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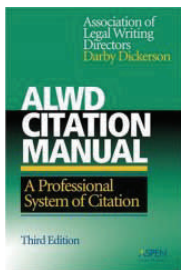
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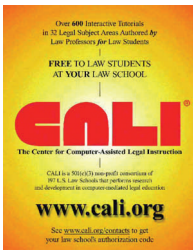
Check It Out!

ALWD Citation Manual



Dean Dickerson authors the ALWD Citation Manual, now in the 3rd edition which is used here at Stetson. Be sure to check out the inside front cover which provides a "Fast Format" locator listing topics and page numbers, and the inside back cover which lists commonly used sources such as agency decisions and cases and indicates the ALWD Rule for each source. Chapter 1 includes a section on how to use ALWD and explains local citation rules which are included in full-text in Appendix 2. Florida has local rules which begin on p. 412.

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Monday Feb. 26th 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Using Lexis in Federal Litigation

Monday Mar. 5th 8 a.m. & noon

Researching Environmental Law Using Lexis

Tuesday Feb. 27th 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Tax Research Using Lexis

Tuesday Mar. 6th 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.

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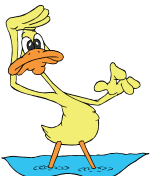
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Natural Language v. Terms & Connectors

Natural Language



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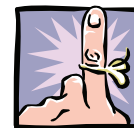


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