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Tip #85

**INTERNAL CROSS-
REFERENCES**

Internal cross-references are citations to another part of the document, or a source that's already been cited.

RULE 3.5

“Portions of text, footnotes, and groups of authorities within the piece may be cited using ‘*supra*’ or ‘*infra*.’ Use *supra* to refer to material that has already appeared within the piece. Use *infra* to refer to material that appears later in the piece. Always retain the last two digits, but drop other repetitious digits.”

Supra means backward or before. *Infra*
means forward or after.

SUPRA EXAMPLES

- *See supra* note 6 and accompanying text.
 - This refers back to footnote 6 and the text related to it.
- *See supra* Part I.B.
 - This refers back to Part I.B of the same document.

INFRA EXAMPLES

- *See infra* pp. 7-9.
 - This refers forward to pages 7-9.
Note that “p.” and “pp.” are used with internal cross-references.
- *See infra* note 8.
 - This refers forward to footnote 8.

NOTE

You cannot use *id.* for an internal cross-reference.

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