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Pinpoint Citations*Pointing to a Specific Page In a Case*

The following is a citation to a federal case:

Smith v. Jones, 930 F.2d 308 (8th Cir. 1998)

As you know, this case can be found in Volume 930 of the *Federal Reporter, second series*. The case begins on page 308. When citing a case in a document, as a courtesy to the reader, the author of the document should indicate the page on which the quote is located after the first page number. This is referred to as a pinpoint citation. Example:

Smith v. Jones, 930 F.2d 308, 315 (8th Cir. 1998)

The rule is that if the author cites one pinpoint, all parallel cites within the same citation must have pinpoints as well. A regular citation from a state case would read:

In re Jones, 98 Nev. 113, 351 P.2d 714 (1979)

An appropriate pinpoint citation would be as follows:

In re Jones, 98 Nev. 113, 115, 351 P.2d 714, 717 (1979)

Another form of pinpoint citation occurs after a quote in a memorandum or other legal writing. The rule is that an authority should be fully cited the first time it is mentioned in a document. In subsequent references to that same case, the author may simply provide the *Id.* signal, and state the exact page number where that quote appears (*Id.* means “fully cited immediately above.”) For instance, if the following were a quote from a case that had been fully cited previously as *Smith v. Jones*, 584 F.2d 431 (4th Cir. 1989), the pinpoint would look like this:

...the court cannot provide relief when the Plaintiff fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Id. at 683

EXERCISE D | PINPOINT CITATIONS

Cite the following case title pages using pinpoint citation form, assuming the quotation being cited is from the page listed.

1. *Pinpoint* the case below to page 723.

<p>716 Mo. 302 SOUTH WESTERN REPORTER, 3d SERIES</p> <p>Karen REYNOLDS, Petitioner– Appellant,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>Bobby BRILL and Judy Brill, Respondents–Respondents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No. SD 29700.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, Division Two.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jan. 19, 2010.</p>	<p>stantial evidence, is against the weight of the evidence, or erroneously declares and applies the law, applies in adverse possession cases.</p> <p>3. Adverse Possession ¶13</p> <p>To succeed on an adverse possession claim, the party claiming adverse possession must establish by a preponderance of evidence that possession was: (1) hostile and under a claim of right; (2) actual, open and notorious; (4) exclusive; and (5) continuous for a term of ten years.</p>
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2. *Pinpoint* the case below to pages 670 in the official, and 204 in the unofficial.

<p>BROWN: He's done my cases before. He knows all about me, he's known me for about eight to nine years now and he knows all my family.</p> <p>DETECTIVE: The quicker we get a grasp on things the better we will be able to more accurately answer any questions you might have.</p> <p>This comment is clearly an express conditioning of answers to Brown's earlier questions concerning potential charges and bond upon his making an unsworn statement about</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WILLIAMS v. MOODY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cite as 697 S.E.2d 199 (Ga. 2010)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ga. 199</p> <p style="text-align: center;">287 Ga. 665</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WILLIAMS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOODY.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No. S10A0103.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supreme Court of Georgia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 5, 2010.</p> <p>Background: Prisoner petitioned for writ of habeas corpus in the Superior Court, Chatham County, Penny Haas Freeseem- that he was not afforded ef-</p>
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3. *Pinpoint* the case below to page 1120.

862 F.3d 1113
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL; Joan Whipple, Plaintiffs–Appellees,
v.
Dr. Lawrence P. RUDOLPH, Defendant–Appellant.

No. 14-56236
Argued and Submitted June 10, 2016, Pasadena, California
Filed January 18, 2017
Amended February 10, 2017

4. *Pinpoint* the case below to pages 188 in the official, and 106 in the unofficial.

Parker v. Colson
Court of Appeals of North Carolina. July 2, 2019 | 266 N.C.App. 182 | 831 S.E.2d 102 (Approx. 11 pages)

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266 N.C.App. 182
Court of Appeals of North Carolina.

Terry PARKER, Plaintiff,
v.
Henry COLSON, Barbara Colson Myers, and Vickie Colson, Defendants.

No. COA18-145
Filed: July 2, 2019

5. *Pinpoint* the case below to pages 694 in the official, and 141 in the unofficial.

Shirley v. Glass, 44 Kan. App. 2d 688

Court of Appeals of Kansas
October 8, 2010, Opinion Filed
No. 102,570

Reporter
44 Kan. App. 2d 688 * | 241 P.3d 134 ** | 2010 Kan. App. LEXIS 121 ***

ELIZABETH SHIRLEY, as MOTHER and NEXT FRIEND for ZEUS GRAHAM, Appellant, v. IMOGENE GLASS, BAXTER SPRINGS GUN & PAWN SHOP, and JOE and PATSY GEORGE, Appellees.