

Most Commonly Used Abbreviations in Legal Citations

The following is a list of the most commonly abbreviations used in the legal citation system. The first section is a list of commonly used citation abbreviations for Illinois sources. The second section is for Federal materials. The third section will list citations for general legal materials.

Illinois Citation Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Set of Books	Notes
ILCS	Illinois Compiled Statutes	Unannotated statutes
ILCSA	<i>Smith-Hurd</i> Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated	Annotated Statutes
Ill.	Illinois Reports	Illinois Supreme Court cases
Ill.2d	Illinois Reports, 2d Series	Illinois Supreme Court cases
Ill.Admin.Code	Illinois Administrative Code	Regulations
Ill.App.	Illinois Appellate Court Reports	Illinois Appellate Court cases
Ill.App.2d	Illinois Appellate Court Reports, 2d Series	Illinois Appellate Court cases
Ill.App.3d	Illinois Appellate Court Reports, 3d Series	Illinois Appellate Court cases
Ill.Ct.Cl.	Illinois Court of Claims	
Ill.D.	Illinois Digest	
Ill.D.2d	Illinois Digest, 2nd Ed.	
Ill.Dec.	Illinois Decisions	Illinois cases
Ill.Rev.Stat	Illinois Revised Statutes	Older form of ILCS
N.E.	Northeastern Reporter	Illinois cases
N.E.2d	Northeastern Reporter, 2d Series	Illinois cases
S.H.A.	<i>Smith-Hurd</i> Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated	Older form of Smith-Hurd
S.H.A. _ ILCS	<i>Smith-Hurd</i> Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated	Alternative form of Smith-Hurd

Federal Citation Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Set of Books	Notes
B.R.	Bankruptcy Reporter	Bankruptcy cases
C.F.R.	Code of Federal Regulations	Regulations
Cl.Ct.	United States Claims Court Reporter	Court of Claims cases
F.	Federal Reporter	Federal Appellate cases
F.2d	Federal Reporter, 2d Series	Federal Appellate cases
F.3d	Federal Reporter, 3d Series	Federal Appellate cases
F.R.	Federal Register	
F.R.D.	Federal Rules Decisions	Federal Rules cases
F.Supp.	Federal Supplement	Federal District Court cases
F.Supp.2d	Federal Supplement, 2d Series	Federal District Court cases
L.Ed.2d	United States Supreme Court Reports Annotated, 2d Series	U.S. Supreme Court cases
Law.Ed.	United States Supreme Court Reports Annotated	U.S. Supreme Court cases
S.Ct.	Supreme Court Reporter	U.S. Supreme Court cases
U.S.	United States Reports	U.S. Supreme Court cases
U.S.C	United States Code	Unannotated code
U.S.C.A.	United States Code Annotated	Annotated code
U.S.C.C.A.N.	United States Code Congressional and Administrative News	Public Acts in slip law form
U.S.C.S.	United States Code Service	Annotated code
USTC	United States Tax Cases	Tax Court cases

General Legal Material Citation Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Set of Books	Notes
A.	Atlantic Reporter	Cases from Atlantic region of US
A.2d	Atlantic Reporter, 2d Series	Cases from Atlantic region of US
ALR	American Law Reports	Encyclopedia
ALR Fed	American Law Reports Federal	Encyclopedia
ALR2d	American Law Reports, 2d Series	Encyclopedia
ALR3d	American Law Reports, 3d Series	Encyclopedia
ALR4th	American Law Reports, 4th Series	Encyclopedia
ALR5th	American Law Reports, 5th Series	Encyclopedia
Am Jur	American Jurisprudence	Encyclopedia
Am Jur 2d	American Jurisprudence, 2d Series	Encyclopedia
Am Jur Trials	American Jurisprudence Trials	Model trials
C.J.S.	Corpus Juris Secundum	Encyclopedia
Cal.Rptr.	California Reporter	Cases from California
Cal.Rptr.2d	California Reporter, 2d Series	Cases from California
N.W.	North Western Reporter	Cases from NW region of US
N.W.2d	North Western Reporter, 2d Series	Cases from NW region of US
N.Y.S.	New York Supplement	Cases from New York
N.Y.S.2d	New York Supplement, 2d Series	Cases from New York
P.	Pacific Reporter	Cases from Pacific region of US
P.2d	Pacific Reporter, 2d Series	Cases from Pacific region of US
P.3d	Pacific Reporter, 3d Series	Cases from Pacific region of US
POF2d	Proof of Facts, 2d Series	Encyclopedia
POF3d	Proof of Facts, 3d Series	Encyclopedia
Proof	Proof of Facts	Encyclopedia
S.E.	South Eastern Reporter	Cases from SE region of US
S.E.2d	South Eastern Reporter, 2d Series	Cases from SE region of US
S.W.	South Western Reporter	Cases from SW region of US
S.W.2d	South Western Reporter, 2d Series	Cases from SW region of US
S.W.3d	South Western Reporter, 3d Series	Cases from SW region of US
So.	Southern Reporter	Cases from So region of US
So.2d	Southern Reporter, 2d Series	Cases from So region of US
W&P	Words and Phrases	Encyclopedia