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Legal Citation: Follow the court's requirements and use:

*The Bluebook*¹,
ALWD,
or other court mandated citation format.
(Check the court's website and rules.)

Basics: *The Chicago Manual of Style* – the classic resource for grammar, usage & punctuation.

Classic resources for writing and legal writing:

The Elements of Style by William Strunk, Jr. & E.B. White

Plain English for Lawyers by Richard C. Wydick

Texas Law Review Manual on Usage, Style & Editing

Guide to Legal Writing Style by Terri LeClercq

For a brief review of grammar & punctuation, forms of address, etc.,

e.g., The Honorable _____ (judges, U.S. Congresspersons, etc.),

see appendices of *Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*.

¹ Be sure you have the 18th edition (2005) of *The Bluebook*; it has many changes in rules for citing online research resources.