Printed book

Here is a snapshot of a book’s description in the KPU Library. Elements that you need to include in an APA citation are highlighted.

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Personal Author: Sharpe, Robert J., author.
ISBN: 9781552214466
Edition: Sixth edition
Physical Description: xvi, 318 pages ; 23 cm
Corporate Subject: Canada. Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
Added Author: Roach, Kim, 1961 -
Subject Terms: Civil rights -- Canada.
Human rights -- Canada.
Canada.
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
Series: Essentials of Canadian law.

Some basic tips from the KPU Library’s guide to APA Style < http://libguides.kpu.ca/apa>

- Personal authors and editors: Use only initials of given names.
- Title: *italicize* the title, capitalize the first letter of the title, subtitle and of proper nouns [Note: Since the Charter of Rights and Freedoms is the name of a law (i.e. a proper noun), it is capitalized in this book title.]
- Location: Give the city and state abbreviations for US publishing locations, but city and country otherwise.
- Publisher: Omit terms such as Publishers, Co., and Inc., but retain the words Books and Press.

APA citation for this book:

Citing journal articles with no DOI in APA style

In APA-style citations for online scholarly journal articles, you are asked to provide either the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) or the URL for the journal publisher’s homepage. Very few legal journals use DOI codes, so you may need to Google the title of the journal to find the URL to include in your citation. See the example below for guidance:

The citation information provided in LawSource:

25 Educ. & LJ 65
Education & Law Journal
December, 2015
Revisiting M.R.M. in Search of Legitimate Reasons for Limiting Student Privacy Rights
Kathryn Walker

Identifying the key parts of the citation:

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Not clearly stated, but you can find the page numbers in green within the text of the article in LawSource, and should try to do so. However, if you are not able to confidently identify the ending page number, you can just put a plus sign (+) after the starting page number.

If there is no DOI you would look up the title of the JOURNAL in Google and add the URL for the journal’s home page to your citation, as shown in the example below.

APA citation for this article

APA citation examples for legal resources

Legal citations in APA style


It says that references are "more useful to the reader if they provide the information in the conventional format of legal citations" used in the reader's jurisdiction (Appendix 7, p. 216). Hence, in Canada, this would be the "McGill style".

For the purposes of your assignment, if you are using APA format, you will:

- **use McGill format for citing primary legal sources**, i.e. legislation and cases.
- **use regular APA format to cite secondary materials**: i.e. everything except legislation and cases.

Format of references to primary materials (i.e. legislation and cases) in McGill style

*See the class handout* on how to format references to legislation and cases in McGill format. It is also available on the research guide for law at: [http://libguides.kpu.ca/law/legal-citation](http://libguides.kpu.ca/law/legal-citation)

Format of in-text citations to **primary** legal sources:

"Treat references to legal materials like references to works with no author; that is, in text, cite materials such as court cases, statutes, and legislation by the first few words of the references and the year." [from the *Publication Manual of the APA*, p.177]

Examples from page 217, shown in current McGill style, i.e. without periods:

- within a sentence: *Lessard v Schmidt* (1972)
- at the end of a sentence: (*Lessard v Schmidt*, 1972)

Order of references:

"Treat legal references like references with no author; that is, alphabetize legal references by the first significant item in the entry (word or abbreviation)." [from the *Publication Manual of the APA*, p.183]