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In terms of **length**, articles should generally be 30–40 printed pages, with each page comprising approximately 3,000 characters, including spaces and footnotes. An English **abstract** of no more than 1,250 characters, including spaces, must be provided.

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Paragraphs containing **lengthy quotations** or subordinate text passages (e.g. case descriptions) must be indented; indicate any omission or addition to the original text with square brackets. Quoted material should always appear in quotation marks; the source of the quote (including the translator, where applicable) should always be provided in a footnote.

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Reviews are generally solicited by the editorial office (proposals regarding review-worthy books are, however, welcome). A complimentary copy of the work to be reviewed will be provided by the editorial office. Completed reviews should be submitted within 6 months of receiving the copy of the work.

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Internet addresses should be provided only if the underlying source (e.g. "grey literature") is or was exclusively available online; please indicate the retrieval dates.

Shortened subsequent citation. Subsequent citations should be made in a suitable short-form and make reference to the initial footnote containing the full cite. A cross-reference of this nature is not necessary for *legislation*. The applicable citation style is illustrated below in a number of samples.

(See the examples on the next page:
left column, initial citation;
right column, subsequent citation)

1. Literature

a) Monographs, textbooks, etc.

<i>Konrad Zweigert / Hein Kötz</i> , Einführung in die Rechtsvergleichung auf dem Gebiete des Privatrechts ³ (1996) 73	<i>Zweigert / Kötz</i> , Einführung (n. 1) 13–17
<i>Петко Венедиков [Petko Venedikov]</i> , Нововещно право ² [New Property Law] (2008) 55	<i>Venedikov</i> , New Property Law (n. 2) 34

b) Contributions in collective volumes, *Festschriften*, etc.

<i>Heribert Hirte</i> , “Inspire Art” und die Folgen für das europäische und das nationale Recht, in: <i>Europäisierung des Handels- und Wirtschaftsrechts</i> , hrsg. von Klaus J. Hopt / Dimitris Tzouganatos (2006) 3–49, 21	<i>Hirte</i> , Inspire Art (n. 3) 23–25, 31–38, 42
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c) Commentaries, handbooks, encyclopedias, etc.

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<i>Felix Mautzsch</i> , in: Beck-Online, Großkommentar zum Zivilrecht (1 December 2016) Art. 17 Rom II-VO nos. 4, 62	BeckOGK / <i>Mautzsch</i> (Fn. 9) Art. 17 Rom II-VO no. 5
<i>Simon J. Whittaker</i> , in: Chitty on Contracts ³¹ , vol. I (2012) no. 1-087	Chitty on Contracts / <i>Whittaker</i> (n. 10) no. 1-127

d) Journals, yearbooks, etc.

<i>Nina Dethloff</i> , Familienrecht in Europa – Quo vadis?, NJW 2018, 23–28, 23	<i>Dethloff</i> , Familienrecht in Europa (n. 11) 27
<i>Axel Halfmeier</i> , Nachhaltiges Privatrecht, AcP 216 (2016) 717–762, 721	<i>Halfmeier</i> , Nachhaltiges Privatrecht (n. 12) 750
<i>Jamal Greene</i> , Rights as Trumps?, Harv.L.Rev. 132 (2018) 28–132, 50	<i>Greene</i> , Rights as Trumps? (n. 13) 50
<i>Peter Stein</i> , Elegance in Law, LQR 77 (1961) 242–256, 244	<i>Stein</i> , Elegance (n. 14) 244
曹士兵 [<i>Shibing Cao</i>], 最高人民法院裁判、司法解释的法律地位 [The Legal Status of Decisions and Judicial Interpretations of the Supreme People’s Court of China], 中国法学 [China Legal Science] 2006, no. 3, 175–199, 175	<i>Cao</i> , Legal Status (n. 16) 177

2. Internet sources, newspapers, legislative materials, etc.

<i>Roderick J. Wood</i> , The Concept of a Security Interest: The Canadian Experience (18 August 2011), < http://ssrn.com/Abstract=1912047 > (29 June 2026), p. 5	<i>Wood</i> , Concept of Security Interest (n. 17) 8
<i>BaFin</i> , Jahresbericht 2014, < https://www.bafin.de/dok/12410702 > (11 August 2020), p. 2	<i>BaFin</i> , Jahresbericht 2014 (n. 18) 15–17
<i>Tanjev Schultz</i> , Spurensuche im Graubereich, SZ of 16 February 2011, p. 12	<i>Schultz</i> , Spurensuche (n. 19) 12
<i>Deutscher Bundestag</i> , Entwurf eines Gesetzes zur Modernisierung des Schuldrechts, BT-Drs. 14/6040 of 14 May 2001, p. 35	<i>Deutscher Bundestag</i> , BT-Drs. 14/6040 (n. 20) 79

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Germany: BGH 23 March 2026 – VI ZR 334/23, NJW, 2026, 1487 no. 11 (= IPRspr 2026-13)	BGH 23 March 2026 (n. 21) no. 12
Switzerland: BGer. 4 August 2005, BGE 132 III 18 E. 4.1	BGer. 4 August 2005 (n. 22) E. 4.4
France: Cass.civ. 3 ^e 18 March 2009, no 07-21260, Bull.civ. 2009, III, n ^o 64	Cass.civ. 3 ^e 18 March 2009 (n. 23)
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France: Art. 42 Loi n ^o 2007-308 portant réforme de la protection juridique des majeurs, J.O. no. 56 of 7 March 2007, p. 4325	Arts. 43, 44 para. 2 subpara. 3 sent. 1 Loi n ^o 2007-308
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