**Guide to Citations**

***Court Name of Reporter Reporter Abbreviations***

**Federal Courts**

United States Supreme Court United States Reports U.S.

 Supreme Court Reporter S. Ct.

 S. C. Reports, Lawyers Ed. L. Ed. / L. Ed. 2d

US Courts of Appeals Federal Reporter F. / F.2d / F.3d

US District Courts Federal Supplement F. Supp. / F. Supp 2d

 Federal Rules Decisions F.R.D

**State Courts**

California Supreme Court California Reports Cal. / Cal. 2d / Cal. 3d

California Courts of Appeal California Appellate Cal. App. / Cal. App. 2d

Supreme Court & Courts of Appeal California Reporter Cal. Rptr. / Cal. Rptr. 2d

**Citation Examples:**

US Supreme Court

*Barrows v. Jackson*, 346 U.S. 249 (1953)

Case Name: Barrows v. Jackson

Volume No.: 346

Abbreviation of Reporter: U.S. (United States Reports)

Initial Page No. of Case: 249

Year of Case: 1953

Federal Court of Appeal:

*Universal Pictures Co. v. Harold Lloyd Corp.*, 162 F.2d 354 (9th Cir. 1947)

 Case Name: Universal Pictures Co. v. Harold Lloyd Corp.

 Volume No.: 162

 Abbreviation of Reporter: F.2d (Federal Reporter)

 Initial Page No. of Case: 354

 Circuit: 9th Circuit

 Year of Case: 1947

Federal District:

*Grey v. Campbell Soup Co.*, 650 F. Supp. 1166 (C.D. Cal. 1986)

Case Name: *Grey v. Campbell Soup Co.*

Volume No.: 650

Abbreviation of Reporter: F. Supp. (Federal Supplement)

Initial Page No. of Case: 1166

Federal District: Central District of California

Date of Case: 1986

State Court:

 *Harris v. Atlantic Richfield Co.*, 14 Cal. App. 4th 70 (1993)

 Case Name: Harris v. Atlantic Richfield Co.

 Volume No.: 14

 Abbreviation of Reporter: Cal. App. 4th (California Appellate – 4th series)

 Initial Page No. of Case: 70

 Date of Case: 1993

**Precedent - (Stare decisis – Controlling precedent of prior cases on lower courts)**

**Federal Court -** (Matters involving the US Constitution; Federal law; Federal common law)

* Has 1) Civil and 2) Criminal divisions
	+ Civil Division – dispute over money damages
		- Must be an issue of federal law or the civil dispute must 1) exceed $75,000 and all parties must have “diversity of jurisdiction” (from different states)
	+ Criminal Division – alleged violation of federal criminal law

**United States Supreme Court**

**US Courts of Appeals**

**US District Courts (Trial Court)**

**California State Court -** (Matters involving CA State Constitution; CA state laws; state common law)

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	+ Civil Division – dispute over money damages
	+ Criminal Division – alleged violation of state criminal law

**California Supreme Court**

**California Courts of Appeals**

**California Supreme Courts (Trial Court)**