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Tip #84

NEW SIGNAL: *CONTRAST*

The 22nd of *The Bluebook* introduced a new introductory signal in Rule 1.2:
Contrast.

RULE 1.2(B)

Rule 1.2(b) says to use this signal as follows:

“The contrast between the authorities cited will offer support for or illustrate the proposition.

When used as a signal, ‘Contrast’ must be used in conjunction with ‘with’; the ‘with’ is preceded by a comma, as is ‘and’ when used. The relevance of the contrast will usually be clear to the reader only if it is explained. Parenthetical explanations (**rule 1.5**) following each authority are therefore required.”

This new signal is the counterpart to *Compare*, which we already had. It is formatted the same and used similarly to show the relationship between authorities.

Note that the Rule says parentheticals are **required** when using this signal.

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