

California Family Law Research: Style Guide

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http://senna.sjsu.edu/dchristiansen/dpoteete/final_project/styleguide.shtml

General

- All pages are “.html” files
- Validated all pages with W3C
- All text files created and edited in Notepad++ and saved as .shtml files encoded with UTF-8
- All image files are GIFs. I used Adobe Photoshop Elements and their “save for web feature.” The width of all images is less than 250 pixels.

All pages have:

- A header (title) and a footer (contact web master).
- There are two columns. Information is always on the left and the right contains either images or “tips.”
- The background color is and there is no image behind the page
- The text (except for table, header and footer) is black, for readability and usability
- Text is: Arial or Helvetica, sans serif
- All headings and text are left-aligned
- “alt” attributes are mandatory on all objects with nontext content (e.g. images, tables)
- Italic text (tag) is used for books
- Use for all lists

File Naming Conventions

File names are short (usually one word long) and designed to be descriptive and relevant (i.e., research.shtml, calendar.shtml) to aid users. If more detail is needed in naming, underscores are used, not periods or special characters.

Text

This is controlled by CSS. See information below

- Valid_jello.css
- Handheld.css
- Print.css

Headings

- h1 element is used as a header on every page
- h3 is used for subheadings

Header (top banner)

- Height: 113px
- Width: 800px
- The header was created with Adobe Photoshop and the image was grouped with the background to create one image as a .gif file.

Footer

- Height: 113px

- Width: 800px
- The footer was created with Adobe Photoshop and the text was grouped with the background to create one image as a .gif file.

Main Body

- margin: 3px;
- padding-left:5px;
- padding-right:5px;
- width: 787px;
- background-color:inherit;

Main Column Left

- border-right: 1px solid #dfdfdf;
- padding: 7px;
- float: left;
- width: 480px;
- text-align: left;
- color: #000000;
- background-color: #ffffff;
- position: relative;

Main Column Right

- margin-top: 150px;
- margin-right: 5px;
- padding-right: 25px;
- padding-left: 15px;
- float: right;
- width: 240px;
- text-align: LEFT;
- color: #000000;
- background-color: inherit;

Wrapper

- Margin top: 15px
- Margin bottom: 5px
- Background color: #FEF76E (light yellow)
- Width: 800px
- Text-align: center

Footer

- position: relative;
- margin: 0 auto;
- clear: both;
- border-style: none;
- background-position: center bottom;
- padding-top:10px;
- background: url(/dchristiansen/dpoteete/final_project/images/footer.gif);
- width: 800px;

Footer Image (control position on page)

- **margin: 0;**
- **padding: 0;**
- **border: 0;**

Table Layout

Control position on page:

- Zindex: clear:both; margin-top (from top of page): 40px;

Table Definition:

- padding:5px;
- text-align:center;
- font: 1em Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
- color: #8B0000;

To control color of columns:

- Column “abbreviation” - background-color: #E6C89C;
- Column “term” - background-color: #FFDEAD;
- Column “description” - background-color: #E6C89C ;
- Column “example” - background-color: #FFDEAD;

Table Heading

- background: #FFEED6;
- font-family: Arial;
- font-size: 1em;
- text-align: center;

Caption above the table

- color: #8B0000;
- font-size: 2em;
- font-weight: bold;
- background-color: #FFDEAD;
- font-family: Arial;
- font-size:1em;
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Skip Navigation (for media Legal Research page only)

- position: absolute;
- top: -500px;
- left: 0;
- width: 1px;
- height: 1px;
- overflow: hidden;

Navigation (sets the layout for the navigation bar across the page)

Margins are set for the bar, and unordered list

Padding is defined

Lists have no style

The navigation bar’s display is set to block and the width is defined

The list floats left and the width of each item in the list is defined

Background color is defined,
Bottom and left borders are defined

Used the ALA Web Style Guide, accessed May 15, 2010, from http://techsupport.ala.org/index.php?title=ALA_Web_Style_Guide to create the above style sheet.