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Comments of judicial decisions should not exceed 15 000 characters. Conference papers, book reviews etc. should not exceed 7 000 characters. These types of contributions don't have abstract.

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Example: J.Ćirić, *Objektivna odgovornost u krivičnom pravu*, Institut za uporedno pravo, Beograd 2008., 45.

- If a book has more than one edition, the number of the edition can be stated in superscript (for example: 2008³).

Example: P. Wood, *Principles of international insolvency*, Sweet & Maxwell, London 2007².

- Reference to a footnote should be abbreviated and numbered after the page number.

Example: J.Ćirić, *Objektivna odgovornost u krivičnom pravu*, Institut za uporedno pravo, Beograd 2008., 45 fn. 83.

2. Articles: first letter of the author's name (with a period after it), author's last name, title of the article in roman with quotation marks, name of the journal in italics, volume and year of publication, page number (same rule as in the book citation). If the name of a journal is longer than usual, an abbreviation should be offered in brackets when it is first mentioned and used later on.

Example: J.Ćirić, „Borba protiv droge putem dekriminalizacije –slučaj Portugalije“, *Strani pravni život* 2/2012, 310.

P. Davies, “Directors’ creditor-regarding duties in respect of trading decisions taken in the vicinity of insolvency”, *European Business Organization Law Review* (EBOR) 1/2006, 303.

- Articles published in a collection of papers should be cited in the following manner:

J. Sarra, „Widening the Insolvency Lens: The Treatment of Employee Claims“, in: *International Insolvency Law: Themes and Perspectives* (ed. Paul Omar), London 2007, 295.

3. If there is more than one author of a book or article (up to three), their names should be separated by commas.

Example: D. Prlja, A. Diligenski, Z. Ivanović, *Internet pravo*, Beograd 2012.

If there are more than three authors, only the first name should be cited, followed by abbreviation *et alia* (*et al.*) in italics.

Example: Jovan Ćirić *et al.*

4. If the article quotes only one paper of the author, repeated citations of that author should include only the first letter of his/her name, last name and the number of the page (no *op. cit.* etc.)

Example: J. Ćirić, 310.

If two or more publications of the same author are cited, the first time all the information on the publication should be provided, and in the latter citations after the name of the author the year of publication should be provided in brackets. If two or more publications of the same author published in the same year are cited, they should be distinguished by adding a,b,c, etc. after the year:

Example: J. Ćirić, (2012a), 310.

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Example: J. Ćirić, 310–316.

Example: J. Ćirić, 310 etc.

6. If the same page of the same source was cited in the previous footnote, the abbreviation for *Ibidem* should be used, in italics, followed by a period (without quoting the name of the author).

Example: *Ibid.*

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Example: *Ibid.*, 69.

7. Statutes and other regulations are cited with a complete title in roman, followed by the name of the official publication (e.g. official gazette) in italics, and then the number (volume) and year of publication in roman. In case of repeated citations, an acronym should be provided on the first mention of a given statute or other regulation.

Example: Zakon o privrednim društvima – ZPD, *Službeni glasnik RS*, br. 125/04.

7.1. If the statute has been changed and supplemented, numbers and years should be given in a successive order of publishing changes and additions.

Example: Zakon o obligacionim odnosima –ZOO, *Službeni list SFRJ*, br. 29/78 39/85, 45/89 - odluka USJ i 57/89, *Službeni list SRJ*, br. 31/93 i *Službeni list SCG*, br. 1/2003 - Ustavna povelja)

8. Articles of the statutes and regulations should be cited as follows:

Example: Article 5 (1) (3); Article 4–12.

9. Citation of court decisions should contain the most complete information possible (category and number of decision, date of decision, the publication in which it was published).

10. Latin and other foreign words, Internet addresses etc. should be written in italics.

11. Citation of the websites should contain the title of the text, address of the page and the date of access.

Example: Hodson David, EU approves European divorce enhanced co-operation, www.davidhodson.com/assets/documents/enhancedcoop.pdf, last visited 14 April 2011.