

## **Blue booking in Practice: Hobgoblins for Little Minds:**

This PowerPoint is designed as backdrop for a short (45-minutes including Q&A), seat-of-the-pants introduction to Bluebooking for legal briefs and memoranda - that is, an introduction to using the Bluebook "blue pages." The subtitles, and many of the slides, are meant to convey a healthily wry, but realistic approach to the Bluebook rules. Few students (except those of us sick, twisted souls who became executive editors) truly enjoy the Bluebook, so this presentation attempts to demystify the process with a little humor. Lecturer notes, which are the real content of the program, are included.

Not that the program is somewhat geared to California, in the sense that it refers in passing to "the Yellow Book," California's style manual (slide 3, "What this program is not about"), uses a commonly cited (even in court decisions) secondary source specific to California law (slides 10 and 11, using Witkin's *California Procedure* as an example); and discusses in greater detail to unpublished and depublished cases (slides 13-15, federal and California un/depublished cases).

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