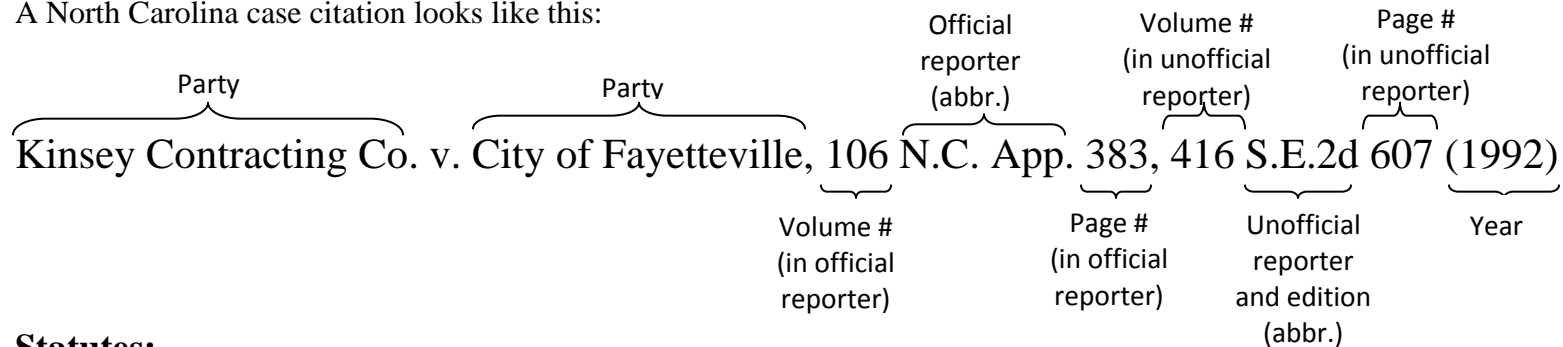


DECODING CASES AND STATUTES

Cases:

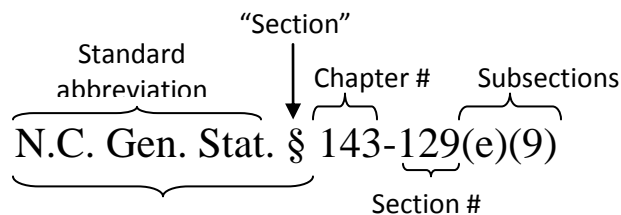
Cases are found in books called “reporters.” Many states have their own reporters (referred to as “official” reporters), but West publishing company also publishes their own copies of cases (referred to as “unofficial” reporters). North Carolina cases are found in one of two official reporters—the North Carolina Court of Appeals reports or the North Carolina Supreme Court reports—as well as in an unofficial reporter called the South Eastern Reporter.

A North Carolina case citation looks like this:



Statutes:

North Carolina Statutes are organized by Chapters, then Article, then Section. However, most case citations (except for uniform laws like the UCC) omit the Article number. North Carolina statute citations look like this:



Usually simplified to

“G.S.”:

G.S. 143-129(e)(9)