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1. Format

Articles should have between 20-25 pages

2. Body of the text

- **Characters and paragraphs**

Police: Times – Size: 12 – Single spaced – 6pt

- **Names of people or organizations**

Do not write proper names in capital letters unless they are acronyms; the names of companies or organizations (ex. *Christian Dior, RATP, Microsoft, INPI, CNIL* etc.) must be written in *italic* letters.

- **Quotes**

A quote must always be written in *italic* letters. However, the quotation marks surrounding it must not (in order to distinguish them from quotation marks within a given quote).

- **Latin and foreign words**

Italic.

3. Punctuation and parentheses

No spacing before any form of “double” punctuation (":", "!", "?"), or between parentheses and their content.

4. Titles and subtitles

Times, size: 14, **bold** letters, no italics, no capital letters.

5. Footnotes

They must be:

- at the bottom of each page;
- in Times, size: 10,
- numbered: 1, 2, 3,...
- they must not be separated by a white line.

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- **Quoting a book**

ex. Pierre Sirinelli, *Propriété littéraire et artistique et droits voisins*, Paris, Mémento Dalloz, 1992, p. 100.

- **Quoting an article**

ex. 1:

André Françon, "La liberté contractuelle dans le domaine du droit d'auteur", *Dalloz*, chronique, 1976, p. 5.ex. 2:

Ysolde Gendreau, "Digital Technology and Copyright: Can Moral Rights Survive the Disappearance of the Hard Copy?", *Ent. L. Rev.*, n°6, 1996, p. 217.

- **Quoting an Internet article**

ex. Eric Franchi, "Le droit des marques au risque du virtuel", *Lex Electronica*, vol. 6, n° 1, printemps 2000, <<http://www.lex-electronica.org/articles/v6-1/franchi.htm>>.

- **Quoting Jurisprudence**

ex. 1:

CA Paris, 4^e ch., 5 mars 1987 : *JCP*, éd. E., 1997, II, 14931.

ex. 2:

TGI Strasbourg, référé commercial, 4 février 1998 : *Juriscom.net*,
<<http://www.juriscom.net/txt/jurisfr/da19980204.htm>>.

ex. 3:

Forget v. Speciality Tools of Canada Inc. [1995], 62 C.P.R. (3d) 537 (B.C. C.A.).

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