

APA Style: Legal Citations

Legal documents are cited in a different way than other types of sources, so you should consult the APA manual, other resources, or Writing Center staff for help. Here are some of the legal documents students use most often with examples and tips for citing them both in your essay and on your References list.

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Code of Ethics

Paraphrased in-text citation: ... (American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, 2001).
Narrative in-text citation: American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (2001)....

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. (2001, July 1). AAMFT code of ethics. https://www.aamft.org/Legal_Ethics/Code_of_Ethics.aspx

Court Cases

Use "v." for court cases instead of "vs."

Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954). <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1940-1955/347us483>

Paraphrased in-text citation: ... (Brown v. Board of Education, 1954).
Narrative in-text citation: Brown v. Board of Education (1954)....

Oyez.org is a repository for all Supreme Court cases.

Federal Laws

Make the section symbol by pressing Alt and typing in 0167 or going to Insert, Symbol.

Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (1990). <https://www.ada.gov/pubs/adastatute08.htm>

Paraphrased in-text citation: ... (Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 1990).
Narrative in-text citation: Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (1990)....

Minnesota Statutes, including Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Code of Ethics

The APA manual suggests using The Bluebook to format entries for state statutes; however, this is a very specialized citation style that also doesn't include retrievable links for sources, so we suggest using the format below. Of course, you should check with your instructor/program/assignment sheet for specific requirements. The Office of the Revisor of Statutes has published a guide on how to cite various Minnesota state laws. You can find this guide here: <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/faq/faq?id=138#notes>

Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 125A.02, subdivision 1, online. Accessed December 5, 2019.



The date you accessed the webpage.

The section and subdivision numbers can be found on the webpage for the statute as indicated below.