AGLC3 in a nutshell

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Further information

More ways to get help

- Law subject guide for access to AGLC, LAW115, Fundamentals of Legal Research
- Endnote and Mendeley software
- Contact your Reference Librarians
Today we will cover

1. What is AGLC style?
2. Top Rookie Errors
3. Other mysteries
4. Decoding the citations

A free copy of the AGLC3 can be downloaded from the Law Subject & Research guide
http://libguides.mq.edu.au/law
What is the AGLC?

A referencing style designed for legal materials

After World War II, during the Cold War tensions, came one of the most significant cases addressing the defence power: *Australian Communist Party v Commonwealth*. This case remains of enormous interest from a human rights perspective because if the majority had upheld the validity of the legislation, the defence power would have potentially been deemed limitless, and exercisable simply on the subjective opinion of the executive. In a 6:1 judgment (Latham CJ dissenting), it was held that the *Communist Party Dissolution Act 1950* (Cth), which declared the Australian Communist Party unlawful and confiscated its property, was ultra vires the defence power.

The preamble to the Act contained nine recitals which, inter alia, described the Australian Communist Party as a revolutionary party using violence, fraud, sabotage, espionage, and treasonable or subversive means for the purpose of bringing about the overthrow or dislocation of the Australian government. Key sections included section 4 which declared unlawful, dissolved and forfeited the property of the Australian

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33 Ibid 543 (Brennan and Toohey JJ).
34 Ibid.
35 Sawer, above n 11, 218.
37 *Australian Communist Party v Commonwealth* (1951) 83 CLR 1, 225 (Williams J).
39 *Australian Communist Party v Commonwealth* (1951) 83 CLR 1.
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A Articles/Books/Reports


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McLachlin, Beverley, ‘Academe and the Courts: Professor Mullan’s Contribution’ in Grant Huscroft and Michael Taggart (eds), Inside and Outside Canadian Administrative Law: Essays in Honour of David Mullan (University of Toronto Press, 2006) 9

B Cases

Lane v Morrison [2009] HCA 29 (26 August 2009)

Northern Cameroons (Cameroon v United Kingdom) (Preliminary Objections) [1963] ICJ Rep 15

C Legislation

Aerodrome Landing Fees Act 2003 (Vic)

Australian Constitution

D Treaties

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, opened for signature 10 December 1984, 1465 UNTS 85 (entered into force 26 June 1987)

E Other

New South Wales, Parliamentary Debates, Legislative Assembly, 15 December 1909
How is the Guide organized?

• The guide is organised in sections – most of what you need is in the first section - General Rules.
• Sources are broken down in the subsequent chapters.
• Each chapter details the footnoting rules and gives examples of how they should look in your document.
The AGLC Guide is your friend
Where to find the rules you will use regularly

- **Footnotes**
  - Rule 1.1.4

- **Ibid**
  - Rule 1.4.1

- **Above n**
  - Rule 1.4.2

- **Pinpoints**
  - Rule 1.1.5

- **Bibliography**
  - Rule 1.1.6
Top Rookie Errors

- Putting the footnote number before the punctuation (see Rule 1.1.2)
- Putting a full-stop at the end of a reference in the bibliography (see Rule 1.1.4)
- Italicising *ibid* (see Rule 1.4.1)
- Quoting mistakes using long and short quotations (see Rule 1.5)
Mysteries revealed

You wanted to know but were afraid to ask...

Q. What’s with the square brackets?
*Medium Neutral Citations (Rule 2.8.1) or Year and Volume (Rule 2.2)*

Q. What about issue numbers in citations?
*Only if the journal’s pagination is non-consecutive (Rule 4.4)*

Q. Where can I find rules for International material?
*Go to Part IV of the AGLC*

Q. Shortening of names?
*Called Short Titles (Rules 1.4.3, 2.1.14 and 2.14)*

Q. Do I need to use authorised reports?
*Yes but see Rule 2.3.1 for exceptions*
Decoding the citations

Work with us as we identify the citations in your handout
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