To search a case by citation in the database LexisNexis Academic, the citation must be exactly correct. Citation help is available, but only if you are using Internet Explorer 9 (or more recent).

For citation help: LexisNexis Academic → Look up a Legal Case → Click here for citation help
A citation for a case is:
Volume number / name of book / first page the case begins on

The name of the book (the name of the set is called a “case reporter”) is usually abbreviated.

**Names of Books: Abbreviations**

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**Examples of federal cases in LexisNexis citation help include:**

- 134 F.3d 817 that is: 134(s.f.3d 817
- 789 F. Supp. 320 that is: 789(s.f(supp 320
- 118 S Ct. 62 that is 118(s.c 62

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- 100 F.2d 1
- 134 F.3d 817
- 19 F Supp. 2d 104
- 789 F. Supp. 320
- 139 L. Ed. 2d 25
- 118 S Ct. 62
- 514 U.S. 673
- 65 U.S.L.W. 3204

**Examples of state cases (“Regional Reporters”) in LexisNexis citation help include:**

- 300 P.2d 19 that is: 300(s.p 19
- 150 S.W.2d 202 that is: 150(s.w 202

In some cases, citation help for your “case reporter” is not listed. Just follow the style of a similar “case reporter” listed. For example:

- 573 S.E.2d 785 that is: 573(s.e 785

**TIP:** You do not need to capitalize letters in a citation. It does not matter if you type in lower case “s” or upper case “S”.
(there will not be any spaces in s.e.2d—and it does not matter if you capitalize “s” and “e”)
Regional Reporters

- 723 A.2d 852
- 250 Cal. Rptr. 21
- 100 N.E.2d 497
- 75 N.W.2d 19
- 100 P. 34
- 300 P.2d 19
- 727 So. 2d 913
- 150 S.W.2d 202