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- “Style of Cause” is the shorter version of the case title (use *italicized font*)
  - e.g. *R v Smith*
- *R* = The Crown, The Queen, Regina, Rex
- Provide sources that are the most *easily accessible* to your reader
- Year of decision precedes year of reporter
- Year of decision use ( )
- Year of reporter use [ ]
- If year of decision & reporter are same, just use year of decision:
- If year of decision & reporter are different:
  - *Swiss Bank Corp v Air Canada* (1987), [1988] 1 FC 71
- Neutral citation year does not include ( ) or [ ]
- Neutral citation identifies case only, not where located or retrieved
  - *R v Pickton*, 2005 BCSC 836
- Pinpoint (in-text) example: (*R v Pickton*, 2005 at para 10)
- Pinpoint: only use page number if no paragraph number available
- Begin page or paragraph pinpoint with at
- Do not place comma before at and do not use p for page number
- Cite paragraphs using para or paras

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- If possible, provide your reader with two sources (“parallel citation”)
- Provide neutral citation and one other if available
- After the neutral citation, provide the official reporters for national jurisdictions (e.g. Supreme Court Reports = SCR or Federal Court Reports = FCR) or semi-official reporters for provincial jurisdictions (e.g. Ontario Reports = OR)

**EXAMPLES ON FOLLOWING PAGE** and more examples at the APA Subject Guide Legal Citation Tab

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Tips taken from: *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation* (Also known as “The McGill Guide”) Section E “Jurisprudence” Available at the JIBC Library, Reference Section, KE 259 C36 2018
Revised Statutes of Canada:


*Criminal Code*, RSC (1985) c C-46

Citation in text: *(Criminal Code, 1985, s 318(1)(a))*

- When **official** version is in e-format, you do NOT need to indicate the electronic source

Charter of Rights and Freedoms

(print or **official** online version; no retrieval statement required)


Citation in text: *(Canadian Charter, 1982, s 6(2)(b))*

Revised Statutes of British Columbia: Retrieved from a database (e.g. QuickScribe)

*Treaty Commission Act*, RSBC 1996, c 461, (QS)

Citation in text: *(Treaty Commission Act, 1996, s 5(1))*

Statutes of British Columbia: **Unofficial** version retrieved from website, include retrieval statement


Citation in text: *(Parental Liability Act, 2001, s 7(3)(b))*

Regulations of British Columbia (print version)

*Child Care Licensing Regulation*, BC Reg 332/2007

Citation in text: *(Child Care Reg, 2007, s 3(24)(2))*

Case Law: **Neutral citation** (identifies case only, not where located or retrieved)

Year=2005 – (no parentheses)

B.C. Supreme Court

836=Number assigned by Court

*R v Pickton*, 2005 BCSC 836

Citation in text: *(R v Pickton, 2005 at para 10)*

Case Law: **Print Source**

239=Volume Number

Canadian Criminal Cases, 3rd series

233 = starting page: 234=page

B.C. Court of Appeal

*R v Ellard* (2008), 239 CCC (3d) 233 (BCCA)

Citation in text: *(R v Ellard, 2008 at 234)*

Case Law: Retrieved from the

Canadian Legal Information Institute

CanLII (canlii.org)

*R v Glowatski*, 1999 CanLII 5608 (BCSC)

Citation in text: *(R v Glowatski, 1999 at para 17)*

Case Law: Retrieved from a

database (e.g. Quicklaw)

*R v Ellard* (2008), BCJ no 1689 (QL) (BCCA)

Citation in text: *(R v Ellard, 2008 at para 8)*

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