Bluebooking Handout

Rule 10: Cases

* Case citations should contain the following, in order:
  + Name of the case (i.e., Jackson v. Metro. Edison Co.), underlined or italicized
  + Volume number of the reporter in which the case appears (i.e., 348)
  + Abbreviated name of the reporter (consult Bluebook table T1) (i.e., F. Supp.)
  + Page on which the case begins (i.e., 971)
  + Pincite to page you wish to cite (i.e., 974). For more than one page, use a hyphen, always keeping the last two digits but dropping other repetitious digits (i.e., 974-75) (see Bluebook rule 3.2).
  + Parenthetical containing court information and year in which the case was published (consult Bluebook table T1) (i.e., M.D. Pa. 1972)
  + So, the full citation should read, *Jackson v. Metro. Edison Co.*, 348 F. Supp. 971, 974 (M.D. Pa. 1972).
  + If the case has already been cited, you may use the short form of the case. You should include, in order, an abbreviated name of the case (i.e., Jackson), in italics or underlined; the volume number (i.e., 348); the reporter (i.e., F. Supp.); and the pincite to the page you are now citing (i.e., 975), with an “at” signal. You may omit the date, the page on which the case begins, and the court. So, the short form citation may read, *Jackson*, 348 F. Supp. at 975. You may use *id.* if the case is cited immediately before.
  + You may cite to a footnote by adding the footnote number to the citation immediately after the page on which the footnote happens, with an n. signal (i.e., *Jackson*, 348 F. Supp. at 975 n.6).
  + Cite only the first listed party on each side.

Rule 12: Statutes

* Statute citations should contain the following, in order:
  + Title number (i.e., 28)
  + Abbreviated name of the code (consult bluebook table t1) (i.e., U.S.C.)
  + Section symbol (§)
  + Section number (i.e., 1291)
  + Parenthetical containing publisher (if required after consulting Bluebook table t1)
  + Year (i.e., 2006)
  + So, the full citation should read, 28 U.S.C. § 1291 (2006).

Rule 16: Periodical Materials

* Journal materials should include the following, in order:
  + Full name of the author (i.e., David Rudovsky)
  + Title name of the article, in italics (i.e., *Police Abuse: Can the Violence be Contained?*)
  + Journal volume number (i.e., 27)
  + Abbreviated name of the journal, in small capital letters (i.e., Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev.).
  + Page on which the article begins (i.e., 465)
  + Page to which you wish to cite (i.e., 500)
  + Parenthetical with year of publication (i.e., 1992).
  + So, the full citation should read, David Rudovsky, *Police Abuse: Can the Violence Be Contained?*, 27 Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev. 465, 500 (1992).

Rule 18: The Internet

* Internet sources should include the following, in order:
  + Full name of the author (i.e., Eric Posner)
  + Title of the webpage, in italics (i.e., *More on Section 7 of the Torture Convention*)
  + Title of the main website, in big and small capitals (i.e., Volokh Conspiracy)
  + Parenthetical containing the date and time accessed (i.e., Jan. 29, 2009, 10:04 AM)
  + URL of the website (i.e., www.volokh.com/posts).
  + So, the full citation would read, Eric Posner, *More on Section 7 of the Torture Convention*, Volokh Conspiracy (Jan. 29, 2009, 10:04 AM), http://www.volokh.com/posts.

Rules B1.2 & 1.2 (Signals)

* Certain words, known as “signals,” can precede citations to show the purpose of the citation and the strength of support provided by the citation. For example, signals might indicate whether the cited source supports, contradicts, or otherwise affects the proposition for which it has been cited.
* Citations that directly state the proposition preceding it, are the source of a direct quotation, or identify an authority referred to in the text, do not need signals.
* Most common signals, written in italics, are *see, see also,* and *e.g.*, as well as *cf.* (which means compare), and *but see* and *contra* (which means in contradiction)
* Some examples:
  + No signal: The United States Supreme Court has held that racial segregation in public schools violates the Fourteenth Amendment’s guarantee of equal protection. *Brown v. Bd. of Educ.*, 347 U.S. 483, 494 (1954).
  + *See*: Racially segregated swimming pools and public parts are inherently unequal, like racially segregated education. *See Brown*, 347 U.S. at 494.

