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1. TITLE & HEADINGS

   Articles
   Titles and headings for articles shall be formatted as follows (no separate title page):

   TITLE [left justified]
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   Comments. Titles and headings for comments shall be formatted as follows (no separate title page):

   TITLE [centred]
   1. First Level Heading
      (a) Second Level Heading [left justified]
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2. PARAGRAPHS & TEXT

   All paragraphs/text shall be: (1) single-spaced, (2) Times New Roman, (3) 12-point font, with (4) the first line indented.

   Our optimal paragraph length is one-third of a printed C.B.L.J. page; the maximum
length is one-half page.

**Miscellaneous**

- Names of places should be written in full as nouns; abbreviation are okay for modifiers (“The event took place in British Columbia,” but “The B.C. court determined …”)

- Spell out one to nine and use numerals for 10 or more. In charts or in sections of text where a great many numbers are being used (particularly where there is a mixture of numbers over and under 10), use numerals.

- Dates are written as October 31, 2015.

- Refer to judges in this form: Chapman J., not Justice Chapman or Mr. Justice Ken Chapman, etc. For multiple judges: Chapman and Jones JJ. (exception: at the beginning of a sentence, for example, “Justice Jones said . . .”)

- Capitalize the word “court” when used in reference to a specific court, e.g., “the Ontario Court of Appeal”, but not in general text: “A year later, the court upheld that decision” or “The court in Smith v. Jones stated …”

**Acronyms**

Define all acronyms the first time they appear with the acronym in bracketed upper case (i.e., *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (“BIA”)) following it (in text or footnote) and thereafter, use only the acronym. It must always be kept in mind that some readers will not be as sophisticated as others (students, for example) and that readers from other countries may not be familiar with Canadian acronyms.

3. AUTHOR NAME & BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Articles**

The author’s name shall be: *(a)* placed directly under the title of the article, *(b)* left justified, and *(c)* end with an asterisk-footnote, containing a brief biographical statement. See as follows (bio is merely suggestive):

**ARTICLE TITLE**

Author’s Name*

* Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, X University; or Partner, Law Firm LLP, Toronto.

**Comments**

The author’s name shall be: *(a)* placed directly under the final paragraph of the comment and *(b)* right justified; and *(c)* end with an asterisk-footnote, containing a brief biographical statement (see above).

Note that biographical information should not include academic degrees.
4. QUOTATIONS

(a) Any quotes exceeding three lines shall be set out from the regular text and indented, with a footnote number at the end (does not strictly apply if the quote appears inside the footnote).

(b) Square brackets are not used for ellipses, but are used where the author is inserting his own words or [sic].

5. FOOTNOTES & CITATIONS

The following examples illustrate the citational style employed by the C.B.L.J. Where a citational issue arises to which none of the examples provide guidance, use your best judgment to ensure compliance with the spirit of this style.

Case Law
4. Muscutt, supra, footnote 1, at para. 30 (“Very often there is more than one forum capable of assuming jurisdiction ...”) [parenthetical quotation optional].
5. Supra, at para. 26 (discussing changes in 1975 to the rules governing service of originating processes out of the jurisdiction) [parenthetical description optional].
7. Note that CanLII citations will be replaced with parallel citations or court details (date, court file number, jurisdiction, judge, etc.).

Case Short Names
If an obvious short name is used for a case in subsequent references there is no need to indicate what the case will be called throughout the article -- for example, in Global Securities Corp. v. British Columbia the case can be then called Global Securities without explanation, as it will be obvious which case is being referred to.

8. Cite U.K. case law using Canadian format:
9. Cite U.S. case law using U.S. uniform style:
   e.g. A&M Records, Inc. v. Napster, Inc., 239 F.3d 1004 (9th Cir. 2001), at p. 1008.
   e.g. Peevyhouse v. Garland Coal & Mining, 382 P.2d 109 (Okla. Sup. Ct. 1963), at p. 115. e.g. A&M Records, supra, footnote 1, at p. 1007. e.g. Supra, at p. 1009.
10. Cite Australian case law using Canadian format.
• “Supra” is used to refer back to footnotes more than one above; “Ibid.” refers to footnotes immediately above. Do not use “ibid.” for case law.
• Use “note” instead of “footnote” when referring to a footnote in a source other than the C.B.L.J. article. When referring to footnotes within the same piece, “footnote” is used.

Statutory Material
1. Income Tax Act, R.S.C. 1985 (5th Supp.), c. 1, s. 18(1)(m).
3. Joint Stock Companies Act 1844 (U.K.), 7 & Vic., c. 110, s. XXV.
6. Income Tax Act, supra, footnote 1, at s. 18(1)(g) (although only addressing this issue indirectly) [parenthetical description optional].
7. Ibid., at s. 18(1)(c).

Scholarly Journal Articles
Where possible, please use the journal-name abbreviation found in Appendix H of the McGill Guide.
5. Yen, supra, footnote 2, at p. 248 (although this author makes the point somewhat differently) [parenthetical description optional].
6. Ibid., at p. 240.

Unpublished Manuscripts

Books
4. Ibid., at p. 13.

Collections of Essays
3. Finger and Winters, supra, footnote 1, at p. 370.
4. Ibid., at p. 375.

Non-Scholarly Newspaper & Magazine Articles

Government Documents & Parliamentary Debates

Websites
Note the “date accessed” only where the website is no longer accessible