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**Constitution**

**In-text Citation Format**

- **Paraphrasing:** (Constitution Name, Article/Section Number) or (Abbreviation of Constitution Name, Article/Section Number)
- **Direct quote:** "... (Constitution Name, Article/Section Number) or ("Quote from Constitution" Constitution Name, Article/Section Number)

**Examples**

(United States Constitution, Article I)

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union..." (United States Constitution, Preamble)

**Reference Page Format**

Full Name of Constitution. Year.

**Example**

United States Constitution. 1787.

**Laws**

**In-text Citation Format**

- **Paraphrasing:** (Law Name, Section Number) or (Abbreviation of Law Name, Section Number)
- **Direct quote:** "... (Law Name, Section Number) or ("Quote from Law" Law Name, Section Number)

**Examples**

(Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, Section 701)

"It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer..." (Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, Section 701)

**Reference Page Format**

Full Name of Law. Year. Volume Number (if applicable). Section Number(s).

**Examples**

Civil Rights Act of 1964. 1964. Title VII, Section 701.

Immigration and Nationality Act. 1952. 8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq.

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**Ordinances**

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- **Paraphrasing:** (Ordinance Name, Section Number) or (Abbreviation of Ordinance Name, Section Number)
- **Direct quote:** "... " (Ordinance Name, Section Number) or ("Quote from Ordinance" Ordinance Name, Section Number)

**Examples**

(Clean Air Act, Section 101)

"The purpose of this Act is to provide for the protection and enhancement of the quality of the Nation's air resources" (Clean Air Act, Section 101)

**Reference Page Format**

Full Name of Ordinance. Year. Section Number(s).

**Examples**

Americans with Disabilities Act. 1990. Title I, Section 101.

Clean Air Act. 1970. Section 101.

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