Abbreviation Tables

* Table T6 lists words that should be abbreviated in case names in citation sentences. The table is below:
* Academy Acad.
* Administrat[ive,ion] Admin.
* Administrat[or,rix] Adm'[r,x]
* America[n] Am.
* and &
* Associate Assoc.
* Association Ass'n
* Atlantic Atl.
* Authority Auth.
* Automo[bile, tive] Auto.
* Avenue Ave.
* B
* Board Bd.
* Broadcast[ing] Broad.
* Brotherhood Bhd.
* Brothers Bros.
* Building Bldg.
* Business Bus.
* C
* Casualty Cas.
* Cent[er, re] Ctr.
* Central Cent.
* Chemical Chem.
* Coalition Coal.
* College Coll.
* Commission Comm'n
* Commissioner Comm'r
* Committee Comm.
* Communication Commc'n
* Community Cmty.
* Company Co.
* Compensation Comp.
* Condominium Condo.
* Congress[ional] Cong.
* Consolidated Consol.
* Construction Constr.
* Continental Cont'l
* Cooperative Coop.
* Corporation Corp.
* Correction[s, al] Corr.
* D
* Defense Def.
* Department Dep't
* Detention Det.
* Development Dev.
* Director Dir.
* Distribut[or, ing] Distrib.
* District Dist.
* Division Div.
* E
* East[ern] E.
* Econom[ic, ics, ical, y] Econ.
* Education[al] Educ.
* Electric[al, ity] Elec.
* Electronic Elec.
* Engineer Eng'r
* Engineering Eng'g
* Enterprise Enter.
* Entertainment Ent.
* Environment Env't
* Environmental Envtl.
* Equality Equal.
* Equipment Equip.
* Examiner Exam'r
* Exchange Exch.
* Execut[or, rix] Ex'[r, x]
* Export[er, ation] Exp.
* F
* Federal Fed.
* Federation Fed'n
* Fidelity Fid.
* Finance[e, ial, ing] Fin.
* Foundation Found.
* G
* General Gen.
* Government Gov't
* Guaranty Guar.
* H
* Hospital Hosp.
* Housing Hous.
* I
* Import[er, ation] Imp.
* Incorporated Inc.
* Indemnity Indem.
* Independent Indep.
* Industr[y, ies, ial] Indus.
* Information Info.
* Institut[e, ion] Inst.
* Insurance Ins.
* International Int'l
* Investment Inv.
* J
* K
* L
* Laboratory Lab.
* Liability Liab.
* Limited Ltd.
* Litigation Litig.
* M
* Machine[ry] Mach.
* Maintenance Maint.
* Management Mgmt.
* Manufacturer Mfr.
* Manufacturing Mfg.
* Maritime Mar.
* Market Mkt.
* Marketing Mktg.
* Mechanic[al] Mech.
* Medic[al, ine] Med.
* Memorial Mem'l
* Merchan[t, dise, dising] Merch.
* Metropolitan Metro.
* Municipal Mun.
* Mutual Mut.
* N
* National Nat'l
* North[ern] N.
* Northeast[ern] Ne.
* Northwest[ern] Nw.
* Number No.
* O
* Organiz[ation, ing] Org.
* P
* Pacific Pac.
* Partnership P'ship
* Person[al, nel] Pers.
* Pharmaceutic[s, al] Pharm.
* Preserv[e, ation] Pres.
* Probation Prob.
* Product[ion] Prod.
* Professional Prof'l
* Property Prop.
* Protection Prot.
* Public Pub.
* Publication Publ'n
* Publishing Publ'g
* Q
* R
* Railroad R.R.
* Railway Ry.
* Refining Ref.
* Regional Reg'l
* Rehabilitation Rehab.
* Reproduct[ion, ive] Reprod.
* Resource[s] Res.
* Restaurant Rest.
* Retirement Ret.
* Road Rd.
* S
* Savings Sav.
* School[s] Sch.
* Science Sci.
* Secretary Sec'y
* Securit[y, ies] Sec.
* Service Serv.
* Shareholder S'holder
* Social Soc.
* Society Soc'y
* South[ern] S.
* Southwest[ern] Sw.
* Steamship[s] S.S.
* Street St.
* Subcommittee Subcomm.
* Surety Sur.
* System[s] Sys.
* T
* Technology Tech.
* Telecommunication Telecomm.
* Tele[phone, graph] Tel.
* Temporary Temp.
* Township Twp.
* Transcontinental Transcon.
* Transport[ation] Transp.
* Trustee Tr.
* Turnpike Tpk.
* U
* Uniform Unif.
* University Univ.
* Utility Util.
* V
* Village Vill.
* W
* West[ern] W.

