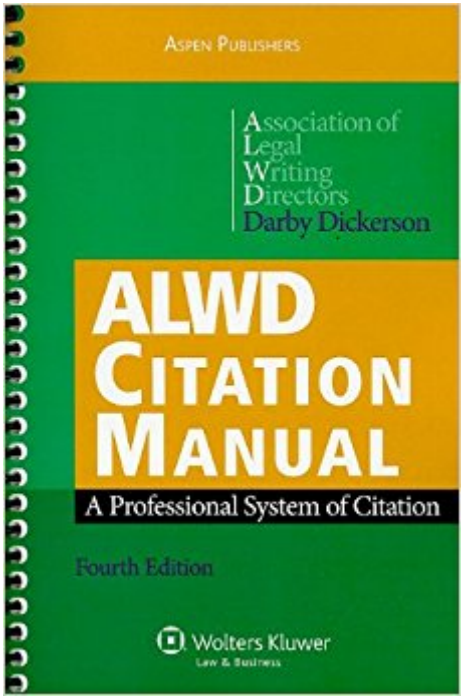
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ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation, now in its Fourth Edition, upholds a single and consistent system of citation for all forms of legal writing. Clearly and attractively presented in an easy-to-use format, edited by Darby Dickerson, a leading authority on American legal citation, the ALWD Citation Manual is simply an outstanding teaching tool. Endorsed by the Association of Legal Writing Directors, (ALWD), a nationwide society of legal writing program directors, the ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation, features: a single, consistent, logical system of citation that can be used for any type of legal document complete coverage of the citation rules that includes: - basic citation - citation for primary and secondary sources - citation of electronic sources - how to incorporate citations into documents - how to quote material and edit quotes properly - court-specific citation formats, commonly used abbreviations, and a sample legal memorandum with proper citation in the Appendices two-color page design that flags key points and highlights examples Fast Formatsquick guides for double-checking citations and Sidebars with facts and tips for avoiding common problems diagrams and charts that illustrate citation style at a glance The Fourth Edition provides: facsimiles of research sources that a first-year law student would use, annotated with the elements in each citation and a sample citation for each flexible citation options for (1) the United States as a party to a suit and (2) using contractions in abbreviations new rules addressing citation of interdisciplinary sources (e.g., plays, concerts, operas) and new technology (e.g., Twitter, e-readers, YouTube video) updated examples throughout the text expanded list of law reviews in Appendix 5 A new Wire-O binding in the Fourth Edition offers greater durability and makes the pages open perfectly flat for ease of use. Self-stick tabs now included in the book encourage students to flag frequently referenced pages for added convenience. Indispensable by design, the ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation, Fourth Edition, keeps on getting better

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Customer Reviews

The ALWD Citation Manual has more than paid for itself. It reads like a recipe book in the way that a student or professional can easily find the exact style and method of preparation that they need in seconds. The book is powerful for the purposes of determining what method is required immediately, but then further explaining the nuts and bolts of the format, giving the reader the background to know that they are using the correct method every time. This book shows you how to upload citations into special folders online just for you to save or delete in the style that you desire, yet legal citation is often not available in the precise method for your assignment; using the book and your saved citations gives you the flexibility to stylize your work in the precise method you desire according to the document you are creating. Every aspect of legal documentation is covered in this tablet sized book and it is a must have for any legal research assignment.

As a 1L, I remember finding the Bluebook initially difficult to use for a bunch of reasons, but especially because Bluebook has two sets of rules depending on whether you are writing for law review or for work. The ALWD manual has just one set of rules for everybody. Simple. If you need to cite a case, then flip to the sub-chapter titled "case citations" and find everything you need on the subject right there. Unlike the Bluebook, this is divided into normal chapters (like most other textbooks), so you don’t have to waste time flipping back and forth looking for stuff. Again, simple and easy. Unlike the Bluebook, you don’t waste a bunch of time "learning" how to use this because it is intuitive.

I don’t mind reading most text books. I do mind this one.First, the coil binding is problematic. The terminal coil ends with the end bent at 90 degrees toward the book. Assuming I can start out with it laying correctly, it never ends that way. My pages have this giant gouge at the bottom from where the mechanics of the coil create conditions of ever increasing scraping. Not my favorite thing to do to have to stop what I’m doing and fix it because the margins allow for little buffer to safety.Second, you’ll see the same topics and headings under increasing difficulty. I understand wanting to build up to it but I would much rather have one section dedicated to just opinions and a separate one for

Supreme Court and a separate one for each topic. I was doing the ICW quizzes on LexisNexis and it took me an hour each quiz because of having to decipher the ways of the book. Even the was was like, "No, sorry, we're looking at chapter 16 but you really need to go to chapter 12 because of this Supreme Court exception. " Also, ALWD needs to start lobbying in every state for some consistency. The general rules are not so general.

Awesome! Awesome! Awesome! I cannot explain how thrilled I am with this book.I had to buy it for my first legal writing class in law school and have used it almost every time I have to write since. I was a hard core fan of Little Brown Handbook before Law School and this is basically the law school version of it. I love how easy it is to use. It is up to date and has all of the resources needed for a law student to successfully navigate that first year. I will use this well into my practice as a first stop for legal writing questions.

I highly highly highly recommend using the provided tabs in the back and just tab to your hearts content in order to get the information you need quickly. It's a great reference tool and has been invaluable to me in LRW this year. I'm sure it'll be handy in my coming two years of law school and beyond as well (as long as I don't practice in OR since they follow Bluebook and not ALWD at the state level, irritating but whatever).It's super easy to reference since every single paragraph is numbered, making corrections from the TA or Prof really easy (assuming they actually use the catalog system).

I purchased this book for a class and it has been very helpful. It is a great reference book for court abbreviations and different (proper) ways to cite cases. I really like the spiral binding that lets me keep a page open while I am typing. It has been easy to find exactly what I am looking for as well.

Garbage. I don't see why schools use ALWD when Blue Book is the standard! It was a waste of time and money.

I was required to have this book for a legal research and writing class. We hardly used the book, in fact I think the only time that we used the book was when our teacher was demonstrating something in it. I never used it outside of class. For me this was a bit overrated. When I did look through it, it wasn't very user friendly. It was a bit difficult to follow.

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