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3. Case Comment/Legislative Critique & Notes (Maximum 3,000 words inclusive of footnotes)
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Jassa Singh v. State of Haryana

IN FOOTNOTE:

Jassa Singh v. State of Haryana, (2002) 2 SCC 481

The full citation should be provided in the footnote even if the case name has been mentioned in full in the main body.

Government to be written in full.

Example: Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala; M.C. Mehta v. Union of India.

SHORTENED FORM

If the same case is going to be cited subsequently, the full citation used the first time should be followed by the shortened form by which the case will be referred to subsequently, in inverted commas, and in square brackets.

Example: M.C. Mehta v. Union of India, [1997] 2 SCC 353 [*Taj Trapezium case*]
Subsequent references

Taj Trapezium case, [1997] 2 SCC 353

The shortened form should be used every time after the first time a case is cited.

QUOTES FROM CASES

Per Subba Rao J., “a construction which will introduce uncertainty into the law must be avoided. It is conceded by the petitioner that the power to amend the Constitution is a necessary attribute of every Constitution”. (Footnote original citation of case or shortened form as per rules state above)

Single Judge:

S.H. Kapadia J. Chief justice of India. Thakur C.J.I.

More than one Judges

K.G. Balakrishnan C.J.I., S.H. Kapadia, R.V. Raveendran, B.S. Reddy and P. Sathasivam (JJ.)

UNPUBLISHED DECISIONS

Name of the parties, Filing No of Year, Decided on date (Name of Judges) (Name of Court)

Example:

BP Singhal v. Union of India, W.P. (Civil) No.296 of 2004, Decided on May7, 2010(K.G. Balakrishnan C.J.I., S.H. Kapadia, R.V. Raveendran, B.S. Reddy and P. Sathasivam (JJ.) (Supreme Court of India).

INTERNATIONAL DECISIONS

Case name, (Party names) Judgement, Year, Publisher, Page No (Court Name) **Example:**

Case Concerning Right of Passage over Indian Territory (India v. Portugal) Judgment, 1957, ICJ reports, 12 (International Court of Justice)

LEGISLATIVE MATERIALS

When citing Constitution, it should be in Capital letters while other Statutes it should be First letter of the word in Uppercase followed by lower cases.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 21, THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, 1950.

OTHER STATUTES

Sec. 124, Indian Contract Act, 1872.

BILLS

Cl. 2, The Companies (Amendment) Bill (introduced in Lok Sabha on March 16, 2016).

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

Question/Statement by Name, DEBATE NAME, page no (Date) Example:

- Question by N.G. Ayyangar, CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEBATES 116 (August 22, 1947).
- Statement of V. Narayanasamy, LOK SABHA DEBATES 5 (March 10, 2010).

BOOKS

Name of the Author, NAME OF THE BOOK, Volume (Issue), Page (Publisher, Edition, Year)

Example:

H.M. Seervai, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW OF INDIA, Vol. 3, 121 (Universal Law Publishing Co.Pvt. Ltd., 4thEdn., 2015)

- In the case of a single author,
M.P.Jain, INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 98 (Kamal Law House, 5th Edn., 1998)
- If there is more than one author and up to two authors,
M.P.Jain and S.N. Jain, PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, 38 (Wadhawa, 2001)
- If there are more than two authors,
D.J. Harris et al, LAW OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS, 69 (2nd Edn., 1999).
- If there is no author then the citation would begin from the *Title of the Book*.

- If the title of the book includes the author's name, then the book should be cited as an authorless book.

Example:

Chitty on Contracts, Vol. 2, 209 (H.G. Beale ed., 28th edn., 1999).

EDITED BOOKS

Name of Editor/s (Ed.) NAME OF BOOK, page no./s (Publisher Name, Year of Publication)

- In the case of a single editor,
Nilendra Kumar (ed.), *NANA PALKHIVALA: A TRIBUTE*, 24 (Universal Publishers, 2004).
- If there is more than one author and up to two editors,
S.K. Verma and Raman Mittal (eds.), *INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: A GLOBAL VISION*, 38(2004).
- If there are more than two editors,
Chatrapati Singh et.al. (eds.), *TOWARDS ENERGY CONSERVATION LAW* 78 (1989).

COLLECTION OF ESSAYS

- Name of Author, *Name of Article* in Name of Collected Book Page No (Editor Name, Year of Publication)
- M.S. Ramakumar, *India's Nuclear Deterrence* in *NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND INDIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY* 35 (M.L. SondhiEdn., 2000).

