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Tip #58

NAVIGATING *THE*  
*BLUEBOOK*



The most popular response on the BBW survey about what is most difficult about *The Bluebook* was finding the Rule you need.

While I can't give you a magic trick, I hope these tips help.

# HARD COPY

If I'm looking for something in the hard copy of *The Bluebook*...

If I have an idea of where to go, I flip through and look at the top right of the pages. The Whitepages are organized by topic: Cases, Statutes, etc.

If I am not sure where to go, I use the Index.

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The key to using the Index is looking at relevant words. I usually start with the type of source--for example, "Press Release" or "Restatement." Then go look at the Rules to which the Index directs you. You could also look for a category of Rules like "Introductory Signals."

# ONLINE

If I'm looking for something in *The Bluebook* online, I use the search function, which I find to be very effective and useful.

For example, you might search "Numerals" or "Signals." It will then show you options related to your search.

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