

COURSE DESCRIPTION FOR

Citations: How to Use Them Authoritatively

How you cite cases says a lot more about you than you might think. Judges size up lawyers by the quality and pertinence of the authorities they cite, and lawyers likewise size each other up in exactly the same way. Over the past century, the legal profession has developed an intricate system for the form of citations to relay all sorts of bibliographic information. But the precision of citations has waned from sloppy practice. Mr. Garner will show you precise ways to check the quality and accuracy of citations. He'll also give you formatting points that will transform your document into a high-quality brief. In this hour-long session, Mr. Garner will walk you through tricky points about citations, give you tips on how to make the citations look less intrusive in your documents, and suggest how you can use citations to your advantage rather than making them dead weight in your brief, motion, or any other court filing.