Federal Court Abbreviations:

## **United States Supreme Court**

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| **Court** | **Abbreviation** |
| United States Supreme Court | U.S. |

## **United States Court of Appeals**

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| **Court** | **Abbreviation** |
| First Circuit | 1st Cir. |
| Second Circuit | 2d Cir. |
| Third Circuit | 3d Cir. |
| Fourth Circuit | 4th Cir. |
| Fifth Circuit | 5th Cir. |
| Sixth Circuit | 6th Cir. |
| Seventh Circuit | 7th Cir. |
| Eighth Circuit | 8th Cir. |
| Ninth Circuit | 9th Cir. |
| Tenth Circuit | 10th Cir. |
| Eleventh Circuit | 11th Cir. |
| D.C. Circuit | D.C. Cir. |
| Federal Circuit | Fed. Cir. |

## **United States District Courts**

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| **Court** | **Abbreviations** |
| Middle District of Alabama | M.D. Ala. |
| Northern District of Alabama | N.D. Ala. |
| Southern District of Alabama | S.D. Ala. |
|  |  |
| District of Alaska | D. Alaska |
|  |  |
| District of Arizona | D. Ariz. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Arkansas | E.D. Ark. |
| Western District of Arkansas | W.D. Ark. |
|  |  |
| Central District of California | C.D. Cal. |
| Eastern District of California | E.D. Cal. |
| Northern District of California | N.D. Cal. |
| Southern District of California | S.D. Cal. |
|  |  |
| District of the Canal Zone | D.C.Z. (The D.C.Z. ceased to exist on 3/31/1982) |
|  |  |
| District of Colorado | D. Colo. |
|  |  |
| District of Connecticut | D. Conn. |
|  |  |
| District of Delaware | D. Del. |
|  |  |
| District of D.C. | D.D.C. |
|  |  |
| Middle District of Florida | M.D. Fla. |
| Northern District of Florida | N.D. Fla. |
| Southern District of Florida | S.D. Fla. |
|  |  |
| Middle District of Georgia | M.D. Ga. |
| Northern District of Georgia | N.D. Ga. |
| Southern District of Georgia | S.D. Ga. |
|  |  |
| District of Guam | D. Guam |
|  |  |
| District of Hawaii | D. Haw. |
|  |  |
| District of Idaho | D. Idaho |
|  |  |
| Central District of Illinois | C.D. Ill. |
| Northern District of Illinois | N.D. Ill. |
|  |  |
| Northern District of Indiana | N.D. Ind. |
| Southern District of Indiana | S.D. Ind. |
|  |  |
| Northern District of Iowa | N.D. Iowa |
| Southern District of Iowa | S.D. Iowa |
|  |  |
| District of Kansas | D. Kan. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Kentucky | E.D. Ky. |
| Western District of Kentucky | W.D. Ky. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Louisiana | E.D. La. |
| Middle District of Louisiana | M.D. La. |
| Western District of Louisiana | W.D. La. |
|  |  |
| District of Maine | D. Me. |
|  |  |
| District of Maryland | D. Md. |
|  |  |
| District of Massachusetts | D. Mass. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Michigan | E.D. Mich. |
| Western District of Michigan | W.D. Mich. |
|  |  |
| District of Minnesota | D. Minn. |
|  |  |
