

The Bluebook Quiz

Correcting citations is a critical aspect of the duties of staff members of the *William Mitchell Law Review*. Law review articles cite to a variety of materials that cover the entire spectrum of sources available. The Bluebook quiz is designed to evaluate how well students can find and correct unfamiliar citation errors. This quiz is a required part of the write-on competition and the results of this quiz will be combined into your overall write-on score. The quiz contains 45 citations; the final score of your Bluebook quiz will constitute 30% of your total write-on competition score.

Specific Instructions:

1. **Citation Form.** All citations on this quiz should be corrected per THE BLUEBOOK: A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CITATION (Columbia Law Review Ass'n et al. eds., 19th ed. 2010).
2. Assume that all factual information, including author names and titles, in the citations is correct for purposes of this quiz. THE CITATIONS IN THIS QUIZ ARE NOT REAL CITATIONS and you should not change any specific numbers within a citation, such as volume numbers or dates. The goal of the quiz is to test your application of the Bluebook rules. Therefore, do not attempt to verify citations by looking them up on Westlaw or in any other sources. The only material necessary to complete this quiz is the Bluebook.
3. **For the purposes of correcting each citation, presume that these are 45 consecutive endnotes taken from a single article.**
4. Each citation may include one error, multiple errors, or no errors at all.
5. When making corrections:
 - a) Download the Bluebook quiz.
 - b) Save the Bluebook quiz with your write-on ID number as the file name.
 - c) Open the Bluebook quiz in Word.
 - d) Make any notations, deletions, additions, or changes necessary to make the citation comply with the Bluebook.
 - e) Make the corrections to the Word document so that all of the citations read correctly. You do NOT need to use Track Changes or any other indicator of the changes that you made. Simply correct the citations so that they read correctly.
 - f) It may be helpful to print off a copy of the quiz and make the changes by hand before transferring them to the worked document.
6. **Grading.** Each citation is worth one point. Each citation will receive either 1 point or 0 points; no partial credit will be given. If you feel that there is a fatally ambiguous error in one of the citations, please provide your comments in your email when submitting the quiz.
7. **Submitting the quiz.** Please email your Bluebook quiz for grading to eic.lawreview@wmitchell.edu. The name of the file you submit must be your write-on ID number. Your quiz will be graded anonymously.
8. **Honor Pledge. This quiz must be completed individually.** You must sign the Bluebook Quiz Honor Pledge (page 1 of the quiz) electronically by typing in your write-on ID number. Submissions without a signed honor pledge or an honor pledge lacking an ID number will not be scored. Communications regarding the Bluebook quiz are not allowed with anyone, including (but not limited to) other students, professors, and reference librarians. You may not solicit help from your assigned editor. You may not submit a draft of the Bluebook quiz to your assigned editor for review.
9. **Anonymity.** This quiz will be graded anonymously. If you make any identifying marks on the quiz itself, you will be deemed to have waived anonymity.