EXERCISE #2 – STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES
LOCATING AND UPDATING STATUTORY AUTHORITY
Due: Friday, January 16, 2004, 3:00 p.m.

PART I — STATE STATUTES

Directions:

In this part of the assignment, you will be asked to (1) physically describe a set of state statutes; (2) answer a substantive question posed concerning statutory material; (3) document the steps you pursued in using the statutory material to locate and update the legislative treatment of this problem; and finally, (4) apply Bluebook rules to the citation of the statute that answers the question.

For Questions 1-5, use Minnesota Statutes Annotated. [Note: Use printed sources only for this exercise. Limit your search to statutes; do not consider cases or administrative regulations.]

1. Describe the entire set of Minnesota Statutes Annotated, including the general arrangement, date and coverage of all supplementation including pocket parts, legislative or session law service, interim annotation service, and index.

Answer:
2. In Minnesota, what must a resident born after 12/31/74 have in order to lawfully operate a snowmobile? (You will actually answer this question in #3 after you've done the research below.)

**Document the research process you use to find the answer to this question.** Provide a detailed description of every successful and unsuccessful step you pursued. Your documentation should include:

- relevant facts
- words and phrases
- actual terms you employed in the index
- the bound volume of statutory material you consulted
- the pocket part and/or softbound supplement(s) you consulted
- the indexes and/or tables you consulted in the legislative or session law service to find or update your authority
- the coverage and/or date of the material you review

[Note: Do not be concerned with Bluebook form.]

Check the law library catalog to confirm whether there are any supplemental pamphlets (legislative service or interim annotation supplement). **Print out the catalog record for this title and attach to this assignment, highlighting the portion of the record pertaining to supplementation.**

**Research Journal (documentation of research process):**
3. What is the answer to Question 2?

**Answer:**

4. Cite in *Bluebook* form (as modified by practitioners' rules) the authority upon which you base your answer to Question 3.

**Answer:**

5. What is the effective date of the law you cite in Question 4?

**Answer:**
For Questions 6-10, use West’s Smith-Hurd Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated. [Note: Use printed sources only for this exercise. Limit your search to statutes; do not consider cases or administrative regulations.]

6. Describe the entire set of West’s Smith-Hurd Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated, including the general arrangement, date and coverage of all supplementation including pocket parts, legislative or session law service, interim annotation service, and index.

**Answer:**

7. Does the State of Illinois have an official snack food? If so, what is it? (You will actually answer this question in #8 after you've done the research below.)

**Document the research process you use to find the answer to this question.** Provide a detailed description of every successful and unsuccessful step you pursued. Your documentation should include:

- relevant facts
- words and phrases
- actual terms you employed in the index
- the bound volume of statutory material you consulted
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8. What is the answer to Question 7?

Answer:

9. Cite in Bluebook form (as modified by practitioners' rules) the authority upon which you base your answer to Question 8.

Answer:

10. What is the effective date of the law you cite in Question 9?

If there is no effective date section in a statute, where can you locate the rules about the law’s effective date?

Answer:
A. Use USCA Popular Name Table to look up the “Patriot Day Act.” Answer the following questions

1. What is the Public Law Number of the Patriot Day Act?

2. When was it enacted?

3. Where is it codified?

4. When is Patriot Day?

5. What are the three things the President is asked to request?

6. Cite the Patriot Day Act in Bluebook form (as modified by practitioners’ rules).
B. Use the USCA to research and answer the following question. (You will actually answer this question in # after you’ve done the research below.)

Are Peace Corps Volunteers required to have foreign language proficiency?


2. Update this statute and describe the process you use.
3. What is the answer?

C. Look up this same law in USCS and USC. What are the differences in format, coverage, and especially updating strategy?

USCS:

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D. Cite the statute in correct Bluebook form.

1. Citation using USC:

2. Citation using USCA:

3. Citation using USCS:
4. What is the preferred source to cite to according to the Bluebook?

5. What is the Bluebook rule that tells you that?

6. Of USC, USCA, and USCS, which did you prefer? Why?

III. Additional Bluebook Practice:

Arrange these elements into correct citations according to The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation, 17th ed. Modify rules by practitioner’s notes. Assume you are citing to a Senior Partner in your firm, not in a court document. (This is the most common form you will use in this class.)

1. Section 47a-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes Annotated has been substantially amended and the entire new statute appears in the 2000 pocket part. The bound volume has a copyright date of 1989.

2. A new law has been added in Michigan which only appears in the session law or legislative service. The enactment date is March 6, 2000. Michigan refers to their new laws by chapter numbers. The section I need to cite is section 4 (out of 20 sections) in chapter 86. I found it in the Michigan session law service for 2000 at page 442. Chapter 86 began on page 436. The session law service indicates that this new law will be found eventually in the Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated in section 554.140. I have been using the West session law service and the West published statutes.

3. The statutory language I want to refer the reader to is found in the notes to section 1981 of title 42 of the United States Code, United States Code Annotated and United States Code Service. Give the proper citation. The USC bound volume is dated 1994; the USCA bound volume is dated 1994; and the USCS bound volume is dated 2000.