from' and the URL of the newspaper articles/reports (if relevant).
	If the citation comes from an online source, the date the site was
	accessed shall be included at the end. However, if the exact date
	cannot be ascertained, the editor shall include the date the article
	was first received. An exception to the general format is when
	citing a physical copy of the newspaper, a comma will follow the
	title of the newspaper.

iii. Magazine Articles

Format	Author. (Year, Month Date). Title of article. Title of Magazine,
	Volume, Starting page. Retrieved from <url>. Pinpoint</url>
	reference.
Examples	Graham, D. A. (2020, Oct 22). Biden Seizes Trump's Populist
	Mantle. The Atlantic. Retrieved from
	https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/10/biden-seizes-
	trumps-populist-mantle/616832/>. Site accessed on 26 Oct 2020.
Note	The starting page is followed by the words 'Retrieved from'
	and the URL of the magazine article (if relevant). If the

citation comes from an online source, the date the site was
accessed shall be included at the end. However, if the exact
date cannot be ascertained, the editor shall include the date
the article was first received.

2. INTERNATIONAL MATERIALS

a) Indian Legislations

Reference should be made to the Bluebook, 'Foreign Jurisdictions - T2.18 India'.

b) Other International Materials

Reference should be made to Part IV International Materials of the Australian Guide for Legal Citation (Third Edition).

3. MISCELLANEOUS

a) Seminar/ Conference Papers

i. Published Conference Papers in Book Form

Format	Author. (Year). Title of the conference paper. In Editor (Ed.).
	Addition (Tear). This of the conference paper. In Editor (Ed.).
	Name and place of the conference (Pagination). Place of
	Publication, Country: Publisher.
Examples	Hasmah Zainuddin, & Azizah Hamzah. (2007). International
	Trade Agreement of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs),
	Copyright Issues & Burden to Enforce in Malaysia. In K. Y. Choi
	(Ed.). Korean studies in Southeast Asia: Strategic Cooperation
	and Development in Research and Education: Proceedings of the
	2 nd International Conference of the Korean Studies Association of
	Southeast Asia University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur (pp 121-
	138). Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: University of Malaya.

ii. Proceedings Published Regularly Online

Format	Author. (Year). Title of the conference paper. Name of the
	conference Vol, Starting page, Pinpoint reference.
Examples	Herculano-Houzel, S., Collins, C. E., & Lent, R. (2008). The
	Basic Non-Uniformity of the Cerebral Cortex. Proceedings of the

National Academy of Sciences 105, 245, 247. Retrieved from
<doi: 10.1073="" pnas.0805417105="">. Site accessed on 6 Dec 2018.</doi:>

iii. Unpublished Conference Papers

Format	Author. (Year, Month). Title of the conference paper. Paper
	presented at the Name of Conference, place of the Conference.
Examples	Raja Aziz Addruse. (2003, Sept). Human Right Advocacy in
	Court. Paper presented at the Conference on Human Rights and the
	Administration of the Law, Kuala Lumpur.

iv. Websites

Format	Author. (Year, Month Day). Document Title. Website name.
	Retrieved from <url>. Site accessed on Day Month Year.</url>
Examples	World Health Organization. (2020, Mar 8). The Beijing
	Declaration Turns 25. World Health Organization. Retrieved from
	https://www.who.int/news/item/08-03-2020-women-s-health-
	and- rights-25-years-of-progress>. Site accessed on 5 Oct 2020.

v. Hansards

Format	Jurisdiction, Parliamentary Debates, Chamber, Session, Full Date,
	Page/Column No (Speaker).
Examples	Malaysia, Parliamentary Debates, Representative, Eleventh
	Parliament, Second Session, 4 Apr 2005, pp 3 (Jamaludin
	Mohd. Jarjis).
	Malaysia, Parliamentary Debates, Senate, Eleventh
	Parliament, First Session, 21 Dec 2004, pp 100 (Rohani Abdul
	Karim).

vi. Social Media

(i) Facebook

Format	Author(s). (Year, Date). Title (Up to 20 characters). Facebook.
	Retrieved from <url>. Site accessed on Day Month Year.</url>

Examples	World Health Organization. (2020, Jan 15). Urgent health
	challenges for the next decade: Elevating health in the climate
	debate. The climate crisis is a health crisis Facebook.
	Retrieved from
	https://www.facebook.com/WHO/photos/a.167668209945237
	/2853056008073097/?type=3&theater>. Site accessed on 30
	Oct 2022.

