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²⁶ Stevens (2007) 110.

²⁷ Stevens (2007) 271–78. [NO 'ibidem', 'cit. op.', 'note 26' or similar cross-citations!]

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Ashworth, A., *Principles of Criminal Law* (6th edn, OUP 2009a)

Ashworth, A., 'Sentencing Guidelines and the Sentencing Council' (2009b) 5 CLR 389-401.

Ashworth, A., 'Testing Fidelity to Legal Values: Official Involvement and Criminal Justice' (2000) 63 MLR 633-675.

Citations in the footnotes:

²⁸ Ashworth (2009a) 68.

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³⁵ Ashworth (2000) 635-37.

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⁴⁶ Ashworth (2009b) 393.

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von Bar, Ch., *The Common European Law of Torts*, vol 2 (CH Beck 2000)

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author, | ‘title’ | in editor (ed), | *book title* | (additional information, | publisher | year) starting and ending pages.

Examples:

Cartwright, J., ‘The Fiction of the “Reasonable Man”’ in AG Castermans and others (eds), *Ex Libris Hans Nieuwenhuis* (Kluwer 2009) 96-118.

Pila, J., ‘The Value of Authorship in the Digital Environment’ in WH Dutton and PW Jeffreys (eds), *World Wide Research: Reshaping the Sciences and Humanities in the Century of Information* (MIT Press 2010) 312-346.

Articles

author, | ‘title’ | (year) | volume | journal name or abbreviation | starting and ending pages.

Examples:

Griffith, J. A. G., ‘The Common Law and the Political Constitution’ (2001) 117 LQR 42-64.

Waldron, J., ‘The Core of the Case against Judicial Review’ (2006) 115 Yale LJ 1346-1372.

Online journals

Green, L., 'Legal Positivism', *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall edn, 2009)
<<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2009/entries/legal-positivism>> accessed 27 July 2010

Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

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Johnston v Ireland (1986) Series A no 122

Osman v UK ECHR 1998–VIII 3124

Balogh v Hungary App no 47940/99 (ECtHR, 20 July 2004)

Omojudi v UK (2010) 51 EHRR 10