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## INTRODUCTION

The *Florida Style Manual* supplements the standard citation authority for American legal journals, *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (15th edition). The *Manual* is an outgrowth of the *Florida State University Law Review's* annual *Review of Florida Legislation*. From the conception of that project, the editors realized that citations to many Florida-specific sources—particularly those generated by the Florida Legislature—would be rendered almost meaningless if conventional *Bluebook* citation forms were followed. Other Florida sources were not addressed at all by the *Bluebook*. This *Florida Style Manual* provides meaningful citation forms for Florida materials.

Publishing a legal journal is a cooperative venture on the part of many people. The author's work is at the heart of this undertaking. We at the *Florida State University Law Review* hope this *Style Manual* will result in better manuscripts that ultimately will advance legal scholarship and public policy in Florida.

The *Florida Style Manual* citation forms were first developed in 1985 by Floyd R. Self, the 1985 Legislative Editor. Because of changes that have taken place in the Legislature and State government since then, the *Law Review* decided to update and revise the *Florida Style Manual*. Beginning with Volume 19, Issue 3 of the *Florida State University Law Review*, citations to Florida sources will conform with this 1991 edition of the *Florida Style Manual*. The *Law Review* gratefully acknowledges the efforts of Marjorie C. Makar, who coordinated the revision, and Kenneth W. Donnelly and Susan L. Stephens, Associate Editors, for their work in editing and updating the citation forms. The *Law Review* welcomes comments or suggestions for improvement.

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