

## Main differences between the VUWLR style guide and the New Zealand Law Style Guide

### Cases

Neutral citation is required when available, with reported citations at the author's discretion. The neutral and reported citations are separated by a comma. Semi-colons are used to separate different cases appearing in same footnote.

*Z v Dental Complaints Assessment Committee* [2008] NZSC 55, [2009] 1 NZLR 1 at [26].

*Premium Real Estate Ltd v Stevens* [2009] NZSC 15, [2009] 2 NZLR 384 at [32]; *Chirnside v Fay* [2006] NZSC 68, [2007] 1 NZLR 433.

It is not required that the judge be identified, except where deemed necessary by the author. Where it is given it must be preceded by "per".

*Mafart v Television New Zealand Ltd* [2006] NZSC 33, [2006] 3 NZLR 18 at [48] per Tipping J.

Pinpoints follow the court identifier, preceded by "at". "Para" is no longer used for paragraphs, use square brackets.

*Re Oliver (deceased)* [1968] NZLR 168 (SC) at 168.

*R v Wanhatta* [2007] 2 NZLR 573 (CA) at [153]–[162].

For unreported cases that do not have a neutral citation, write file number, then date, not date, then file number. Do not use abbreviations for High Court registries or District Courts. "HC Wellington" not "HC WN".

*R v Reekie* CA339/03, 3 August 2004 at [35].

*R v Tuhou HC Napier CRI-2007-020-2820*, 11 September 2008 at [13].

### Statutes

No significant changes, except that "s" is used rather than "section", even in the main text, except where it starts a sentence.

### Bills

Don't write "no" before the Bill number. The Bill number and bar number now appear in brackets.

Judicial Matters Bill 2008 (216-1).

Arms Amendment Bill (No 3) 2005 (248-1).

### Texts

In the publication information now write "2nd ed", "3rd ed" and so on, rather than simply "2 ed" or "3 ed".

Stephen Todd (ed) *The Law of Torts in New Zealand* (3rd ed, Brookers, Wellington, 2001) at [25.1]

## Websites

The titles of documents from websites now appear in quotation marks. URLs are enclosed in angle brackets.

Dean Knight “Parliament and the Bill of Rights — a blasé attitude?” (2009) LAWS179 Elephants and the Law <[www.laws179.co.nz](http://www.laws179.co.nz)>.

Federico Varese “The Secret History of Japanese Cinema: The Yakuza Movies” (2006) Social Science Research Network <[www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com)>.

A last accessed date is not required. The guide suggests that where looseleaf services and websites are cited, rather than detailing the service update referred to or date the electronic version of the text was accessed, an introductory footnote can be included stating that all such citations were accurate at time of publication or writing.

## International materials

A treaty series is no longer required for international treaties.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (opened for signature 13 January 1993, entered into force 29 April 1997), art 5.

Rehabilitation and Development Co-Operation Agreement, Australia–Nauru (5 May 1994).

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (adopted 16 December 1966, entered into force 23 March 1976).