OSCOLA basic referencing formats

Acts
Consumer Rights Act 2015
Human Rights Act 1998, s15 (1) (b)

Explanation:

S15 – Section 15
(1) – subsection 1
(b) – paragraph b

Books and Ebooks
Catherine Elliott and Francis Quinn, Contract Law (10th edn, Pearson 2015) 234

Add - 234 – page pinpoint – use if quoting or paraphrasing a particular point in the book

In bibliography

– Elliott C and Quinn F – surname first
- no page numbers needed

Cases
If multiple citations for one case just use first citation for pre 2001 and first 2 for 2001 onwards, unless you specifically refer to a subsequent citation

Pre 2001
Holwell Securities v Hughes [1974] 1 All ER 161 (CA)

Cases from 2001 - include the neutral citation


Explanation:

Corr v IBC Vehicles Ltd - party names
2008 – date
UKHL 13 – the 13th case heard in the House of Lords in 2008
AC – Appeals Cases - Law Reports Publication
1 – Volume 1 in 2008
884 – page number

NB: Material from Lexis and Westlaw does NOT need a website address. For cases found in textbooks use the case citation only. No need to include the textbook in the footnote but do include the book in the bibliography.
Encyclopaedias / Dictionaries

Print - Halsbury’s Laws (5th edn, 2010) vol.57 para 53


Hansard and Select Committee Reports

Hansard
HC Deb 16 September 2010, vol 515, cols 1038 -1125

Select Committee:
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Draft Animal Welfare (Sentencing and Recognition of Sentience) Bill (HC 2018, 709)

Journal articles


Explanation:

132 – Volume

LQR – abbreviation for Law Quarterly Review

577 – first page number – use if summarising an idea from the whole article

588 – page pinpoint – use if quoting or paraphrasing a particular point in the article.

NB: A few journals do not have volume numbers eg Public Law. In this case use square brackets around date eg

Paul Craig, ‘Constitutional Foundations, the Rule of Law and Supremacy’ [2003] PL 92

Websites


NB: Material from Lexis, Westlaw and Onesearch does NOT need a website address
European Materials
EU Treaties and Legislation


Directives


Cases


EU Human Rights

Omojudi v UK (2010) 51 EHRR 10

Abbreviations in Footnotes

You may wish to re-use references in footnotes. You can simply add the whole reference again or you can use the following:

Where the reference is straight after the initial one use ‘ibid’

2 Sale of Goods Act 1979
3 ibid see in particular s 2

Where the citation is on a subsequent page use ‘n x’ eg:

26 Austin (n 1) – this refers to the Austin citation at footnote 1

A Source cited in a Secondary Source

You find a source quoted in another publication. Ideally you should try and find the original. But if this is not possible then use:


Further details

The full guide and updates can be found at https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/publications/oscola

Turnover for details of how to layout your references
OSCOLA referencing layout

This is done in three parts:

1. Adding a \textit{footnote marker} in your text using the \textit{referencing} menu in Microsoft Word

   A key act for contract law according to Elliot & Quinn$^1$ is the Sale of Goods Act 1979.$^2$ This sets out in particular how contracts are made.$^3$ \textit{Howlett Securities v Hughes}$^4$ set the precedent about escaping the postal rule. McLauchlan$^5$ highlights problems with language used in contracts. A Law Commission$^6$ project in 2013 led to changes in the law on unfair terms in the Consumer Rights Act 2015.$^7$

2. Add the reference in the \textit{footnote} at the bottom of the page

   \begin{itemize}
   \item $^1$C Elliott and F Quinn, \textit{Contract Law} (10\textsuperscript{th} edn, Pearson 2015)
   \item $^2$Sale of Goods Act 1979
   \item $^3$ibid see in particular s 2
   \item $^4$ \textit{Howlett Securities v Hughes} [1974] 1 All ER 161
   \item $^6$Law Commission, ‘Unfair Term In Consumer Contracts’ (\textit{Law Com}, 2013)
   \end{itemize}

3. Creating a \textit{bibliography} at the end of your work.
   - Divide into sections by types of material.
   - Can include items read but not cited in the text
   - For books and journals put surnames before initials eg see Elliott and Quinn in the example box

\textbf{Bibliography}

\textbf{Acts}

Consumer Rights Act 2015

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Elliott C and Quinn F, \textit{Contract Law} (10\textsuperscript{th} edn, Pearson 2015)

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