## Legal Writing II  UNH Law Standard Citation Rubric SP 10

### Exemplary = Virtually error-free

- **Accurate substance – 2 points**
  - 0 errors
    - a) Cites to every proposition coming from a legal or factual source
    - b) All cites are substantively accurate for the preceding proposition

- **Parentheticals and quotations - 2 points**
  - Up to 3 total errors—parentheticals and quotations
    - c) Correct signals
    - d) Explanatory parentheticals appropriate Bluebook form
    - e) Quotes formatted correctly

- **Accurate citation – 2 points**
  - 0 to 8 total errors
    - f) Full cite used first time
    - g) Names of authorities
    - h) All short cites correct—“id.”
    - i) Short form when names in text
    - j) Order of authorities
    - k) Volumes and sources
    - l) Year and court accurate
    - m) Initial page numbers of case accurate
    - n) Point (pin or jump) cites accurate
    - **Format:** Typeface, spacing—including italicizing or underlining commas and periods-accurate

**Repeated errors will be counted at most 3 times** (e.g. exact same typeface problem repeated 20 times will count for 3)

### Competent

- **Mostly accurate substance – 1 point**
  - Up to 4 total errors for substance
    - a) Cites to most propositions coming from a legal or factual source
    - b) Most cites are substantively accurate for the preceding proposition

- **Parentheticals and quotations: somewhat effective use (at least 2 parentheticals) -1 point**
  - Up to 6 total errors for parentheticals and quotations
    - c) Mostly correct signals
    - d) Explanatory parentheticals mostly accurate, concise and appropriate Bluebook form
    - e) Most quotations formatted correctly

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### Developing

- **Inaccurate substance – 0 points**
  - More than 4 total errors for substance
    - a) Missing cites to propositions from a legal or factual source
    - b) Cites are substantively accurate for the preceding proposition

- **Parentheticals and quotations: ineffective use(at least 2 parentheticals) – no parentheticals = -1 point**
  - More than 6 total errors for parentheticals and quotations
    - c) Incorrect signals
    - d) Explanatory parentheticals inaccurate, not concise in appropriate Bluebook form
    - e) Quotes formatted incorrectly

- **Inaccurate format – 0 Points**
  - 13 or more errors
    - f) Full cite used first time
    - g) Names of authorities
    - h) All short cites correct—“id.”
    - i) Short form when names in text
    - j) Order of authorities
    - k) Volumes and sources
    - l) Year and court accurate
    - m) Initial page numbers of case accurate
    - n) Point (pin or jump) cites accurate
    - **Format:** Typeface, spacing—including italicizing or underlining commas and periods-accurate

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Citation Score: ____________ /6