REGILIGIOUS AND MYTHOLOGICAL TEXTS

- TITLE, Chapter/ Surar Verse (if applicable)

Example: *THE BHAGAVAD GITA*, Chapter 1 Verse 46

ARTICLES

Name of Author, *Name of Article*, Volume (Issue) NAME WHERE ARTICLE IS PUBLISHED page no (Year of Publication)

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

A.M. Danner, *Constructing a Hierarchy of Crimes in International Criminal Law Sentencing*, Vol. 87(3) *VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW* 415 (2001).

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

- Articles in print versions of magazines
Uttam Sengupta, *Jack of Clubs and the Cardsharps*, *OUTLOOK* 22 (June 11, 2016).
- Articles published in a magazine arranged by volume
A. Bagchi, *Sri Lanka's Experiment in Controlled Decentralization: Learning from India*, 23(1) *ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY* 25 (January 2, 1988).

- Articles in print versions of newspapers
Robert I. Freidman, *India's Shame: Sexual Slavery and Political Corruption are Leading to an AIDS Catastrophe*, THE NATION 61(New York Edn., April 8, 1996).

MAGAZINE ARTICLES ONLINE VERSIONS

Name of Author, *Name of Article*, NAME WHERE ARTICLE IS PUBLISHED (Date of issue)

available at link where it is published (date of last visit)

It is mandatory to use exact link where the article of published removing the hyperlink

- Articles in online versions of newspapers
Mehboob Jeelani, *Politics stretches list of Smart Cities from 100 to 109*, The Hindu (2 July 2016), available at <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/politics-stretches-list-of-smart-cities-from-100-to-109/article8799010.ece>(Last visited on July 2,2016).
- Articles in online versions on magazines
Uttam Sengupta, *Jack of Clubs and the Cardsharps*, OUTLOOK (11 June 2016), available at <http://www.outlookindia.com/magazine/story/jack-of-clubs-and-the-cardsharps/297427>(Last visited on July 2, 2016).

REPORTS

LAW COMMISSION REPORTS 243rd Report of the Law Commission of India (2012)

ONLINE REPORTS

World Trade Organization, *Lamy outlines "cocktail approach" in moving Doha forward*, (2010), available at http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news10_e/tnc_chair_report_04may10_e.htm (Last visited on May 10, 2016).

INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

Art. 5, UN General Assembly, *Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court* (last amended 2010), July 12,1998, ISBN No. 92-9227-227-6,

Available at: <http://www.refworld.org/docid/3ae6b3a84.html> (accessed July 2, 2016)

GENERAL RULES FORMATING

- Single numbers do not begin with a "0"
- Remove hyperlinks in all citations of URLs
- The format of dates should be – June 25, 2016
- Capitalizations – The start of every sentence should be in capitals. In titles, do not capitalize articles, conjunctions or prepositions if they comprise of less than

four letters.

- Italics – Italics are to be used in the following instances:
 - a) Case names when used in the main text
 - b) Non-English words
 - c) Emphasis in the main text, but not forming part of a quote
- Short forms – The short forms of words which are not mentioned in this guide are not acceptable. Short forms which are acceptable are:
 - a. Art. for Article
 - b. Cl. for clause
 - c. No. for number
 - d. Reg. for regulation
 - e. Sec. for section
 - f. Vol. for volume
 - g. Edn. For edition
 - h. Ed. For editor
 - i. Ltd. for Limited
 - j. Co. for Company
 - k. Inc. for Incorporated
 - l. Add “s” to the short form for the plural form.

FOOTNOTES

- Multiple citations in the same footnote should be separated by a semicolon.
- Connectors–
 - *Id.* and *supra* are the only connectors which may be used for cross referencing
 - These connectors can only be used to refer to the original footnote, and may not be used to refer to an earlier reference.
 - The format for referring to the immediately prior footnote shall be one of the following:
 - When the page number(s) being referred to are the same as in the previous footnote
 - *Id.*
 - When the page number(s) being referred to are different from the previous footnote
 - *Id., at 77-78.*
 - The last name of the author, when available, should be used before the *supra*.

The format for referring to footnote earlier than the immediately prior footnote shall be: Seervai, supra note 6, at 10.

- Introductory Signals
 - No introductory signal to be used when the footnote directly provides the proposition.
 - The signal ‘See’ shall be used when the cited authority clearly supports the proposition.
- All footnotes must not end in a period (full stop).

QUOTES

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For quotations above fifty words in length, separate the text from the main paragraph, indent it by an inch from either side, and provide only single line spacing. If the main text has only single line spacing, the font size of the quote shall be reduced by 1.