

To perhaps complicate this further, consider Admin law decisions and the “official” citation over time. Do we want to account for how citations change over time? (Please forgive me if this has already been discussed)

Consider Published Opinions Rules from 28 USC 81 Notes:

“After an opinion appears in the official CIT reports, Federal Supplement (F.Supp. or F.Supp.2d), or Federal Rules Decisions (F.R.D.), the slip opinion is no longer used, and the citation is to the official reports, and unofficial reports, if available, together with the year of publication. One should not cite the Customs Bulletin and Decisions in any event.” (Notes/examples found at: https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode28a/usc_sec_28a_07000081----000-notes.html)

Initially decisions are cited as slip opinions:

Ludvig Svensson (U.S.) Inc. v. United States, Slip Op. 99-82, 1999 Ct. Intl. Trade LEXIS 80 (CIT Aug. 17, 1999).

Are then cited pending publication:

Ludvig Svensson (U.S.) Inc. v. United States, 23 CIT XX, Slip Op. 99-82 (Aug. 17, 1999);

And could eventually be published in F.2d:

Ludvig Svensson (U.S.) Inc. v. United States, 23 CIT 573, 62 F.Supp.2d 1171 (1999);

At a point in time, this would be the correct citation: Ludvig Svensson (U.S.) Inc. v. United States, Slip Op. 99-82, 1999 Ct. Intl. Trade LEXIS 80 (CIT Aug. 17, 1999).

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