

Instructions For IJLI Authors

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The *International Journal of Legal Information* follows the *Chicago Manual of Style* (18th edition) and the Notes-Bibliography format. As such, going forward, footnotes and an accompanying bibliography are required. For more guidance on CMOS (18) and examples, please see the [Quick Guide to CMOS Notes-Bibliography style](#).

The following **are basic rules** for preparing a manuscript for submission:

- **Footnotes must indicate the cited page**; a citation to an entire work will generally not suffice.
- The use of *Ibid.* **is appropriate only when it refers to the same source cited in the preceding footnote**; where this is not the case, or where the previous note cites more than one source, the short form of the source may be repeated, and *Ibid.* cannot be used.
- **Access dates of electronic sources are not required unless no date of publication or revision can be determined from the source.**
- Months should be abbreviated in **footnotes only**, using the following abbreviations: **Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., Aug., Sep., Nov., Dec.** **Note that May, June, and July are not abbreviated.** This is the IJLI house style.

The examples below show the basic formats of footnotes, later citations to the same source, and sample entries for inclusion in a bibliography.

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Thomas, Meryl. *Blackstone's Statutes on Property Law 2018–2019*. Oxford University Press, 2018.

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Ibid., 311.

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Bibliography entry:

Gould, Glenn. “Streisand as Schwarzkopf.” In *The Glenn Gould Reader*, edited by Tim Page. Vintage Books, 1984.

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Citing a journal article

Footnote:

Carol A. Watson, “Information Literacy in a Fake/False News World: An Overview of the Characteristics of Fake News and Its Historical Development,” *International Journal of Legal Information* 46, no. 2 (Summer 2018): 93, <https://doi.org/10.1017/jli.2018.25>.

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Watson, "Information Literacy," 93.

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Footnote:

"Microsoft Privacy Statement," Microsoft, updated July 2026, <https://privacy-microsoft-com.proxy.cc.uic.edu/en-us/privacystatement>.

Bibliography:

Microsoft Corporation. "Microsoft Privacy Statement." Updated July 2026. <https://privacy-microsoft-com.proxy.cc.uic.edu/en-us/privacystatement>.

Blog Posts:

Footnote:

Md. Ashikuzzaman, "Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Library Services," *LIS Education Network*, Mar. 6, 2024, <https://www.lisedunetwork.com/impact-of-artificial-intelligence-on-library-services/>.

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Ashikuzzaman, Md. "Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Library Services." *LIS Education Network*, March 6, 2024. <https://www.lisedunetwork.com/impact-of-artificial-intelligence-on-library-services/>.

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