Bloomberg Law Citator

The Bloomberg Law Citator, BCite, is a tool that can be used to validate whether a case is good law, as well as to research other cases on point. Below is a description of the main components.

Composite Analysis

Composite	Definition	Indicator
The Composite Analysis is a visual representation of the Direct History and Case Analysis portions of BCite, displaying the overall status of the case.		
Positive	This composite results from the Case Analysis. One or more courts cite to, discuss, or follow this opinion with approval.	➕
No Citing Cases	This composite results from the Case Analysis. No courts have cited to this opinion.	➕
Distinguished	This composite results from the Case Analysis. One or more courts differentiate this opinion on the law or the facts.	◪
Caution	This composite results from either the Direct History or Case Analysis. If the Caution composite results from the Direct History, the opinion has been modified, clarified, or amended by a subsequent decision within the Direct History. If the Caution composite results from the Case Analysis, one or more courts have criticized the legal reasoning of the opinion without overruling it.	⚠
Superseded by Statute	This composite results from the Case Analysis. One or more courts state that this opinion has been superseded, displaced or rendered obsolete by an intervening statute, rule or regulation.	◉
Negative	This composite results from either the Direct History or Case Analysis. If the Negative composite results from the Direct History, the opinion has been reversed, vacated, or depublished in full or in part by a subsequent decision within the Direct History. If the Negative composite results from the Case Analysis, one or more courts have overruled the opinion in full or in part, or stated that the opinion has been overruled in full or in part by a previous decision.	➖

Case Analysis and Table of Authorities

The Case Analysis summarizes the analysis of the main opinion by cases that subsequently cite the opinion. The Table of Authorities summarizes the analysis by the main opinion of the cases cited within that opinion.

Analysis	Definition	Indicator
Cited	Court positively cites this opinion as legal precedent.	➕
Discussed	Court positively discusses this opinion, providing additional detail about the facts or the law.	➕
Followed	Court follows this opinion as controlling or persuasive authority.	➕
Distinguished	Court distinguishes this opinion from another opinion based on differences between their facts or controlling law.	✏️
Criticized	Court criticizes the legal reasoning of this opinion without overruling it.	🔺
Superseded by Statute	Court states that this opinion has been superseded, displaced or rendered obsolete by an intervening statute, rule or regulation.	⬤
Prior Overruling	Court states that this opinion has been overruled in full or in part by a prior decision.	➖
Overruled in Part	Court overrules a portion of this opinion.	➖
Overruled	Court overrules this opinion in full.	➖

Functionality	Explanation	Indicator
Citation Frequency Indicator	The blue portion of this bar correlates with the number of times the listed case is cited.	▮▮▮▯▯
Expand/Hide Extracts	This functionality displays the portion of the opinion where the case is referenced.	▸ Extracts

Direct History

The Direct History displays the progression of a case through the court system and lists cases related to the main opinion. It also displays the normalized result of each case within the Direct History, which represents the ultimate outcome of the case. It also displays links for cases that are affected by the outcome of subsequent cases.

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Controversy Group Indicator	This indicator shows that the listed case is not in the same direct line of history as the main case, but is related.	♣