| Northern District of Mississippi | N.D. Miss. |
| Southern District of Mississippi | S.D. Miss. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Missouri | E.D. Mo. |
| Western District of Missouri | W.D. Mo. |
|  |  |
| District of Montana | D. Mont. |
|  |  |
| District of Nebraska | D. Neb. |
|  |  |
| District of Nevada | D. Nev. |
|  |  |
| District of New Hampshire | D.N.H. |
|  |  |
| District of New Jersey | D.N.J. |
|  |  |
| District of New Mexico | D.N.M. |
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| Eastern District of New York | E.D.N.Y. |
| Northern District of New York | N.D.N.Y. |
| Southern District of New York | S.D.N.Y. |
| Western District of New York | W.D.N.Y. |
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| Eastern District of North Carolina | E.D.N.C. |
| Middle District of North Carolina | M.D.N.C. |
| Western District of North Carolina | W.D.N.C. |
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| District of North Dakota | D.N.D. |
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| District of the Northern Mariana Islands | D.N. Mar. Is. |
|  |  |
| Northern District of Ohio | N.D. Ohio |
| Southern District of Ohio | S.D. Ohio |
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| Eastern District of Oklahoma | E.D. Okla. |
| Northern District of Oklahoma | N.D. Okla. |
| Western District of Oklahoma | W.D. Okla. |
|  |  |
| District of Oregon | D. Or. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Pennsylvania | E.D. Pa. |
| Middle District of Pennsylvania | M.D. Pa. |
| Western District of Pennsylvania | W.D. Pa. |
|  |  |
| District of Puerto Rico | D.P.R. |
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| District of Rhode Island | D.R.I. |
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| District of South Carolina | D.S.C. |
|  |  |
| District of South Dakota | D.S.D. |
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| Eastern District of Tennessee | E.D. Tenn. |
| Middle District of Tennessee | M.D. Tenn. |
| Western District of Tennessee | W.D. Tenn. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Texas | E.D. Tex. |
| Northern District of Texas | N.D. Tex. |
| Southern District of Texas | S.D. Tex. |
| Western District of Texas | W.D. Tex. |
|  |  |
| District of Utah | D. Utah |
|  |  |
| District of Vermont | D. Vt. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Virginia | E.D. Va. |
| Western District of Virginia | W.D. Va. |
|  |  |
| District of the Virgin Islands | D.V.I. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Washington | E.D. Wash. |
| Western District of Washington | W.D. Wash. |
|  |  |
| Northern District of West Virginia | N.D.W. Va. |
| Southern District of West Virginia | S.D.W. Va. |
|  |  |
| Eastern District of Wisconsin | E.D. Wis. |
| Western District of Wisconsin | W.D. Wis. |
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| District of Wyoming | D. Wyo. |

