§ 4.3

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.

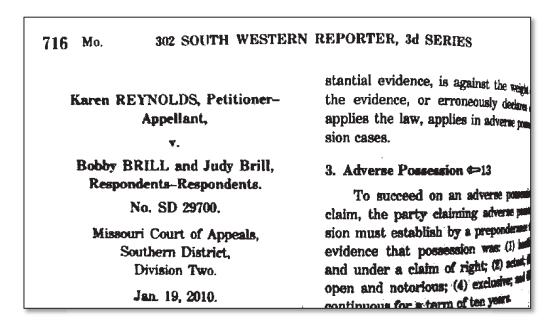
Id. at 683



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.



2. Pinpoint the case below to pages 670 in the official, and 204 in the unofficial.

WILLIAMS Cite as 697 S.E.2d	Va. 149
BROWN: He's done my cases before. He knows all about me, he's known me for arout eight to nine years now and he knows all my family. DETECTIVE: The quicker we get a grasp on things the better we will be able to more accurately answer any questions you might have.	287 Ga. 665 WILLIAMS v. MOODY. No. S10A0103. Supreme Court of Georgia. July 5, 2010.
his comment is clearly an express condition- te of answers to Brown's earlier questions recently potential charges and bond upon the making of the condition of	Background: Prisoner petitioned for writ of habeas corpus in the Superior Court, Chatham County, Penny Hass Freesem- Chatham County, Penny Hass Freesem-



3. *Pinpoint* the case below to page 1120.

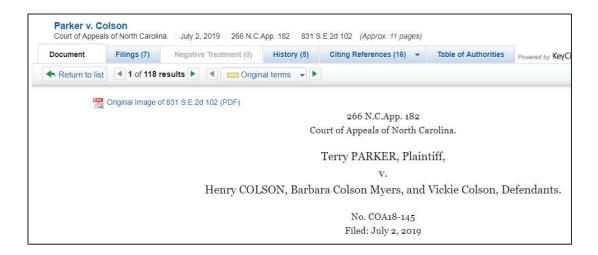
862 F.3d 1113
United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

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.



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

