

University of Lagos Legal Citation Model ('Unilag LCM')

1) GENERAL INFO:

Abstracts should not be more than 150 words. The Abstract should be in italics. All parts of the article should be in Times New Roman, font size 12 and double spaced.

2) FOOTNOTES

All references in the research work to be placed in footnotes which should be numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3, (after an initial unnumbered note attached to the author's name by an asterisk) and placed as footnotes not endnotes. References are not required in book reviews, statute and case notes. References in the reviews, case notes and statute reviews should be included in the main text.

3) QUOTATIONS

Quotations of more than two lines (unless in footnotes) should be indented, single spaced and separated from the text without quotation marks. E.g:

The function of a trade mark is to give an indication to the purchaser or possible purchaser as to the manufacturer or quality of the goods- to give an indication to his eyes of the trade source from which the goods come, or the trade hands through which they pass on their way to the market.

Quotations within the text should use double quotation marks except for quotations within quotations which should use single marks. The note indicator should be placed after the quotation.

4) CAPITALS

Capitals should be used when a specific reference is intended: the Bill, the Council, the Government (but government and industry), Parliament (but parliamentary). Unless the writer is referring to a court by name (e.g. Court of Appeal, Supreme Court) "court" should not have a capital.

5) ABBREVIATION

No full stops should be used with abbreviations consisting of initials (UN, USA, AU, ECOWAS etc) and law reports (All ER, QB, QBD, NWLR, FWLR etc) except in references to judges, senior advocates and journals (C.J.N., J.C.A., S.A.N.,). Full stops to be retained in (Dr., Ed., Ltd., vol.).

6) DATES

Use the style: 27 August 2010, August 20, 2010; 1985-86; 1980s.

7) **NUMERALS**

Below 10 should be spelt out.

8) **SPELLING**

Except in quoted matter English spelling should be used (labour, not labor). Use (recognise not recognize).

9) **ITALICS**

The following should be italicized:

- Case names (but not v. (versus) e.g., *Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Co.*)
- Latin (and other foreign) words and phrases except those in common use such as: *bona fide, de facto, de jure, obiter dicta/dictum, habeas corpus, intra vires, ultra vires, mens rea, prima facie, ratio decidendi.*
- Latin abbreviations e.g. *ibid., i.e., op. cit., per, viz.*
- Names of vessels (Ship).

10) **BOOKS**

The author, full title, date, edition and place of publication should be given at first mention:

A.G. Guest (ed), *Anson's Law of Contract*, 26th ed. (Clarendon Press: Oxford, 1980), pp 160-161

I.E. Sagay, *Nigerian Law of Contract*, (Spectrum: Ibadan, 1994)

Halsbury's Laws of England, 4th ed., vol. 1, paras. 1020-25

M.P. Furmston, *Cheshire, Fifoot & Furmston Law of Contract* 15th ed. (Oxford: 2006).

P.K. Fogam, "Sale of Goods" in E.O. Akanki (ed), *Commercial Law in Nigeria* (2005), Ch. 5, p. 267

F. Odita, *Legal Aspects of Receivables Financing*, (Sweet & Maxwell: London, 1991).

10) SPECIFIC PAGE & PARAGRAPH REFERENCES

Use "p." (or "para.") for page reference, and "pp" for two or more pages

Supra note 5 at p. 436. See also para. [24]

Supra note 5 pp 226-227

11) CROSS-REFERENCES

As seen in Books above full title etc on the first occasion, thereafter subsequent mention use: “supra note 2” or “see note 2 above.”

If the cross-reference is to the immediately preceding note, use: *ibid* at 40;

12) LAW REPORTS

References to Nigerian, English and other cases should be to the Law Reports. No full stops in reference to the particular report, e.g. All ER, ELR, NWLR etc.

John Andy Sons & Co. Ltd v N.C.R.I. [1997] 3 NWLR (Part 491) 1

Shine v General Guarantee Corp. Ltd [1988] 1 All ER 911

No comma should be used in case references except before second and subsequent page numbers:

Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Co. [1893] 1 QB 256, 263.

13) ARTICLE IN LAW JOURNALS

Abbreviations in italics for the titles of familiar legal journals. Otherwise give the title in full in italics.

Reynolds, “Agency: Theory and Practice” (1978) 94 *L.Q.R.* 24.

I.O. Bolodeoku, “The War against Corruption in Nigeria: A New Role for the Federal Inland Revenue Service?” (2009) 12 *Journal of Money Laundering Control*, 417

14) STATUTE

To be cited as follows:

Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA), 1990 Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, s. 38(1) (at first mention). The abbreviation CAMA is acceptable in subsequent reference. Note that s. for section is lower case, CAMA s. 67.

The abbreviation LFN for (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) is also acceptable preferably at subsequent mention. See CAMA, 1990, Cap. C20, LFN, 2004.

15) LEVELS OF STRUCTURE

Three (3) levels of thesis, project or essay structures are recognized.

- a) **FIRST LEVEL STRUCTURES** These are “Topics” and should be in capital letters and bolder, e.g. **CHAPTER TWO- BACKGROUND TO CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA**, or **2.0 DEFENSE MECHANISMS IN CORPORATE TAKEOVERS**, or **3.0. TYPES OF CONTRACTS**, etc.
- b) **Second Level Structures**: These are sub-topics and should be in Lower case and bolder, e.g. **2.1 Hostile Take-Over**; **3.1 The Nigerian Independence Constitution of 1960**; **4.1 Types of Written Contracts**, etc.
- c) **Third Level Structures**: These are sub-sub-topic and should be in italicized lower case, e.g *2.1.1 Poison Pills*; *3.1.3 Duty of Care*; *4.2.2 Burden of Proof*, etc.

16) REFERENCE TO WEBSITES

A Akintayo “The right to work in Nigeria: An elucidation” available at <http://www.chr.up.ac.za> (accessed 31 January 2005)

17) REFERENCE TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

‘The ordeal of children’ *The Star* 29 September 2000 3