



CITATION FORMATS

To facilitate the court’s review of party submissions, such as motions and briefs, the following citation formats are recommended unless otherwise directed by the presiding judicial officer.

External Citations: Case Law, Statutes, Regulations, and Other Sources

For case law, statutes, regulations, and other external sources, use standard Bluebook formats or other formats typically used by, or unique to, the court. Examples of unique citations include:

- RCFC 12(b)(1); R. Ct. Fed. Cl. 12(b)(1); Vaccine Rule 8
- Doe v. United States, 123 F.2d 456 (Ct. Cl. 1941)
- Smith v. Sec’y of HHS, No. 12-345V, 2019 WL 6789 (Fed. Cl. Spec. Mstr. Jan. 2, 2019)
- J. v. Sec’y of HHS, No. 13-45V, 2019 U.S. Claims LEXIS 7892 (Fed. Cl. Spec. Mstr. Jan. 2, 2019)

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ECF No. 123	document 123 in the same case (main document)
Dkt. 12-1 at 5	document 12 in the same case, first attachment, page 5
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