(ii) Twitter

Format	Author(s) [@username]. (Year, Date). Title (Up to 20 characters).			
	Twitter. Retrieved from <url>. Site accessed on Day Month Year.</url>			
Examples	Figure.NZ [@figurenz]. (2019, Oct 15). Looking forward to resting			
	up over the holidays? NZ #Health Survey figures show about 70% of			
	adults meet sleep duration Twitter. Retrieved from			
	https://twitter.com/FigureNZ/status/1207422765986279424 . Site			
	accessed on 30 Oct 2022.			

(iii) Instagram

Format	Author(s) [@username]. (Year, Date). Title (Up to 20 characters).			
	Twitter. Retrieved from <url>. Site accessed on Day Month Year.</url>			
Examples	New Zealand Police [@newzealandpolice]. (2019, Nov 15).			
	Class of 2019 // Wellington dog section #fridayfloof. Instagram.			
	Retrieved from https://www.instagram.com/p/B43ClJ9pN/>.			
	Site accessed on 30 Oct 2022.			

vii. Case Studies and Research Papers

Format	Author(s). (Year). Title of case study/research paper. Number of			
	case study. Retrieved from <url>. Site accessed on Day Month</url>			
	Year.			
Examples	Heisz, M., & Leech, L. (2005). Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002:			
	Understanding the Requirements and the Canadian Response.			
	Ivey ID: 9B05B009. Retrieved from			
	https://www.iveycases.com/ . Site accessed on 30 Oct 2022.			

viii. Religious Texts

Format	Print version:				
	Religious work title. (Year). Publisher.				
	Religious work published as website:				
	Religious work title. (Year). Website title. URL.				
	Annotated religious text:				
	Editor (Ed.). (Year). Religious work title. Publisher.				
Examples	Holy Bible: King James version. (2020). Christian Art Publishers.				
	(Original work published 1769).				
	The Noble Quran. (2022). Quran.com. Retrieved from				
	 <a hre<="" td="">				

ix. Institutional Reports and Publications

Format	Author(s). (Year). <i>Title of report</i> . (Report No.). Institution Name.			
	Retrieved from <url>. Site accessed on Day Month Year.</url>			
Examples	Velde, D. W. (2002). Government Policies Towards Inward			
	Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries:			
	Implications for Human Capital Formation and Income			
	Inequality. (Report No. 193). OECD Development Centre.			
	Retrieved from https://www.oecd-			
	ilibrary.org/development/government-policies-for-inward-			
	foreign-direct-investment-in-developing-			
	countries_248666671311>. Site accessed on 18 Jul 2022.			

x. Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

Format	Author(s). (Year). Title. In Editor's Name (Ed.), Name of		
	encyclopedia or dictionary (Vol. 3, pagination). Retrieved from		
	<url>. Site accessed on Day Month Year.</url>		
Examples	Maher, J. (2010). Work and Mothering. In A. O'Reilly (Ed.),		
	Encyclopedia of Motherhood (Vol. 3, pp 1278-1283).		

Retrieved from https://philpapers.org/rec/OREEOM >. Site
accessed on 30 Oct 2022.

xi. Thesis/Dissertations

Format	Author(s). (Year). Title [Doctoral dissertation/Master's thesis,		
	Institution]. Archive name. Retrieved from <url>. Site accessed</url>		
	on Day Month Year.		
Examples	Axford, J. C. (2007). What Constitutes Success in Pacific		
	Island Community Conserved Areas? [Doctoral dissertation,		
	University of Queensland]. UQ eSpace. Retrieved from		
	http://espace.library.uq.edu.au/view/UQ:158747 . Site		
	accessed on 30 Oct 2022.		

V. ABBREVIATIONS

A. Abbreviations for Legislative Materials in Footnotes

Pinpoint reference	Abbreviation	Pinpoint reference	Abbreviation
Article	art	Section	s
Page	pp	Subsection	ss
Enactment	en.	Schedule	sch
Rule	r	Clause	cl
Order	О	Ordinance	Ord.

B. Abbreviations for Months of the Year

Month	Abbreviation	Month	Abbreviation
January	Jan	July	Jul
February	Feb	August	Aug
March	Mar	September	Sept
April	Apr	October	Oct
May	May	November	Nov
June	Jun	December	Dec