



**BLUE
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WEDNESDAY**

Tip #87

IN-TEXT CASE CITATIONS

I SEE THIS BOTH WAYS.

In *Hurst v. Florida*, 577 U.S. 92 (2016), the
U.S. Supreme Court held

OR

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held 577 U.S. 92 (2016).

WHICH ONE IS CORRECT?

THE FIRST ONE

“The first time you mention a case in the text, follow the case name with the remaining elements of a full citation, set off by commas.”

CITATION WITH THE CASE

What that means is when you first reference a case in-text, the citation information should immediately follow the case name in-text. Don't wait to put the citation information at the end of the sentence.

PINCITES

The Rule is a bit unclear where the pincite should go. The examples in the Rule do not include a pincite.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In *Hurst v. Florida*, 577 U.S. 92 (2016), the U.S. Supreme Court held that “[t]he Sixth Amendment requires a jury, not a judge, to find each fact necessary to impose a sentence of death.” *Id.* at 94.

OR

In *Hurst v. Florida*, 577 U.S. 92, 94 (2016), the U.S. Supreme Court held that “[t]he Sixth Amendment requires a jury, not a judge, to find each fact necessary to impose a sentence of death.”

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