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_The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation Style_

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Constitutions

UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION
U.S. CONST. art. II, § 2, cl. 1.
U.S. CONST. amend. IX.
U.S. CONST. amend. XIV, § 2.
U.S. CONST. amend. XVIII (repealed 1933).

ALABAMA CONSTITUTION
ALA. CONST. art. V, § 114.
ALA. CONST. art. IV, § 102 (repealed 2000).
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Federal and State Legal Cases

The general citation formats for print reporters are as follows:

Hensley v. Poole, 910 So. 2d 96 (Ala. 2005). [Basic Citation]

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United States Supreme Court Cases

**Citing to United States Reports**

**Other Reporters:**
- Supreme Court Reporter (S.Ct.)
- U.S. Supreme Court Reports, Lawyers’ Edition (L.Ed.)

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Federal Cases with Print Reporter Citations

**Citing to the Federal Reporter**
- Almeida v. Amazon.com, Inc., 356 F.3d 1316 (11th Cir. 2006).
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**Reporter Abbreviations:**
- Federal Reporter (F., F.2d, F.3d)
- Federal Appendix (F. App’x)
- Federal Supplement (F. Supp., F. Supp. 2d)
- Bankruptcy Reporter (B.R.)

**Court Abbreviations:**
- Circuit Courts of Appeal - 11th Cir., 5th Cir., 2d Cir., etc.
- District Courts – N.D. Ala., M.D. Ala., S.D. Ala., etc.
- Bankruptcy Courts – Bankr. N.D. Ala., etc.

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State Cases with Print Reporter Citations

**Citing to the Southern Reporter**

**Citing to Alabama Reports & Alabama Appellate Reports [Older Alabama Cases]**
- Allen v. Smith, 228 Ala. 278 (1934).

**Common Alabama Reporters:**
- Southern Reporter (So., So.2d)
- Alabama Reports ( Ala.)
- Alabama App. Courts Reports (Ala. App.)

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**Citing to Westlaw Cases**

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