



**BLUE
BOOK
WEDNESDAY**

Tip #55

SUBDIVISIONS

Rules B3 & 3

What is a subdivision?

A subdivision is a unit by which a document may be organized. (I made up that definition.)

RULES

Rules B3 and 3 cover how to cite different subdivisions in sources.

T16 has a list of subdivisions.

MOST COMMON

The most common subdivision is pages. Per Rules B3 and 3, you do not need to use the “p.” abbreviation in front of a page number pincite except in an internal cross-reference. (This is also one of the most common mistakes.)

STARS

“If a source uses star paging (such as '*3'), drop the star in the ending page number of a page range, but keep the star in all references to nonconsecutive pages.”

MORE THAN ONE PAGE

When citing to more than one unit (page, for example), the citation format depends on the numbers.

“When citing material that spans more than one page, give the inclusive page numbers, separated by an en dash (–) or hyphen (-).”

Example: *Smith v. Smith*, 123 So. 3d 456, 456-57 (Fla. 2026).

Rule 3.2(a)

NOTE: You do not need to replace hyphens with en dashes.

MORE THAN ONE PAGE

When citing to more than one unit (page, for example), the citation format depends on the numbers.

When the material appears on nonconsecutive pages, separate the pincites by a comma.

Example: *Smith v. Smith*, 123 So. 3d 456, 456, 459 (Fla. 2026).

FOOTNOTES

If you are citing a footnote, use “n.#.” If you are citing more than one footnote, use “nn.#, #.”

How you connect the footnote cite to the page number depends on what you intend to cite.

Just the note: “## n.#”

The text and the note: “## & n.#”

SECTIONS

If you are citing a section, use “§ #.” If you are citing more than one section, use “§ § #, #.”

Do not use the word “at” before §.

PARAGRAPHS

Generally, the same rules for sections apply to paragraphs, except you use a different symbol: ¶.

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