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Local Rules

Rule 1. Colons in titles and headings are followed by one (1) space. Colons in text are followed by two (2) spaces.

Rule 2. Use Oxford commas.

Rule 3. Hyphens, en dashes, and em dashes are not interchangeable. Although the Bluebook states that hyphens and en dashes may be used to indicate page ranges (rule 3.2(a)), our Law Review uses only the en dash for page ranges. Use these punctuation marks as indicated in the chart below:

Name	Symbol	Purpose	Example
Hyphen	-	Used to join words	two-thirds, twelfth-century
En Dash	—	Used in ranges	<i>McCulloch</i> , 17 U.S. at 320–22
Em Dash	—	Indicates a break in thought	

Rule 4. Remove active hyperlinks.

Rule 5. Headings are labeled as follows:

- I. MAIN HEADING (1ST LEVEL)
 - A. Sub-heading (2nd level)
 - 1. Sub-heading (3rd level)
 - i. Sub-heading (4th level)

Rule 6. Do not use *et. seq.*

Rule 7. Do not add FNs to the Bluebook Exam.

Rule 8. A period at the end of a sentence is followed by two (2) spaces. Periods included within footnotes that do not end a sentence follow the spacing rules specified by the Bluebook.

Rule 9. **Format of FN Comments:** Add the comment to footnote’s superscript, in-text number. Note the footnote number and then list the changes in bullet form. Include the rule number of the rule (and page number, if applicable) you relied upon to make the change. For footnotes with multiple sources that need multiple corrections, organize them in order by source listed. Be as clear as possible.

Rule Short Forms:

- Bluebook: R. ##
- Memphis Law Review Local Rules: Mem. R. ##

Example:

The Jedi always believed that the prophecy that Anakin Skywalker¹ was the Jedi who would bring balance to the Force meant that Anakin would end the rule of the Sith.² But, if you consider the possibility that “balance” includes equal portions of “light” and “dark” influence,³ then it makes perfect sense that Anakin Skywalker would resolve to join the dark side. The Jedi were a powerful force with many agents across the galaxy: thus, balance could only be restored by their demise to a two-Jedi system, paralleling the two-Sith tradition.⁴

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FN 3

Lucas source:

- Italicized sub-heading [Mem. R. ##]
- Added space between “Cal.” and “1977” in accordance with California specific citation rules [R. ##, T#]

Abrams source:

- Added pin-cite to portion of case discussing adoption of a “medium lightness” side of the Force [R. ##]
- Changed hyphen between #s to en dash [Mem. R. ##]

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- Added second space after colon [Mem. R. ##]