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Special Issue: Legal Referencing. This issue comprises a manual for Zotero, a free legal referencing tool useful for submissions, for legal writing, and for other purposes that need formally correct references.

Message to students from Professors Tony Smith, Dean of Law, and Susy Frankel, Associate Dean, Research: this issue of VUW Legal Research Papers distributes ZOTERO—A MANUAL FOR ELECTRONIC LEGAL REFERENCING, written within the VUW Law Faculty. Use Zotero for legal writing at all levels of your degree, to collect references, to format them, and to insert them into footnotes or text with one click. The manual explains how to download the necessary apps and plugins, which are free.

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This manual explains how to operate Zotero.

Zotero is a free, open-source referencing tool that operates by “enter once, use many”. It captures references by one-click acquisition from databases of legal materials that cooperate with it. Users enter other references manually, with similar effort to typing a footnote.

Zotero’s chief strength is multi-style flexibility. Authors build libraries of references that are pasted into scholarly work with one click; authors can choose between legal referencing styles, with Zotero automatically formatting references according to the chosen style. Ability to format seamlessly across a potentially unlimited number of styles distinguishes Zotero from competing referencing tools. Zotero aficionados regularly add more styles.

The present manual is thought to be the only full manual for non-technical users of Zotero. It employs the New Zealand referencing style for examples, but its principles are the same for all styles.

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