Legal Research Tip:
Reporters

What is a reporter?

Reporters are the books where case opinions are published or reported. Cases are printed in chronological order, so you need to already have a citation to locate a case in a reporter.

What about jurisdiction?

Reporters are available for individual states (California Reporter) or regions of the country (Pacific Reporter – 15 states including Colorado). There are also reporters for the different levels of federal courts:

District (Federal Supplement)
Courts of Appeals (Federal Reporter)
U.S. Supreme Court
- United States Reports (U.S.),
- United State's Supreme Court Reporter (S.Ct.)
- United States Supreme Court Reports, Lawyer's Edition, (L.Ed.)

What are the parts of a citation?

Brooke v. Restaurant Servs., 906 P.2d 66 (Colo. 1995).

Vol. Rptr. Series Pg. State Date

What is a series?

A new series is created when a reporter reaches a certain number of volumes. For example, when the Pacific Reporter, Second Series (2d) reached 999 volumes, the Pacific Reporter, Third Series (3d) was created and started with volume 1.

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