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Style
Legislation
Section should be abbreviated to “s.” except when used on its own, e.g., “This section has since been amended”, or at the beginning of a sentence, e.g., “Section 8 provides for penalties”. The same applies to other provisions, e.g., reg.7. There is no space between the full point and the number. No comma is used before the year, e.g., Finance Act 2003 rather than Finance Act, 2003.

Examples:
- Oil Pollution of the Sea (Civil Liability and Compensation) (Amendment) Act 1998, s.17 or s.17 of the Oil Pollution of the Sea (Civil Liability and Compensation) (Amendment) Act 1998
- Pt 3 of the Finance Act 1999
- Sch 16 to the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997
- Animals Act 1985 (Commencement) Order 1985 (SI 1985/305)
- European Communities (Marketing of Sugar Products) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/289)
- Art.38.1° of the Constitution; Art.1 of the Treaty of Rome; but art.4 of the Statistics (Business Accounts) Order 2001 (SI 2001/191)
- Rules of the Superior Courts, Ord.113A, r.1 (may be abbreviated on second and subsequent references, e.g. RSC, Ord.113A, r.1)

Cases
Forenames should be omitted except where necessary for greater ease of distinction, particularly with common surnames, e.g., DPP v Murphy (Keith). Where forenames occur in the names of organisations, they should appear in the order normally found in that name, e.g., John Menzies, not Menzies (John). Where there is more than one party on either side, name the first only and do not add “& Ors” or “& Another” or “et al.” or any other similar abbreviation.

Other key points:
- italicised case name;
- no full point after v;
- no definite article, e.g., State v Smith, not The State v Smith;
- square brackets around the year;
- full-pointed law report or journal;
- Ex p. always to be capitalised and full pointed, and not written out in full; and,
- abbreviated party names should not be full pointed.

Example: MacDonald v Norris [1999] 4 I.R. 313; [2002] 1 I.L.R.M. 382 Citation of authorities Usage of ibid. and et seq. should be kept to a minimum. Please use “above” and “below” instead of ante/post or supra/infra.

Footnotes
Footnotes should be used to cite references for cases, statutes, statutory instruments and so forth. Apart from that, they should be used to a minimal extent. If information in a note is vital to the main body of the text, it might be worth considering whether it should be incorporated into the text. Footnote indicators should be inserted in the text after all punctuation.

References
General points of style

Spelling should be that of the Oxford Dictionary.

Captions – Italised and ending with a full stop. Style: ‘Back row (from left):’

Semicolons between names, etc.

Photographer’s credit – Along upper right hand side of photo, taking the form: ‘Photograph: [photographer’s name].’ (italics)

Figures: ‘FIGURE 1:’ (legend should be underneath the figure)

Tables: ‘Table 1:’ (legend should be above the table)

Bullet points

Preceding part of sentence should end with a colon.

Semicolon at the end of each point.

The second-to-last point should end in a semicolon followed by ‘and,’.

The final point should end with a full stop.

Headlines/subheadings/topic headings – begin with a capital letter but all subsequent words should be lower case (i.e., sentence case), with the obvious exception of proper names, titles, or any word that would properly be upper case.

Dates – Month, day, comma, year, e.g., January 23, 2016.

Time – 12-hour clock, e.g., 4.25pm, or 10.00am–4.25pm.

Numbers

Numbers below 10 should be written in full, e.g., three.

Numbers above and including 10 should be written as numerals, unless they appear at the beginning of a sentence.

Fractions should be hyphenated, e.g., one-third.

Percentages should be written as number with symbol, e.g., 47%, and with no space between the number and the symbol.

Spelling

‘ae’ rather than ‘e’, e.g., anaemic, glycaemic.

‘ou’ rather than ‘o’, e.g., favour, colour, behaviour.

‘ise’ rather than ‘ize’, e.g., realise, analyse.

In general, favour UK rather than US spellings.

Which/that

Only ‘which’ can be used with non-defining clauses (extra information in the sentence, between commas). Either ‘which’ or ‘that’ can be used for defining clauses (these limit what you’re saying), but it is better to use ‘that’ to avoid confusion.

An easier way to think about it may be the following: If you can drop the clause and not lose the point of the sentence, use ‘which’; if you can’t, use ‘that’.

A which clause goes inside commas; a that clause doesn’t.

Examples:

The river, which was level with the top of the wall, was dirty. (Non-defining)

The river that runs through London is called the Thames. (Defining)

Titles

Books, plays, works of art, journals, films, television shows and ships, and Latin scientific names (genus and species only), should be italicised.

Phrases in a foreign language, which are not in common use, e.g., in vivo, should also be italicised.

Titles of articles, chapters or other parts of documents should be roman with single quotes.

Abbreviations, contractions, measurements

Abbreviations that include the first and last letters of the word do not take a full point, e.g., Mrs, Dr, St, Mgr

Abbreviations that do not include the first and last letters of the word do, e.g., Co. Wicklow.

‘i.e.’ and ‘e.g.’ should be preceded and followed by a comma.

‘etc.’ should be preceded by a comma and end with a full stop, even within a sentence.

Where groups of letters for names of journals, countries, organisations, etc. occur, they should not have full points to separate them, e.g. UNESCO, FAO, USSR, RTE, IRA. (In the first mention of a little-known organisation, it should be written out in full, with the abbreviation following in parentheses; thereafter, the abbreviation is sufficient.)

There should be no space between figures and abbreviations of weights and measures, e.g., 15cm not 15 cm.

Miscellaneous

Lower case academic fields except when one or more of the terms is a proper noun or adjective, e.g., American history, English literature, science.

Email (not email, e-mail, etc.)

‘And’ rather than ‘&’, except where ‘&’ is part of an official title.