

## Assignment Example

### Legal Method – Research and Statutory Interpretation

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Left Margin = 5cm  
Other margins = 2.54cm

## *I Major Headings*

Body paragraph  
Times New Roman  
Font 12  
Justified text  
1.5 Line Spacing

Major headings are indicated by roman numerals, are italicised, and should be in 14 point font. The first letter of each word, other than prepositions and articles, should be in capitals.<sup>1</sup>

### *A Minor Headings within Major Headings*

Minor headings are indicated by an upper case letter, are italicised, and should be in 12 point font. The first letter of each word, other than prepositions and articles, should be in capitals.

#### *1 Sub-headings within minor headings*

Sub-headings are indicated by Arabic numerals and are italicised. Only the initial letter of the first word should be in capitals. Font should be in 12 point.

##### *(a) Paragraph headings*

Paragraph headings are indented and indicated by a lower case letter in round brackets. Only the initial letter of the first word should be in capitals. Font should be in 12 point.

##### *(i) Sub-paragraph headings*

The same as paragraph headings, but using small roman numerals.

Footnote  
Times New Roman  
Font 10  
CTRL/COMMAND + ALT +F

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<sup>1</sup> G McLay, C Murray and J Orpin *New Zealand Law Style Guide* (2nd ed, Printlink, Wellington, 2011) at 178.

## *II Quotes*

### *A Short Quotes*

Short quote of less than 30 words is quoted within the main text with footnote at end of quote.

It has been argued that the “purpose of these exclusions is to prevent the patenting of inventions likely to induce public disorder or riot”.<sup>2</sup>

### *B Long Quotes*

The Court of Appeal held:<sup>3</sup>

Long quote of 30 words of more is indented and written in smaller point font. The footnote follows the colon.

The copyrights of other literary works can be infringed even when there is no substantial similarity between the works, it would thus appear that the copyrights of computer programs can be infringed even absent copying of the literal elements of the program.

In *Attorney-General v Carter* the Court of Appeal considered the applicability of the tort of negligent misstatement to a public body:<sup>4</sup>

Long quote but with judgment paragraph number added.

[24] If the defendant has, or is deemed to have, assumed responsibility to the plaintiff to be careful in what is said or written, thereby creating proximity, it will usually, subject to policy considerations, be fair, just and reasonable to hold the defendant liable for want of care.

## *III Numbers and Dates*

Write out whole numbers under 10 (except footnote numbers), numbers in dates and numbers relating to legislative provisions) in words. Where a number begins a sentence, write it in words.

Express percentages in the format of “75 per cent” or “nine per cent”.

Always write dates in the format 28 October 1965, or, 28 May 2018.

Section Heading  
Times New Roman  
Font 14  
Italicised

## *Bibliography*

Cases sorted in order of  
jurisdiction and sub-organised  
in alphabetical order.

### **A**     ***Cases***

#### *1*     *New Zealand*

*Bank of New Zealand v Board of Management of the Bank of New Zealand Officers' Provident Association* [2003] UKPC 58, [2004] 1 NZLR 577.

#### *2*     *Australia*

*Hartigan Nominees Pty Ltd v Rydge* (1992) 29 NSWLR 405 (CA).

#### *3*     *England and Wales*

*Cowan v Scargill* [1985] Ch 270 (Ch).

Legislation sorted in order of  
jurisdiction and sub-organised  
by alphabetical order and in  
order of authority (Act > Regs)

### **B**     ***Legislation***

#### *1*     *New Zealand*

Crimes Act 1961.

Summary Offences Act 1975.

Criminal Justice Regulations 1985.

#### *2*     *Australia*

Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).

Juries Regulations 2011 (Vic).

All other reference types  
listed alphabetically by the  
last name of the author.

### **C**     ***Books and Chapters in Books***

John Burrows, Jeremy Finn and Stephen Todd *Law of Contract in New Zealand* (4th ed, LexisNexis, Wellington, 2012).

### **D**     ***Journal Articles***

John C Reitz "Political Economy as a Major Architectural Principle of Public Law" (2001) 75 Tul L Rev 1121.

### **E**     ***Internet Resources***

Ministry of Justice "Frequently Asked Questions – Electoral Finance Reform"  
<[www.justice.govt.nz](http://www.justice.govt.nz)>.