State court Abbreviations

## **Court Abbreviations**

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| **Court** | **Abbreviation** |
| Alabama Supreme Court | Ala. |
| Alabama Court of Civil Appeals | Ala. Civ. App. |
| Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals | Ala. Crim. App. |
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| Alaska Supreme Cout | Alaska |
| Alaska Court of Appeals | Alaska Ct. App. |
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| Arizona Surpreme Courts | Ariz. |
| Arizona Court of Appeals | Ariz. Ct. App. |
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| Arkansas Supreme Court | Ark. |
| Arkansas Court of Appeals | Ark. Ct. App. |
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| California Supreme Court | Cal. |
| California Court of Appeal | Cal. Ct. App. |
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| Colorado Supreme Court | Colo. |
| Colorado Court of Appeals | Colo. App. |
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| Connecticut Supreme Court | Conn. |
| Connecticut Appellate Court | Conn. App. Ct. |
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| Delaware Supreme Court | Del. |
| Delaware Court of Chancery | Del. Ch. |
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| District of Columbia Court of Appeals | D.C. |
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| Florida Supreme Court | Fla. |
| Florida District Court of Appeal | Fla. Dist. Ct. App. |
|  |  |
| Georgia Supreme Court | Ga. |
| Georgia Court of Appeals | Ga. Ct. App. |
|  |  |
| Hawaii Supreme Court | Haw. |
| Hawaii Court of Appeals | Haw. Ct. App. |
|  |  |
| Idaho Supreme Court | Idaho |
| Idaho Court of Appeals | Idaho Ct. App. |
|  |  |
| Illinois Supreme Court | Ill. |
| Illinois Appellate Court | Ill. App. Ct. |
|  |  |
| Indiana Supreme Court | Ind. |
| Indiana Court of Appeals | Ind. Ct. App. |
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| Iowa Supreme Court | Iowa |
| Iowa Court of Appeals | Iowa Ct. App. |
|  |  |
| Kansas Supreme Court | Kan. |
| Kansas Court of Appeals | Kan. Ct. App. |
|  |  |
| Kentucky Supreme Court | Ky. |
| Kentucky Court of Appeals | Ky. Ct. App. |
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| Louisiana Supreme Court | La. |
| Louisiana Court of Appeal | La. Ct. App. |
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| Maine Supreme Court | Me. |
| Maine | No appellate court |
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| Maryland Supreme Court | Md. |
| Maryland Court of Special Appeals | Md. Ct. Spec. App. |
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| Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court | Mass. |
| Massachusetts Appeals Court | Mass. App. Ct. |
|  |  |
| Michigan Supreme Court | Mich. |
| Michigan Court of Appeals | Mich. Ct. App. |
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| Minnesota Supreme Court | Minn. |
| Minnesota Court of Appeals | Minn. Ct. App. |
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| Mississippi Supreme Court | Miss. |
| Mississippi Court of Appeals | Miss. Ct. App. |
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| Missouri Supreme Court | Mo. |
| Missouri Court of Appeals | Mo. Ct. App. |
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| Montana Supreme Court | Mont. |
| Montana | No appellate court |
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| Nebraska Supreme Court | Neb. |
| Nebraska Court of Appeals | Neb. Ct. App. |
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| Nevada Supreme Court | Nev, |
| Nevada | No appellate court |
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| New Hampshire Supreme Court | N.H. |
| New Hampshire | No appellate court |
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| New Jersey Supreme Court | N.J. |
| New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Divsion | N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. |
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| New Mexico Supreme Court | N.M. |
| New Mexico Court of Appeals | N.M. Ct. App. |
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| New York Court of Appeals | N.Y. |
| New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division | N.Y. App. Div. |
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| North Carolina Supreme Court | N.C. |
| North Carolina Court of Appeals | N.C. Ct. App. |
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| North Dakota Supreme Court | N.D. |
| Court of Appeals of North Dakota | N.D. Ct. App. |
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| Ohio Supreme Court | Ohio |
| Ohio Court of Appeals | Ohio Ct. App. |
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| Oklahoma Supreme Court | Okla. |
| Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals | Okla. Crim. App. |
| Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals | Okla. Civ. App. |
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| Oregon Supreme Court | Or. |
| Oregon Court of Appeals | Or. Ct. App. |
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| Pennsylvania Supreme Court | Pa. |
| Pennsylvania Superior Court | Pa. Super. Ct. |
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| Rhode Island Supreme Court | R.I. |
| Rhode Island | No appellate court |
|  |  |
| South Carolina Supreme Court | S.C. |
| South Carolina Court of Appeals | S.C. Ct. App. |
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| South Dakota Supreme Court | S.D. |
| South Dakota | No appellate court |
|  |  |
| Tennessee Supreme Court | Tenn. |
| Tennessee Court of Appeals | Tenn. Ct. App. |
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| Texas Supreme Court | Tex. |
| Texas Court of Criminal Appeals | Tex. Crim. App. |
| Texas Courts of Appeals | Tex. App. |
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| Utah Supreme Court | Utah |
| Utah Court of Appeals | Utah Ct. App. |
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| Vermont Supreme Court | Vt. |
| Vermont | No appellate court |
|  |  |
| Virginia Supreme Court | Va. |
| Virginia Court of Appeals | Va. Ct. App. |
|  |  |
| Washington Supreme Court | Wash. |
| Washington Court of Appeals | Wash. Ct. App. |
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| West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals | W. Va. |
| West Virginia | No appellate court |
|  |  |
| Wisconsin Supreme Court | Wis. |
| Wisconsin Court of Appeals | Wis. Ct. App. |
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| Wyoming Supreme Court | Wyo. |
| Wyoming | No appellate court |